

Record of Proceedings – February 28, 2011

Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Williams, Hagemeyer and Schaefer present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and President Schaefer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$14,894.03 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 8405 thru 8421 and Voucher 2 totaling \$17,018.39 were presented for approval.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims gave a re-cap of 2010 activities – there were just over 73,000 calls for service. This was slightly reduced from 2009. Theft is still a major issue.
 - There were over 500 registered sex offenders in the county; about 2/3 of them live here, the others work here. See <http://ohio.esorn.net/?AgencyID=53939> for further information on this topic.
 - The Sheriff's office has four license plate readers that have helped solve crimes.
 - There have been several bank robberies; all are closed.
 - The Sheriff's Office recommends that vehicles be locked and items of value hidden from view.
 - Foreclosures have slowed slightly due to changing bank regulations.
 - 6300 subpoenas were issued, and 2600 arrest warrants
 - Jail renovation is $\frac{3}{4}$ done and some prisoners are double-bunked, reducing amount owed to Butler County for housing our overflow prisoners.
 - There are three canine units in the county, who served on 335 calls. The program is paid for with drug forfeiture dollars.
 - Drug Task Force made 174 arrests last year.
 - Homeland Security, Immigration and FBI combined their fingerprint data bases so that tracking of illegals or criminals is much faster.
- Laura Curliss with Clinton County Open Lands, a non-profit organization, spoke on behalf of landowners Phil George and Jon Branstrator. They wish to apply to the Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, and asked the Trustees to be their local sponsors. Information on this program can be found at www.agri.ohio.gov. Williams made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to sign Resolution 2011-0228 to that effect. Motion carried.
- John Brausch expressed concerns regarding the proposed rural zoning code rewrite that is underway in Warren County. He has met with county zoning officials and presented his concerns, especially regarding potential reduced value of his land. He asked the Trustees to share their opinions with the county zoning department or the county commissioners. He feels that many of the proposed changes are too restrictive for the landowner. The Draft Code can be reviewed at www.co.warren.oh.us/draftcodeandmap.htm, and Mr. Brausch especially asked that the Trustees review Article II, Chapters 1, 3, 5. Comments can be made at that website as well.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Liston Burton:

- Dave Mick of the Engineer's Office has taken a position in TX. Concerns were expressed over the need for County action in the unaccepted subdivisions this summer before roadways deteriorate further.
- Liston will order hoop building to cover salt – purchase was approved last year
- He will begin applying cold patch to potholes
- Complaint was received about grit on edges of roadways on Indian Lakes Blvd – winter isn't over yet.
- Some of the new signs are in, and Liston showed them to the Trustees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- At the Fire Board meeting, it was agreed that Washington, Vernon and Adams townships and the Village of Clarksville would take yearly turns removing snow from the fire station lot.
- David Fornshell received nomination to be County Prosecutor to finish remaining time of Rachael Hutzel's term.
- Purchase order and warrant ready to open savings account

NEW BUSINESS:

New road mileage for the township is 19.065, which includes Flint Trail. Trustees signed the 2010 Township Highway System Mileage Certification form, which the county forwards to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

There being no further business, regular meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

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