

## **Record of Proceedings – February 22, 2010**

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

The regular meeting was held with Hagemeyer, Schaefer and Williams present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Williams called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$7,773.48 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 8085 thru 8102 totaling \$11,616.86 were presented for approval.

#### FROM THE FLOOR:

- A resident in the Little Miami School District asked the Trustees their opinion on the upcoming school levy in May. Needs have been cut to the bone and she expressed frustration at trying to inform the voters of the necessary funds for the district. The Trustees expressed their understanding of the importance of a good education for our children, while citing that many cannot afford more taxes, especially with the CAUV re-evaluation this year.
- Warren County Sheriff Larry Simms and Deputy Sheriff George Hunter came to give us a report of the Sheriff's Office activity in 2009. Some details are:
  - The Sheriff's Office handled 84,900 calls in 2009; many thefts were reported
  - 2529 calls were from Washington Township
  - 521 sex offenders registered in county and listed on website
  - 1790 concealed weapons permits were issued (many live outside of the county)
  - Cleared up over 40 thefts last year
  - 20 arrests in sting operations (prostitution)
  - 7636 court security runs (inmates to court dates, etc.)
  - 1542 home foreclosures
  - Jail capacity is 197; average daily inmates are 258. House overflow in Butler County. Have asked state for variance to re-structure current space to hold more inmates.
  - Drug Task Force consists of 5 members; made 130 felony arrests last year. Three working drug dogs, acquired at no cost to taxpayers, recovered many drugs and cash last year
  - The Sheriff's Office attends Homeland Security meetings monthly
  - Sheriff's Office budget was cut by 5% for 2010; they have made cuts in non-essential areas to stay within budget
  - Honor Guard with bagpipers and drummers available for special events.

#### ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Liston Burton:

- Three more loads salt delivered today
- Old truck developed pinhole in air tank; Liston will replace
- New truck frame bent a bit while plowing; will straighten
- Received two complaints
- Received numerous "thank-yous" from other residents
- Resident on north end of dead-end Fischer Road off SR 22/3 wants to make lane private. Trustees have no problem with the request, which will be conveyed to the Engineer's Office by Liston and will then have to be approved by surrounding landowners. Motion made by Schaefer, seconded by Hagemeyer to begin proceedings to abandon. Hagemeyer yea, Schaefer yea, Williams yea.

- Burton will meet the second week of March with Dave Mick to discuss amount of salt that county will reimburse us for plowing/salting unaccepted roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 2009 Roads Mileage Certification was handled via email; we should receive final signed copy from the Engineer's Office
- Regarding high-speed internet discussion at February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting: Hagemeyer confirmed that the old tower near Chief's Lake is in a lease agreement through American Tower. However, Mr. Olding of iFiber shared that one tower at Wilmington Road and I-71 is operated by Warren County. He and the Economic Development Department are talking about possibilities.
- Hagemeyer attended Winter Conference in Columbus Feb. 17-20, learned a lot, and made many contacts. He presented the Trustees with a set of new Township Sourcebooks, which he won as a door prize.

NEW BUSINESS:

- First Annual Snow and Ice Control Conference will be held April 8
- Schaefer presented Burton with a jar of glycerin, a by-product of making bio-diesel from soybeans. It is a natural product, excellent for melting snow/ice at low temperatures, and could be had very cheaply. He asked if Burton would like to research its possible use, perhaps in a brine, on our roads.
- Health Board meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at Turtlecreek Township building. Williams will attend.
- Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Commissioner's meeting room regarding Building and Zoning fee modifications.
- Ohio Township Association will hold a local Summer Conference at Roberts Arena on July 30
- In our *Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual*, Paragraph 8.3 limits compensation time carry-over to 40 hours. This became an issue with so much snowfall in the last few weeks. Schaefer made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer, to increase the carry-over amount to 125 hours. Hagemeyer yea, Schaefer yea, Williams yea. Motion carried.
- Warren County Township Association will hold a breakfast meeting on March 13 at 9am at Der Dutchman in Waynesville for township elected officials.
- One of our investment CDs will mature this month; Fiscal Officer will research investment options open to the township and report at the next meeting.
- Washington Township received a public records request from the *Ohio Citizens Accounting Standards Board* for electronic submittal of our 2009 records. Fiscal Officer will forward the request to the Prosecutor's Office for review. If vetted by the Prosecutor, she will forward the requested information.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Karen Doney  
Fiscal Officer

Denver Williams  
Trustee President

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