

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
02/05/2014

Bill Myers, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Bill were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Hart Van Horn, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; Bob Suer, Road Supervisor; and Joe Westenbarger, Fire Chief. Bill asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief's.

Visitor

Denise Beery, Joel Dennison, Tad Moyer, Will Duvall, Rick Hoffman

Minutes

The minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented to the Trustees for approval. Dave made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because the Trustees had reviewed them prior to the meeting and approve the minutes. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, yes; Hart, aye. Bill reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #1-2014-63-2014 and Warrants #39356-39385 in the amounts of \$55,399.99 were presented to the Trustees for signatures along with the January bank reconciliation. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

Fire Department

- Denise Beery presented the Trustees with a \$4,000.00 Letter of Intent from the Bremen Rushcreek Firefighter Association for SCBA purchase. The Trustees expressed their appreciation and continued support. Denise also thanked the Board for providing the continued education online courses.
- Joe presented the Trustees with a list of uniforms that he wished to purchase that totaled over \$1,800.00 and the 2013 allocation was \$1,500.00 and advised that the Ladies Auxiliary was willing to pay the difference. Hart made a motion to approve to purchase the presented list at a total of \$1,500.00 and Bill seconded the motion. Connie requested the billing be separated to eliminate confusion. Roll Call: Bill, aye; Dave, aye; Hart, aye.
- Denise asked the Board if the current year appropriations are not spent in its entirety if this money is carried over to the following year. It was explained that the dollar amount is carried over however not in the independent line item.
- The sale of the old squad has been completed, and has been removed from our insurance policy.
- Joe asked the Board for a report on the status of the FEMA grant. Hart stated that there were several discrepancies on the package that were presented to the Board which will be discussed later in executive session. Based on this, Hart tabled the project. Denise requested the Board to please keep the Association updated since they have committed money. Request granted.
- Joe expressed his frustration on the new policy with regard to the new policy on calculating "unscheduled" time for Fire/EMS personnel and lack of the Trustees involving him on the decision.\* Hart advised that he and Joe have discussed different approaches to this problem and the trustees have continued to demonstrate a willingness to provide fair alternatives to all personnel policies.
- \*The record shows that Fire Chief's position and statements were incorrect – At the Township meeting on 12/8/13, the new policy was discussed and agreed to with Fire Chief Joe Westenbarger providing language for the policy.
- Hart added that the details of developing or changing a policy proposal needs to be done outside of and prior to a regular business meeting – therefore; A work session was scheduled on 2/11/14 @ 7pm at the township offices. Joe was advised that he should research and prepared any proposed changes, including calculating methods ahead of time. The proposals need to be

provided to the trustees and fiscal officer prior to the work session so that they can be properly considered.

- Dave requested progress on the employees who exceeded the 1,500 hour minimum. Hart replied that each Trustee was already provided with copies of the correspondence - The Prosecuting Attorney, Jason Dolin, was to have responded by Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, January 27 another email was sent and he responded that he was on vacation. A telephone conference was set for Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Soft billing was discussed and Brian Irwin reported that the vendors had not provided the additional information needed yet. It was tabled by Hart.
- Joe presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,500.00. Hart made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Runs reported during the pay period: 17 squad and 1 fire.

Representing the road department Dave reported the following:

- After receiving two price quotes, the locking hubs for the 1984 Chevy 4X4 was purchased at Murray Auto Parts in the amount of \$180.00 with a limited lifetime warranty.
- The plow extensions were ordered, received, and installed on the 1984 yellow 4X4 plow.
- The road crew has been busy plowing and treating roads as needed including weekends.
- Dave thanked Bill for coming in and mixing materials.

Bob stated that with the winter weather being harder than usual it may become necessary to order more crushed asphalt. CRC advised that they had approximately 2,000 ton at \$4.75 per ton which is up from \$4.50. Dave stated he would like to have a couple hundred ton brought in. Bob stated if we were going to order a couple hundred ton he would like to go ahead and order 1,000 ton since we would have to bid the job. After discussion it was decided to hold off on ordering based on the different mixes and needs of each road in the Township. Hart stated that with the statewide salt shortage he is very impressed with Rushcreek Township not having problems and he felt that was because of Bob's ability to manage materials and planning skills. He thanked Bob for being on top of the situation. Bill advised that a couple Berne Township Trustees had contacted him requesting salt, however they would not be able to replace till next summer. Connie presented the Trustees with our co-operative purchasing agreement and we must make sure each entity requesting our salt is a member. Due to the unpredictable weather it was agreed to maintain our current inventory.

Bob presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$6,715.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Connie reported the following:

- No zoning permits were issued since the last meeting.
- Fairfield County Economic Development Director Bob Clark sent notice that the Tax Incentive Review Council will be meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 930am in the County Commissioner's Hearing Room. Notification was sent to Mr. Clark advising that Dave & Bill are the representatives for Rushcreek Township for 2014.
- Fairfield Soil & Water has a class scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon at the Ag Center to discuss Invasive Plants for right-of-way managers. This does not count towards continuing education for pesticide application. ODOT, County Engineer, and South Central Power will be attending.
- Fairfield County Commissioners passed the 50% weight reduction limits resolution beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup> until the announced time when damage to roads from freezing and thawing is no longer a problem as determined by the County Engineer. Rushcreek Township's signs were in place January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The February Grassroots Clippings was distributed to all members.
- An amended certificate was received from the County Auditor making the Board approved changes on purchasing the Durapatcher instead of financing.

Hart reported that he received a citizen's complaint regarding a citizen attempting to remove snow last month. The family took exception to being told that the Township does not allow for this activity. Apparently there are other families that have been allowed to do road maintenance/snow removal on other roads in the Township. We have been advised by the County Prosecutor's Office that the Township must designate its authority over Township roads as per ORC 5571.02. Hart made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-06 and Dave seconded the adoption. Resolution #2014-06 was read by Fiscal Officer. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Hart reported that he had followed through and registered for the OTA Winter Conference and would be attending on March 12-14. He suggested that anyone with a specific interest in information to be brought back from this conference that he be contacted prior to those dates.

During this recent ice storm a few citizens have called in with mailbox damage. Past practice has been if the Township damaged the box it would be repaired. The Trustees advised Bob to proceed at his discretion.

Hart advised he wished to enter Executive Session with regards to a personnel issue. At 8:55pm Hart made motion to enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G) (1) for a personnel issue and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, yes; Bill, yes; Dave, yes. Bill advised there would be no further business of Rushcreek Township after the Executive Session. Executive Session Ended: 9:50pm.

Dave advised he wished to enter Executive Session with regards to a different personnel issue. At 9:51pm Dave made a motion to enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G) (1) for a personnel issue and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, yes; Bill, yes; Dave, yes. Executive Session Ended: 10:10pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:12pm

Handwritten signature of Bill Myers in black ink.Two handwritten signatures in black ink, one above the other, likely representing Dave and Hart.