

**WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

July 16, 2007

7:00 PM

Chairman, Jeff Plumer called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees in attendance: Jeffrey Plumer, Carolyn Sims, Timothy Kratzer

Also in attendance: Fiscal officer/Clerk, Martha Evans. Tim Sims, Mark Goffinet, Gary & Wirtie MacPhail, John Miller, Lee Evans, Ron & Marlene Oiler, Jim Likely, Tom & Karen Micklas, Jack Snoddy, Kelly Gregoire and Kelly's mother & father, Maria from the Gazette, Bruce & Rosemary Broadbridge, Gary Harris, Dennis Delagrange, and others that did not sign in.

Jeff thanked everyone for attending this evenings meeting and welcomed guests.

Mark Goffinet, a representative from the county auditor's office had 2 announcements.

1. Lodi Corn Festival will begin Thursday, July 19,2007
2. Reminder of H.B. 119 that expands the homestead exemption to those over 65 years of age or disabled. This exemption is no longer based on income. The first \$25,000 valuation of property will be exempted as long as the property is the taxpayers primary residence as of 1-1-07 and will be at least until 1-1-08.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The employees chose summa Care for the Health Coverage saving the township more than \$1,000 per month with basically the same coverage as they had with Anthem Blue Cross.

IRS has lifted the levy on the township's bank account July 7, 2007 for the interest and penalties. There will be a small refund.

The fiscal officer presented the 2008 Proposed Tax Budget. The trustees had a few weeks to look it over.

Tim made a motion to accept the printed 2008 Tax Budget and send it to the Medina County Budget Commission, seconded by Jeff.

Roll call: Jeff, aye; Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye.

The State Auditor's staff will begin the audit for year 2005 and 2006 sometime the beginning of August 2007.

The fiscal officer made a statement to clear the air concerning the \$75,000 error in the banking statements. "I have located data entry errors. All receipts were accounted for and deposited in the bank. I am not an auditor but what I have seen and found it appears there is not any money missing. There were audit adjustments to be made after the 2003 and 2004 audit that was not in the computer system. Kelly Gregoire asked for help last July but did not receive the qualified assistance. Kelly Gregoire admitted that she did not

know how to do the adjustments the auditor requested, therefore, they were not done.” After the fiscal officers statement Kelly Gregoire’s parents were very upset with the fiscal officers statements.

Carolyn related that the township needs to be transparent with the township business and funds and the residents need to be appraised of the business at hand.

All trustees and Kelly Gregoire’s parents talking at the same time were in a heated debate.

Tim made a motion to approve the attached supplemental appropriations, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

ROADS:

Bridge on Westfield Road at the intersection of Mudlake Rd. was damaged and the road will be closed indefinitely, but no longer than 2 weeks because of damage to the guardrail.

Carolyn asked about the Pilot sign. Gary reported he had talked with them. The sign has been moved but it still looks like it may be in the right of way of Speedway Drive. Lee was asked to write a letter to Medina County Engineer asking them for a survey of right of way

Lines and center line for Lake Road south of 224.

There was not any communication from the Grubis’ on Westfield Landing Extension. The campground (new service road) will transfer the road to the township after ODOT’s final inspection. The trustees need to name the new road going to the campground.

Lee reported it has warmed up early and the chipping on Buffham Road is not working. The road is still bleeding through. Lee feels a letter should be sent to ODOT explaining to them that with all the detour traffic, the township needs to put at least 1 ½ inch layer of asphalt instead of motor paving to hold this road during construction. ODOT agreed they would not damage the road, therefore, they should contribute to the cost of the project. Lee estimated \$60,000 should hold the road together until the county replaces the bridge over Chippewa Creek and straightens the curve at the bridge on Buffham Road in 4-5 years.

Lee will get a bid package from Fred Boreman in about 2-3 days. Lee also feels after the upgrade, the road should be on video for future reference.

Tim moved to authorize Lee to get a bid package from the Medina County Engineer for the Buffham Road upgrade from Lake to Ryan and designated Lee to be the authorized agent for the township, seconded by Carolyn. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Lee reported the bridge on Westfield Road could possibly be replaced next year. A warning sign on Mud Lake is not feasible.

PARKS: Tim did not have anything to report.

FIRE DEPT: Jack reported there were 27 runs for the month of June. Jeff asked if Jack had a cost analysis to add on to the township building for the fire department. If the building was just a satellite station, it would cost more to duplicate the equipment for 2 stations. Jack is proposing part-time staffing in 2-3 years. That would mean a 2.5% increase per year. Carolyn suggested a joint meeting with the trustees and village council. The new squad is on site and is operational.

ZONING:

Gary reported he has the Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan for Ruhlin. Fabreze thought their application was in the mail. Kokosing stated the conditional use and site plan does not pertain to them and will send a letter. Jeff will touch base with Bill Thorne and have him write to Kokosing and Fabreze.

The Zuber proposed plan. Jeff stated it appears he actually moved 2 pieces of equipment and mowed the grass.

Carolyn made a motion that she does applaud his attempted removal schedule but the township needs to go forward with prosecution on the Zuber case, seconded by Jeff.

Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye; Tim, aye.

Pilot Sign: The county is to mark the easement lines.

Westfield Terrace: Go to the next step which is to make sure the owner, mortgage and lien holders get a copy of the order by certified mail.

7611 Greenwich Road - Bryan Nelson property. Jeff reported there is a For Sale for \$79,500 and the owner has no intention of cleaning the area up.

Gloria Glens annexation: Mayor John Dean is waiting the their attorney to get the documents in order.

Sound system: The person who will help install system is on vacation until 7-23-07.

Cell Tower proposal: Bill is looking into possibly a bidding process.

Zoning Book: Marlene reported she has the zoning book (100 pages) typed but it needs to be proofread, and check the page numbers.

Establish hourly rate for cleaning the building. There was discussion from the floor and the board.

Carolyn made a motion to pay \$13 per hour not to exceed 4 hours without authorization per incident, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye; Tim,

aye.

FYI: Old part of Chippewa Park has been sold to a developer in Denver with a contract pending. The word hotel was thrown out. There is 95 acres in that parcel. Carolyn questioned sewer, water, policing.

Jeff announced he would be gone for the August 6th, 2007 meeting.

Carolyn reported the new Westfield Water Plant has been approved by EPA.

Jeff stated the board had Ron Oiler's resignation from the BZA so he could be an alternate for the Zoning Commission.

Carolyn wants an opportunity as a board to look at other applications.

Jim Likely: A person cannot serve on both boards.

Jeff: The very next day I realized that a person could not serve on two boards at the same. I apologize that I made that mistake.

Jim L: But he was still on both boards and did not resign at that time.

John Miller: This is the wrong sequence, to nullify the appointment then review applicants.

Jeff: We should advertise. The whole idea was to get the best qualified and trained person on the zoning commission. We can interview them all.

Jeff made a motion not to accept Ron Oiler's resignation on the BZA and retract nominations until we review all applications, seconded by Carolyn.

Discussion: Tim has a problem with this motion. Jeff got legal advise on how to correct the problem and I do not see a reason to change what has been done.

Marlene: This is a double standard.

Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, No.

Carolyn made a motion in filling a vacancy on the BZA or Zoning Commission, all candidates complete an application to the trustees and there shall be a personal interview with the trustees. Nominees are appointed by majority vote, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, No.

Tim made a motion to retract John Miller's appointment to the zoning commission because we reviewed applications but did not interview anyone.

Jeff made the statement: J. Miller does not need to be swept up in this.

Motion died for lack of second.

Jim Likely talked with Denise Moteleski that Jeff asked her be an alternate on BZA.

Jeff: Yes I did, she said yes, then the next day turned it down.

Denise did not submit an application.

Carolyn: Sue Brewer asked for the position. We need new fresh blood.

Tom Micklas: I showed up for the July 10th zoning commission meeting. The chairman

and vice chairman moved to approve the minutes, then closed the meeting. Did not give anyone a chance to voice their opinion. I feel that was a blatant movement and a slap in the face.

The meeting was a presentation on Farmland and helping farmers to learn what they have available and it was for everyone to learn.

Jim Likely: The way it was handled just aggravated the crowd.

R. Broadbridge: Do not fight. Carolyn is going according to the law. Can't be a good ole boy if it is not legal. You are biting and devouring each other.

MINTUES:

July 2nd, 2007

**Tim moved to approve as amended, seconded by Jeff.
Roll call: Tim, aye; Jeff, aye; Carolyn was on vacation
July 2nd, 2007, therefore, did not vote.**

June 27, 2007

**Carolyn moved to approve as amended, seconded by Jeff.
Roll Call: Tim, aye; Jeff, aye; Carolyn; aye.**

June 18, 2007

**Carolyn moved to approve as amended, seconded by Jeff.
Roll call: Tim, aye; Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye. Carolyn stated for
record, that she did not schedule Amelia for the farmland
preservation meeting.**

June 6, 2007

**Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes was written,
seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

June 4, 2007 @ 7:00 TABLED

June 4, 2007 @ 6:00

**Tim moved to approve as written, seconded by Carolyn.
Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

June 4, 2007 @ 1:00

**Carolyn moved to approve as written, seconded by Jeff.
Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

May 17, 2007

**Jeff made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by
Carolyn.
Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.**

**April 10, 2007
Carolyn.**

**Jeff moved to approve with amendments, seconded by
Carolyn.
Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye; Tim did not vote because he
was absent from the meeting.**

Dec. 6, 2006

Carolyn moved to approve with amendments, seconded by Jeff.

Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye. Carolyn made the following statement: "Although the Dec. 6, 2006 minutes give the impression they are written verbatim, they are not".

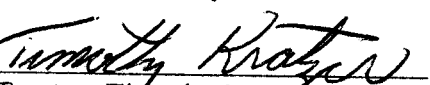
Marlene commented: " They are 98% verbatim of what you can hear on the tape with the talking and noise."

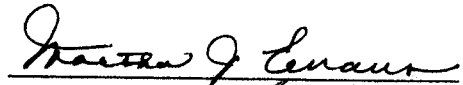
Tim made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Carolyn. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

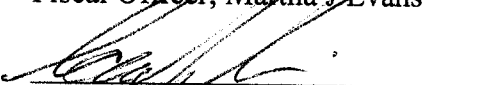
There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED October 1, 2007

Chairman, Jeffrey Plumer


Trustee, Timothy Kratzer


Fiscal Officer, Martha J. Evans


Trustee, Carolyn Sims