

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2007
7:00 PM

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

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

Martha Evans, Fiscal Officer present taking the minutes, Gary Harris, Zoning Inspector, Lee Evans, Road Maint., Jack Snoddy, Fire Chief were also present. A sign in sheet is attached to the official minutes in the clerk's office of other attendees.

Jeff welcomed the audience and recognized Mark Goffinet, from the county auditor's office. He had (2) announcements: (A) There will be someone from the auditor's office at Giant Eagle in Brunswick Sept. 7th from 9 am to 1 pm to assist seniors in completing the homestead exemption application (B) Representatives from the auditor's office will be at the Westfield Township Municipal Complex Wed. Sept. 12, 2007 from 11 am to 8 pm for residents to stop in and discuss their property valuation questions.

CLERK'S REPORT

The fiscal officer/clerk gave a list of office equipment that is obsolete and/or doesn't operate any longer. The trustees discussed the possible options: Auction on line; Advertise in paper and take sealed bids; or a public auction.

Timothy Kratzer made a motion to have the fiscal officer/clerk prepare a resolution for the next meeting to auction the obsolete and/or doesn't work equipment on line, seconded by Carolyn. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Martha presented **RESOLUTION 2007-12 A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO BE AWARDED AS ACTIVE AND INTERIM DEPOSITS**

Timothy Kratzer moved the adoption of RESOLUTION 2007-12 which was seconded by Jeffrey Plumer.

Roll call: Jeff Plumer, aye; Carolyn Sims, aye; Timothy Kratzer, aye.

Martha explained that a resolution should have been prepared instead of just a motion in April 16th, 2007 meeting for the transfer of funds. Martha presented

RESOLUTION 2007-13 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER \$500 FROM GENERAL FUND TO ZONING FUND PER SECTION 5705.14 AND 5705.16 OF THE ORC TO MEET MARCH 2007 ZONING PAYROLL (RETROACTIVE APRIL 16, 2007) SEE APRIL 16, 2007 MINUTES

Jeffrey Plumer offered the resolution and moved the adoption of same, seconded by Carolyn Sims. Roll call: Jeffrey Plumer, aye; Carolyn Sims, aye; Timothy Kratzer, aye

ROADS

Lee went to the CUE meeting August 28, 2007. The price for road salt this year is \$34.04 per ton delivered and dumped. This is the same price as last year.

Lee has priced barricades from a couple of different vendors, with A-A Safety out of Cleveland being the most reasonable @ \$195 for (6) foot sand filled based with high intensity marking. There was a (8) foot sample was at the back of the meeting room for trustees to see.

Carolyn made a motion to allow Lee to purchase 6 barricades at \$195 each from A & A Safety, seconded by Tim.

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

Lee was asked to mark all the new signs and barricades with the Township name.

Lee reported that Speedway drive is finished. Lytle will be here the last week of September to asphalt Buffham Road east of Lake to Ryan. Lee called Pat at the county engineers office to let him know about Buffham Rd upgrade and not to strip Buffham until the asphalt is applied. Today 1 or 2 houses were demolished and hauled away in Bugsville with 4 to 5 more to be demolished.

Jeff asked about Speedway Drive and the time line on Lake Road. Lee mentioned that the uneven areas were ground down and tack coated. Lee said Lake Road is coming along and should be done very soon.

Denise Moteleski asked if Ryan Road would be open September 16, 2007? Lee replied they seem to be on schedule but the road may be closed off and on for the next couple of years.

Carolyn mentioned that Lee has been mowing the roadsides.

Carolyn mentioned that pictures of the Aug. 20, 2007 flooding are on the e-mail. There are serious problems on Camel Creek. Lee has talked with Mike Salay to see if FEMA money can be secured to help clean up the downed trees from the high winds Aug. 7, 2007

PARKS

Tim reported a very large ash tree has been hit very hard by lightening in August 2007.

Tim's experience is when a tree has been hit that hard it will probably not live. Tim read a recommendation from Davey Tree. To trim the tree \$1,120; to remove the tree, haul away debris and leave wood in 10-12 foot lengths \$5,620. At this time the tree does not have to be removed, only the hazardous section that was cracked. Davey Tree recommended the tree be fertilized. The trustees all agreed that fertilizing is not an option if the tree is going to die. Tim will be getting other estimates to have the cracked area trimmed.

Tim reported that there were 280 cars at the car show in the park Labor Day. There was a request for permission to bevel the curb and replace grass after beveling the curb to get the cars in the out easier for the car shows on the east side of the park.

Tim made a motion to grant the Village of Westfield Center to bevel the curb and replace with grass on the east side of the township park to facilitate getting cars in and out of the park for car shows, seconded by Carolyn.

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

Tim will be having the deeds to the 2 cemeteries in the Village of Westfield Center transferred to the Village of Westfield Center. He will be talking to Bill Thorne to have deeds prepared.

FIRE DEPT.

Fire Chief, Jack Snoddy, reported 44 runs in August. There have been calls about open burning. The village residents are burning grass clippings. Jeff asked if Jack ever sited anyone. Jack replied, "If it is a real problem, I call the EPA".

ZONING

7611 Greenwich Rd. – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris presented pictures of the debris that is left on the property at 7611 Greenwich Rd.

Tim made a motion to moved forward with step #5 and issue the Order to remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or other debris, seconded by Carolyn.

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

Gary reported he has written to Ruhlin about the site plan and conditional use permit for the borrow pit on the Kratzer property. Gary also reported that Ryan Gregoire is getting a permit for dumping waste concrete and other waste from the construction project @ Lake Road, 224 & I71.

Westfield Lakes LLP aka Westfield Terrace:

Carolyn made a motion to set a hearing date – October 1, 2007 @ 6:30 pm at the Westfield Township Municipal Complex for Westfield Lakes LLP aka Westfield Terrace to hear removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or other debris on their property at EASTLAKE AND LAKE ROADS in Westfield Township, Medina County, Ohio, seconded by Tim.

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

Gary made a request that Mike Stallard and the Medina County Soil and Water office be notified of the hearing date.

Jeff asked Gary to find out the status of the Zuber case.

Gary has requested a more clear and larger plat print and/or Mylar and legal description of the Westfield Landing Road Extension lot split on the Grubis property. The faxed documents that Gary was provided couldn't be read. Carolyn suggested Gary write a letter to request the above items.

Gary reported that the resident at 6105 Greenwich Road has not moved any of the vehicles as requested. Gary will be sending him a 2nd letter and give him 15 days.

Gary reported the staging areas Kokosing, Ruhlin, Fabrizi have all been scheduled for site plans and conditional uses.

WEBSITE CONTRACT

Jeff made a motion to grant a one (1) year contract to Greg Anderson to host and maintain the Westfield Township web site in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Tim. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Records Retention and Open records resolution will be addressed at the September 17, 2007 meeting.

Jeff asked if MDR trimmed the bushes and pulled the weeds around the township complex? Lee replied only if they are asked to. Jeff stated the weeds are getting out of hand and the bushes need trimming. Lee said he would see to that task.

Zoning fees: Jeff stated, "if there is one meeting to address 2 issues for the same person, then one fee will be charged for example: A site plan and a conditional use – one charge \$300. Carolyn wants to review the fee schedule before any decision is made.

Jim Likley: If the board requests additional information from the applicant and it is no fault of the applicant, then no fee. But if the applicant is not prepared and the applicant asks for continuance, then a fee should be charged.

Carolyn made a motion to charge a \$150 fee to any and all that applies for a continuance of all zoning meetings, not just variances as listed in the fee schedule. The motion died for lack of second.

After further discussion the issue was tabled until Carolyn gets clarification from Bill Thorne and will report back to the board.

Jeff does not have any word from the sound system installer.

MINUTES

June 4, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

Tim made a motion to approve as corrected, seconded by Carolyn.

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

July 16, 2007 – Table

August 6, 2007

Tim made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Carolyn.

Roll call: Jeff was absent on 8-6-07 did not vote; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

August 20, 2007

Tim made a motion to approve as corrected, seconded by Carolyn.

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

Jeff suggested the STORM WATER & DRAINAGE COMPLAINT FORM be put on the web site.

Tim made a motion to pay the bills (a list of checks is attached to the official minutes in the fiscal officer/clerk's office), seconded by Carolyn.

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

With no further business to come before this board Chairman, Jeff Plumer adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED September 17, 2007