

Record of Proceedings – June 12, 2017

Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Schaefer, Hagemeyer and Williams present. President Schaefer opened the meeting and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$0 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 10260 – 10272 totaling \$11,146.25 were presented for approval. Williams made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Chief Bill Harrison of Salem-Morrow Fire Department attended to give us an update. Currently he has four workers on each shift, and will have five in the fall. They have been doing much training for water rescues with their new boat. They average two drug calls per month.
- Joe Garrett with Trebel LLC Energy Services attended to speak about electricity aggregation. Our electricity costs consist of generation charges (from the power plant that generates the electricity), transmission charges (carrying electricity long distances) and distribution charges (local utility company that takes the electricity to homes). Trebel LLC provides communities with buying power for their generation charges. They would put an issue on the ballot, and all residents would be auto-enrolled if the issue passes, with an option to opt out. There would be zero cost to the township. They group local communities together for price leverage. Current savings is approximately \$5 per month per household. Deadline is August 9 to get a proposed issue to the Board of Elections.
- John Fitzgerald of 1537 Race Street, speaking for the Oregonia Residents Association, stated that the music at Little River Café is still much too loud. Deputy was called Saturday and came, but the volume was turned down as he arrived. He stated that according to an Ohio Supreme Court decision, that “disrupting the peace and quiet is not vague.” He stated that many local communities have adopted ordinances that state “no one may disturb the peace of a reasonable person with common sensibilities.” After discussion, it was decided to ask the Sheriff to join us at our July 10 meeting for a thorough conversation.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Culverts have been replaced.
- Crack sealing will begin on June 13.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- We received communication from Bruce McGary of the Prosecutor’s office asking if the Trustees wish guidance on the medical marijuana topic. Trustees will ask him to attend a future meeting.
- Trustees signed Resolution 2017-0522, allowing reimbursement of health care premiums per Auditor of State Bulletin 2017-002.
- Pursuant to last meeting’s discussion on having chickens in a subdivision, Trustees signed Resolution 2017-0612, to be forwarded to the county zoning office, requesting a change to the rural zoning code.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Clinton-Warren Joint Fire District report: 120 squad runs, 300 fire runs so far this year. Fire tower will be built in early July. Other departments who come for training will “pay to play.”
- Road Supervisor Allen Stanforth will present his 2018 road project list at our next meeting. Doney will present our township’s 2018 budget at our meeting on July 10.
- Our \$25,000 Certificate of Deposit with LCNB will mature on June 22. Williams made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer, to reinvest for a one year term at 1.09%. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, Williams made motion, seconded by Schaefer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

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