

Record of Proceedings – September 14, 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 \$6244.24 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 7948 thru 7961 totaling \$10,239.50 were reviewed and signed.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Nothing at this time.

ROADS REPORT:

Report from our Roads Supervisor, Liston Burton:

- Some street lights in Oregonia are out; Liston has made note of the pole numbers and has notified Duke Energy. Liston will check on a monthly basis.
- Tree successfully down on Fordyce.
- Liston will clear closed portion of Fordyce once a year to ensure access for DP&L.
- Nick Ertel of The Edge, previously with C.W. Walker, passed away last week.
- Trampler Brothers gave Liston estimate to profile Strout and Fordyce roads. Trustees took no action at this time.
- Spring Haven builder has been unresponsive to county requests for action. Builder has declared bankruptcy.
- Woods at Middleboro builder has also been unresponsive.
- Liston needs approximately \$1,000 of cold patch from Valley Asphalt. Schaefer made motion, seconded by Williams, to purchase. Schaefer yea, Williams yea, Dare yea. Motion carried.
- Liston would like to purchase security system for the township maintenance barn. Cost is approximately \$200. Schaefer made motion, seconded by Williams, to purchase. Schaefer yea, Williams yea, Dare yea. Motion carried.
- Liston may not put hoop structure over salt bin as he has been told that the supports generally last only two years due to corrosion. He will continue to use tarps as they are most cost-effective.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Suggestion was made from the floor that as further robberies occur in our area, that the website list the road names so that the citizenry can be more vigilant. Fiscal Officer will ask the Sheriff's office if they would be willing to share this information.
- Public hearing on Mercuri property access to Rt. 132 will be held on September 22nd at 10am in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.
- Health Department has requested permission to place signs in support of the upcoming levy in our township. Trustees agreed.
- Prosecutor's Office wishes to inform Trustees that he could file a separate suit against Trailblazer Homes to recover our unpaid snow removal charges. Motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Williams, to ask him to file separately if this would be best for the township. Schaefer yea, Williams yea, Dare yea. Motion carried.
- Concerns were expressed over other unaccepted streets and snow removal for the upcoming winter. It is technically the builder's responsibility to clear the streets unless he has an agreement with the township. Trustees feel that in the event of severe weather that we will have to keep the roads open even though it is not our legal responsibility.

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- Fiscal Officer will send out our Snow Removal Agreement for Unaccepted Streets for signatures via certified mail.
- Fiscal Officer learned in the Tax Budget meeting from August 27 that real property values are projected to be down by 10% this year, and that the Local Government Fund may disappear in the next couple years due to state budget constraints. Our total budget for 2010 was \$418,793; the county has projected that we will receive \$374,584. Williams made motion, seconded by Schaefer, that we accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission. Schaefer yea, Williams yea, Dare yea. Motion carried. Fiscal Officer will complete the form and return to the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Springfield Friends Church will hold a Bicentennial Celebration on September 19 and 20. This is at the corner of Route 380 and Todd's Fork Road.
- Williams made motion to roll over one of our \$25,000 CDs that comes due on September 18. Motion was seconded by Schaefer. Schaefer yea, Williams yea, Dare yea. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

Jim Dare
Trustee Chair

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