

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2008
7:00 pm

Chairperson, Carolyn Sims, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees present: James Likley, Carolyn Sims, Timothy Kratzer

Also in attendance: Martha Evans fiscal officer/clerk. An attendance sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes in the clerk's office.

Audience participation:

Mark Goffinet from the auditor's office announced there is a form for residents to complete if they had severe weather structural damage to their property. The web site will give the deadline and the form is also available on line. Also available on line is real estate tax information.

Judge McIlvaine gave his annual report of the Wadsworth Municipal Court Activities. He also encouraged the trustees to use the community service individuals for labor.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The fiscal officer gave the following report:

Correspondence: A. Thank you note from Kathy Zweifel for the use of the township hall for the fundraiser "Party for Parkinson's". The organization netted over \$5,000. B. A letter from Unison wanting to speak with the trustees concerning adding antennas and marketing some other sites in our area. Jim Likley will contact Bryan Mauro. C. Letter from OTARMA listing some of the training courses available on line. D. Since the township has changed land line phone service to digital through Time Warner, there is a Verizon credit due of \$61.93. E. Received a fax from Bill Throne giving special instructions on putting a township lien on a tax duplicate. Right now the auditor only places on tax roll each January. Bill Thorne will be meeting with the auditor regarding the necessity to do it right away

The list of bills to be paid was read and copies were available for audience. A copy of the list is attached to the minutes in the clerk's office. Total amount to be paid \$19,519.91.

A budget workshop and general business meeting was scheduled for Sat. Feb. 9, 2008 @ 10:00 am. For information: the state audit report is available on the Auditor of State of Ohio's web site or by calling the fiscal officer's office a requesting a copy @\$0.05 per page. There hasn't been any communication between IRS and the prosecutor's office concerning the abatement of fines and penalties.

The spring bid forms were updated as follows: Bids will be opened March 17, 2008 beginning @ 7:30 pm. The only bid forms at this time will be for cemetery and complex mowing and stone. Lee reported to the trustees that Lytle Construction will not give a bid for all year because of the uncertainty of oil prices. Lytle will be more than happy to bid on a specific project (30-60 day window).

Park Maintenance was provided by the Village of Westfield Center last year. We did not have any complaints and they did a nice job. The snow has been removed from the sidewalks in a very timely manner. Tim suggested we leave the park maintenance decision until the next meeting.

We did have some problems with the cemetery and complex mowing. Weeding the flower beds would be added if needed.

The Girl Scouts have asked to use the building for 1 hr two or three times a month. Martha explained that it was an expense to pay someone to come back for 1 hour.

Carolyn made a motion to give the leader 30 day notice to find other arrangements or they must pay the opening and closing fee, seconded by Tim. Discussion: Jim – I feel this is a legitimate concern.

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

Jim made mention that there could possibly be an increase when the hall policy and procedure is established.

ROADS:

Lee ordered 150 ton salt after the storm. We now have 300 ton in shed. Lee called Gledhill concerning the pump on the Peterbilt not maintaining pressure. Gledhill will take the truck to their shop providing we get 2-3 days of sunshine.

Garlene Gregoire / Lake Road Adoption Proposal

Carolyn proposed adopting Lake Road in honor of Garlene Gregoire and Ovarian Cancer Awareness, which is currently available for adoption. Carolyn offered her assistance and gave a hand-out to Ryan Gregoire.

Ryan Gregoire: The Township could create an adopt-a-highway program. I will have to look at workers liability.

Kelly Gregoire: I am submitting 2 letters: One from the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and from MacDonalld Women's Hospital. Ryan: " This is more than about a name, the general public has spoken (petition) and you are ignoring their opinion.

Carolyn: 1. I am supportive of you honoring your mother. 2. Adopt a highway. Willie agreed to Garlene but Ryan did not agree.

Jim: Use the name Garlene Lane.

Kelly: "You cannot tell this man (pointing to Ryan) how to honor his mother".

FIRE:

Jim reported that Jack is in class this evening. There were 23 runs and 0 to Lodi. The Fire committee approved bills amounting \$15,716.73. The fire committee is working on the SOG's. Bill Hutson will review then Bill Thorne will review. There are several new members. Martha reported that the Fire Levy revenue is getting less each year. Last year tax revenue was \$78,000 this year it will be about the same. We collect less each year.

ZONING:

Gary reported there was one zoning permit – a pond on Eastlake Road. Lee commented he maybe replacing a pipe on Eastlake.

Jim asked Gary if he still requests a tax map address slip. Jim will be adding that to the zoning application.

Westfield Landing Road

Carolyn announced the Medina County Commissioners will be doing an on site visit Feb. 25, 2008 @ 10:00 am at the Westfield Landing Road vacation area. The hearing will be Feb. 25, 2008 @ 1:00 pm. Carolyn will write to Bill Thorne asking him to get in writing or court documents of who is the legal signer for the Grubis Estate.

BZA Jim received an e-mail from a concerned resident about Lee Evans being alternate BZA member. Jim replied the board was aware of the concern and Lee is aware of the issues at hand. Lee could be called to testify on Westfield Landing Road issues and then he could not serve on the board.

Carolyn: Bill Thorne did not see a problem with Lee serving as an alternate. Lee is open and qualified. Lee is receptive to our concerns.

Mike Schmidt: No one knows when a situation like that could come up.

Tim: Lee is qualified and has expertise on zoning. There may be others available but maybe not qualified.

Lee: If this causes a problem, I do not need to be a part of that board. The board needs to function properly and I do not see a problem. Do what you need to do. It is up to the board.

Carolyn made a motion to retract Lee Evans from the BZA alternate position and to insure the best interest of the appearance of propriety, seconded by Jim.

No more discussion.

Roll call: Tim, no; Carolyn, yes; Jim, yes.

Jim made a motion to give Marlene Oiler a \$50 honorarium for doing the minutes for the zoning commission in January 08 when there was not a zoning secretary, seconded by Carolyn.

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

Kokosing is in the final stages of the road project. Ryan Gregoire is satisfied and has signed off on the staging areas.

PARK-

Ronald Oiler and Tim will be going to a forestry seminar in March. Tim talked with Allan Siewert from ODNR last year and he recommended that 2 trees come down in the park. We cancelled the contract with Davey Tree last year and recommend we do the same this year. The deep root fertilization give a spurt of growth and the trees tend to split. If the Ash Tree does not leaf out this spring, we will have Allan come out and take a look. Lee looked at the tree after the wind storm and it looked fine. Tim will take care of canceling Davey Tree contract.

Tim contacted Bill Thorne last year about transferring the 2 cemetery deeds.

7611 Greenwich Property (Bryan Nelson)

Bill Thorne sent a fax (which is in the 7611 Greenwich file) addressing the collection of township funds if the township contracts cleanup. Jim stated he did not want the township to be vulnerable to collecting our expenditure, therefore, the township should wait until we get a positive reply from Bill Thorne.

Carolyn thought Bill Thorne could get a more clear answer by the next meeting.

It was decided to table the updating of the zoning fees until next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Medina County agencies are participating in an EPA well head assessment program. The county is monitoring around the Smith wellhead. There are 65 oil & gas wells listed in a 1 mile radius of the Smith wellhead. Carolyn is still working on the land conversation program and recharge over the aquifer.

The square footage and occupancy for the township building is being followed up by Lee.

MINUTES:

January 21, 2008 -

Carolyn made a motion to approve Jan. 21, 2008 minutes with corrections, seconded by Jim.

Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jim, aye. Tim did not vote because he was not at the meeting.

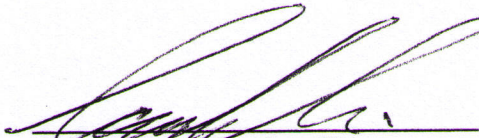
Zoning Commission will meet Feb. 12, 2008 @ 7:30 pm

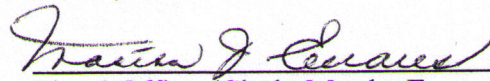
Tim made a motion to pay the bills as submitted by the fiscal officer, seconded by Carolyn.

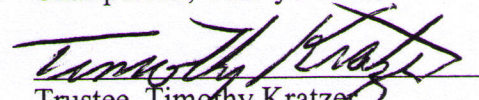
Roll call: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

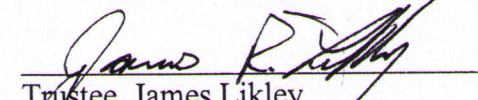
There being no further business to come before the board, Carolyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim. Unanimous

APPROVED March 3, 2008


Chairperson, Carolyn Sims


Fiscal Officer/Clerk, Martha Evans


Trustee, Timothy Kratzer


Trustee, James Likley