

Record of Proceedings – May 12, 2014

Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Williams and Schaefer present. President Schaefer opened the meeting. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$4,485.72 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 9435 through 9444 totaling \$8,009.90 were presented for approval.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Part of the old I-71 bridge was dropped with explosives Sunday morning.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Strout Road guardrails are completed. The posts are deeper on the curve, and Allen will add higher visibility signage.
- Allen taking sign class at LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) on May 20 that deals with correct placement of signage.
- Proposed new purchase of Freightliner truck with Henderson bed will be approximately \$135,090 with two augers. We would like a 6” stainless steel auger for salt, and a 9” mild steel auger for berming. We will purchase an additional three year warranty on the chassis. Fiscal Officer verified that we have sufficient funds on hand to purchase. After discussion, Williams made motion, seconded by Schaefer to proceed with purchase. Motion carried. Delivery should be into the Thanksgiving timeframe. Fiscal Officer will complete purchase orders, get signatures, and email to Freightliner and Henderson as soon as possible.
- International truck is running well, and we will sell it later this year when we are assured of delivery timeframe of new Freightliner truck. The sale will help offset the cost of the new truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Fire and EMS levy on May 6 unofficially passed 82 to 79. Election results will be finalized later this month. Trustees were disappointed that the vote was not more favorable in support of these services. People should not expect services for free. Williams wondered if we should put the quarterly expenses on our website so that residents understand how much these services are costing the township. According to the Ohio Revised Code, we are required to provide fire service to the residents, but not EMS services.
- Stanforth was called out to handle a tree over the weekend on Middleboro Road, which is a county road and not one of ours. We will have to work on fine-tuning the notification system with the county dispatcher.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Schaefer brought forward a concern from Olive Branch United Methodist Church – that election signs were not removed in a timely manner. Also, the church lot is private property, and the church would prefer that signs not be posted.
- Schaefer received a complaint about speeding on Settlemyre Road. He advised resident to issue a complaint with the sheriff’s office.
- Warren County Board of Zoning Appeals sent notification of a proposed variance for an ice cream/sandwich shop in front of the Little River Café.
- They also sent notice of a house on Corwin Road that was not situated on the lot properly. They wish to add on to the home, and need a variance.
- County Engineer Neil Tunison met with Trustee Denny Williams and Roads Supervisor Allen Stanforth at the dead end of Strout off of Fisher Road, at the request of the owner of Bonnybrook Farms. The owners wish to gate off Strout Road. However, buses and township plows turn around there. All agreed on a hammerhead. Waiting on blueprint from the engineer before proceeding.
- Our insurance company’s loss control consultant firm, KLA Risk Consulting, wishes to meet with us on May 21 at 9:30am. Williams and Doney will attend.

As there was no further business, Williams made motion, seconded by Schaefer, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

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