

Record of Proceedings – May 8, 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 10246 – 10250 totaling \$4,767.08 were presented for approval. Williams made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Chuck Lang of 6642 Ross Road mentioned recent flooding of his yard after a very heavy rain. He feels that last year's coat of blacktop caused the issue, as previously, excess water would run over the road instead of backing up in his yard. Stanforth pointed out that the culvert at Olive Branch and Murray was at capacity, and the water just had nowhere to go. Williams said that those culverts near Mr. Lang's property are maximum diameter. We will ask the Warren County Engineer's Office for their opinion.
- Dave Quint of 6814 Strout Road is worried about work being done along the road west of his home and whether he will be able to continue to mow with a residential mower. Stanforth and Trustees assured him that the job will be done properly, and is still unfinished.
- Mike Wonderly of 727 Blazing Trail mentioned recent letters from Warren County Zoning that residents in the Hopewell Meadows subdivision have received. Many residents have had chickens for many years, but the letter points out that they are not allowed in subdivisions according to the Warren County Rural Zoning Code. Stephanie Adams of 699 Blazing Trail also spoke. Zach and Jackie Thomas of 9335 Arrowcreek Drive shared a hand-out with research on the topic. It pointed out that other more urban areas are allowed to have chickens or livestock, giving the examples of the city of Lebanon and Hamilton County. Also, there is currently a "Barnyard Bill" pending in the Ohio House that would allow homeowners to have farm animals.

Discussion followed and suggestions were made for possible change to Article 3, Chapter 1 of the rural zoning code. Any changes would affect all those covered by the code, which would include Franklin, Harlan, Turtlecreek, Union, and Washington Townships. Hagemeyer volunteered to call Mike Yetter, head of Zoning, to discuss.

Andy Wilson of 9460 Arrowcreek spoke up and said that any changes should be cautiously made as we might not want residential pig farming, etc.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Allen is working on replacing a culvert at 6630 Strout Road. He consulted with the county engineer's office regarding a situation at the property.
- Next Monday, mowing of roads should begin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to the changes in the Affordable Care Act effective January 1, our board and employees would be eligible to receive reimbursement of individual health care premiums, according to ORC 505.601. This practice was previously forbidden effective July 1, 2015 because of the ACA. We are asking the prosecutor's office whether we may begin reimbursement once more, or if this would be considered an in-term benefit.
- We received a complaint about unmowed yard at 6629 Strout Road. We will begin the process to declare the property a nuisance.
- We received a letter from a resident commending Allen for a great job berming and widening Strout Road.

As there was no further business, Williams made motion, seconded by Schaefer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

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