

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
06/15/2016

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:03pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Robert Suer, Road Superintendent; and Will Duvall, Fire Chief. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief and Road Superintendent.

Fiscal Officer Connie Moyer was not in attendance due to a family emergency.

Visitors  
Tracy Shahan, Lisa Burnworth

Bid

The following ad was placed in both the Fairfield and Eastern edition of the Towne Crier: *Accepting Sealed Bids for a 2000 Crown Vic w/115,000 miles. 5.4 ltr engine, 4 door. "As-is" with a minimum of \$400.00. Located @ 201 Marietta St., Bremen. Pics at [www.rushcreektwp.org](http://www.rushcreektwp.org). Contract 740-569-4826. Bid opening 7:00pm on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Township Hall. Certified check upon transfer.* There were no bids presented so it was the consensus of the Board to accept late bids as long as the minimum was met.

Work Session

The following notice was placed on our website and sent to the Eagle Gazette: *Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a work session on June 8th at 7:00am to do a site inspection of the fire house and discuss a preliminary budget to renovate the firehouse. The session will be held at Bremen-Rushcreek Fire Department, 201 Marietta Street.* On June 8, at 7:00 a.m., The Board of Trustees held a Work Session at the Firehouse to conduct a site review to consider improving the facility space to comply with the needs for proper operations of the fire department. Preliminary site plans were reviewed, construction options were presented, potential project phases were considered and cost parameters were considered. In attendance, were the three Trustees, Fire Chief Duvall and various fire department employees, John Seifert and David Fox.

Work Session

The following notice was placed on our website and sent to the Eagle Gazette: *Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a work session on June 15th at 5:30pm at the township office, 213 Marietta Street. The purpose of the work session is to meet with Township Department Heads to go over the 2017 Budget.* At 5:30pm the Trustees met with the Zoning Inspector to go over the zoning department's proposed 2017 budget. At 5:45pm the Trustees met with the Fire Chief to go over the fire department's proposed 2017 budget. At 6:15pm the Trustees met with the Road Superintendent to go over the different funds of the road department for the 2017 proposed budget.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 1st 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. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, yes; Hart, aye. Hart reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

Warrants #40319-40334 in the amounts of \$8,756.53 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Bill made a motion to pay the bills and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$3,250.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Robert presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$12,000.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

#### Department Reports

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs reported during the pay period: 8 squad which included 6 transports and 1 fire runs.
- Met with Trustee Bill Myers to discuss staffing issues.
- Preparing for the Community Yard Sale to dispose of some used household property.
- Met with Pat Kelly an architect from Zanesville who has handled several previous jobs for the township.
- Attended the Safety Council meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Road Superintendent Robert Suer reported the following:

- Spring road mowing should be completed this week providing no equipment failures.
- Hand patchwork is being done on the chip/seal roads using cold mix material.
- Several roads are being prepared for chip/seal using the skim patch method.
- A plan for dust control on gravel roads was developed. One idea was to run water through our emulsion truck however this could ruin the pump. A quote was obtained to rent a Power Broom with a self-contained water tank with the cost being \$1,500 per week. It was rumored that the County had one however they have not returned our call. Another idea was to purchase a tank and set it in the back of the dump truck with a small pump and build our own spray bar. It might be possible to use crushed asphalt and apply water so the material can be compacted. This method would benefit the homeowners and help build the road base stronger at a lower cost. Dust on township roads has been an ongoing problem since using gravel. It was Bob's suggestion that we line up a water system that would help control dust and also be utilized for cleaning the roads ahead of chip/seal work.

#### Business

Connie had requested the Board hold a Budget Hearing be set prior to the July 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to meet ORC requirements for a public hearing for the proposed tax budget for 2017. The law requires a two week notice prior to the hearing so therefore it was decided to publish in the Eagle Gazette. Rushcreek Township Trustees will be holding a public hearing for the proposed tax budget for 2017. The same is on file at the office of the Fiscal Officer after July 5<sup>th</sup>. The hearing will be held at 6:15pm, July 6, 2016 at 213 Marietta Street, Bremen, Ohio. All citizens are invited to attend.

#### Trustee Reports

##### Bill

- No zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting with one application in the process.
- Attended the Safety Council meeting. A representative from Hamburg Fireworks was the speaker. Chief Duvall advised in the last two years there have been no requests for inspections from private individuals.

##### Dave

- Worked with the road crew on safety checks on the trucks and mowers.
- Spring mowing has started.
- During Saturday hours on June 4<sup>th</sup>, George Shreyer from Fairview Road stopped by and inquired about dust mat repair work.
- The Arm Mower broke on the 10<sup>th</sup> with repairs being made in-house by the road crew. A safety chain was added to reduce the stress on the replaced piece. This was a savings of \$3,700 to the taxpayers.

Hart

- The June 2016 Grassroots Clippings was distributed to all members.
- Hide-A-Way Hills has started repairs to the lake and dam.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46pm.