

Record of Proceedings – November 23, 2009

Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Dare, Williams and Schaefer present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Dare called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$10,335.09 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 8004 thru 8016 totaling \$9,850.98 were reviewed and signed.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Jeff Calvert, Tyrone Sims and Jim Walker brought forward the idea of holding a local Concealed Carry Weapons course, possibly to be held at the Township Hall. The first one is tentatively scheduled for December 5 and 6. Law requires 10 hours of classroom time and two hours on the shooting range. Individuals can then apply for the permit through the county, which involves a background check. Cost of the course is \$100, and space can be reserved by calling 513-693-1728.
- Matt Angel provided a packet of information to each of the Trustees and then proposed the idea of the township having their own local part-time deputies as more urban problems are coming into rural areas. He proposed 5-day coverage with 12-hour shifts. Visibility deters crime, and a local force provides a shorter response time to emergencies plus life-saving CPR capabilities closer to home. Some other notables:
 - would recommend three cruisers, about \$30,000 each, new and fully-equipped
 - used cruisers are sometimes available from the Highway Patrol
 - average total cost per year \$84,000 for deputies' and chief's salaries
 - grants are sometimes available to help with costs the first few years
 - revenue to help support the program could be gained through traffic citations (which improves safety on our roads) or an impound lot

Trustees thanked Matt for his presentation and said that it would be taken under advisement. If anyone has questions for Matt, they can reach him at 513-313-7689.

ROADS REPORT:

- Wilmington Road Bridge is open.
- Finally found matching tire for truck.
- Pouring cement pad for salt bin this week.
- We are still dealing with certain streets in subdivisions that have not been properly finished and turned over to the township for maintenance. We are awaiting direction from the county. Liston was instructed by the Trustees to plow unaccepted streets in a snow emergency only, as the board cannot spend public money on private property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Report from the Warren County Township Association Dinner on November 12th – property values down an average of 11%. Agricultural land values up 50-500%. This is based on a newly-updated chart of yields for each soil type, which had not been updated since 1984. Local Government fund down and may disappear eventually.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Old Attlesey house on Wilmington Road across from Olive Branch Church will be burned.
- Clinton-Warren Fire District approved purchase of 12-lead heart monitor.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

Jim Dare
Trustee Chair

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