

## **Record of Proceedings – May 11, 2009**

### **Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio**

The regular meeting was held with Dare, Williams and Schaefer present. President Dare called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$4708.89 were reported and filed for audit. Warrants 7852 thru 7857 totaling \$12,109.20 were reviewed and signed.

#### **FROM THE FLOOR:**

Warren County Prosecutor Rachael Hutzel came to present the 2008 annual prosecutor's report. Bruce McGary, Chief Assistant to the Prosecutor, began. Their office handled 23,392 court cases last year, including 930 felonies, 2864 juvenile cases, 8,098 adult misdemeanors, and 11,500 child support cases. In addition, they provided legal counsel to 30 county agencies, nine townships, and five public libraries. The prosecutor's office also handles delinquent taxes, and collected \$12 million for the 2007-2008 reporting year. Five percent of this amount stays with the Delinquent Tax Division to cover operating costs.

- Ms. Hutzel mentioned that the Child Advocacy Center opened last year and served 230 abused or neglected children.
- Due to the economy, they are seeing more fraud cases of various kinds.
- Ms. Hutzel discussed some homicide, sex crime and drug offender crimes.
- "Sexting" was discussed; there is proposed legislation to allow prosecutors to charge teens with a misdemeanor rather than at a felony pornography level.

Further data may be found on the prosecutor's website, [www.co.warren.oh.us/prosecutor](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/prosecutor).

The trustees asked about the procedure for pulling a bond in the event of a builder's non-compliance. This regards the Hopewell Meadows subdivision in unaccepted parts of the plat. Mr. McGary said that the county engineer first sends a letter to the builder, who has two weeks to reply. Then the Warren County Commissioners make the decision to pull the bond. If there are not sufficient funds to complete needed work, the County Engineer will put out a bid for completion of the project.

Mr. McGary further explained that bonds are renewable on a two-year basis. If builder does not renew, the county is notified and would pull the bond before its expiration date.

#### **ROADS REPORT:**

Our Roads Supervisor, Liston Burton, has equipment ready for mowing ditches.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Auditor of State's Office has completed our 2007/2008 Audit, and will give us a report when it is ready.
- We will put pictures of trustees on our website.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Workforce One project through the county could provide free labor this summer if needed.
- Two zoning violation letters were shared.
- Question was raised as to whether we should hold our regular meeting on May 25, which is Memorial Day. Consensus was “yes”.
- An attempt was made to break into our township barn. In an effort to make it harder to see and break in, Liston would like to put reflective film on windows and replace small door with an all-metal door. Motion made by Schaefer to do so and Dare seconded the motion. Roll call: Schaefer yea, Williams yea, Dare yea. Motion carried.
- Our diesel fuel tank at the township barn was broken into and fuel was stolen. The incident was reported to the Warren County Sheriff’s Office.

There being no further business, Williams made motion to adjourn, seconded by Schaefer, and meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Karen Doney  
Fiscal Officer

Jim Dare  
Trustee Chair

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