

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
November 21, 2011
7:00 pm

Trustee Oiler opened the meeting at 7:01 pm by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees present: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.

Guests were welcomed.

FIRE Trustee Oiler read the Chief Fletchers report which is attached

- Nov. runs to date 16
- County has introduced the Reverse 911 system and is asking all communities to buy into the system. Chief Fletcher supports this effort.
- County Dispatch also has been testing a new program called Code Messaging which sends emergency dispatch information to department members via text message. Estimated cost per month is \$30-\$40.
- The department has started hydrant maintenance. There are currently 240 hydrants total.
- The department continues to evaluate the EMS billing and run report process. There will be a comparison report by the next meeting.
- Heating units for the station is undergoing seasonal maintenance and repairs
- Fire budget balance at the end of October is \$50,705.76
- Trustees discussed the reverse 911 issue. It will cost the township \$440.75 per year. This cost is based on population. The fiscal officer suggested that it be paid out of general fund, not the fire levy. The fiscal officer will prepare a resolution based on the sample that was provided for adoption at the next meeting.

CEMETERY/PARK

Trustee Likley reported he had a call for a possible indigent burial but was later informed the person was a Guilford Township resident. The cemetery has been mowed and looks good. We have indigent plots set aside in the Friendsville Cemetery.

ROADS

Lee Evans reporting:

- Last 2 weeks I have getting the ditches cleaned out and basically getting ready for winter.
- One more ditching project on Kennard Road. Cleaned out a lot of culverts during this last storm that was clogged with sticks, leaves and other debris. The leaves are coming out of the woods. There are a couple of trees that need to be removed that are lying on telephone wires. Mowing the roadsides will be done if time permits.

ZONING

Matt Witmer reporting- written report is attached

- ❖ 3 permits issued

- ❖ 7552 Seville Road-the issue has not been resolved. This will be forwarded to the Prosecutors office for review.
- ❖ 5722 Greenwich Road-Barn not used for agricultural use. Received a letter denying all allegations of the barn not being used for agricultural. This also has been being sent to the Prosecutors office.
- ❖ Complaint from a neighbor adjacent to 8070 Lake Road = water being backed up on his property from dirt being brought in to raise the area that will be used to build a barn. Referred neighbor to Medina County Engineers and Soil and Water Conversation District. He is thinking about buying the next lot.
- ❖ Clean Energy had agreed to remove the light pole during their BZA hearing; it has not been done yet. They have been sent an e-mail stating that light pole must be moved before any fuel tank is put in place or their zoning certificate may be at risk.

Trustee Oiler mentioned the letter from Assistant Prosecutor, Carol Shockley regarding the vacation of the portion of Westfield Road that begins at the end of Demschecks property to Chippewa Lake. The commissioners will have a hearing and a resolution then Tom James will come before us with a complete agreement. We hope that this will come about by the next trustees meeting.

Trustee Harris reported that Kim Ferencz has resigned her position as zoning secretary effective Dec. 31, 2011 to take a full time position. Trustee Harris asked the fiscal officer to place a help wanted ad in the paper asking for resumes`. Trustee Harris has contacted a BZA member and has a meeting set up for December 5, 2011. Trustee Harris also will be sending a letter to Zoning Commission and BZA members as a result of the executive session.

Trustee Harris referred to the letter from Bill Thorne regarding the rezoning of the 6 parcels on east Greenwich Road from RR to LC (copy of letter is attached); Bill Thorne advised is there no legal reason or advantage in continuing the above pending amendment in light of the Referendum and the November 9, 2011 letter of Mr. Scheetz to the Board. **Trustee Harris made a motion to withdraw Resolution 2011-20, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.**

Trustee Likley presented an amendment to the swimming pool language for the trustees review and will be tabled until the December 5th meeting. (a copy is attached)

FISCAL OFFICER

- Bills presented in the amount of \$21,747.28 (A copy of attached)

Trustee Likley made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye

- Fund status Investment \$517,410.21 Checking \$329,534.65
- In the correspondence we had a letter from the Ohio State Liquor control board asking if we wanted a hearing because Deerpass Golf Course had a change in their stock ownership. **Trustee Likley made a motion to waive a hearing for the Deerpass Golf Course liquor license, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye**

- Employee health care renewal was presented. There was a 14.5% increase this year. The agent stated there are in hopes of getting all participants to be on the Jan. 1 renewal date. They hope that would get the increase down to the single digits. **Trustee Likley made a motion to continue with the present health care and RX plan (15100 & RX1), seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.**

MINUTES

November 7, 2011 Trustee Likley moved to approve November 7, 2011 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Harris, aye; Oiler, aye; Likley, aye

November 15, 2011 (Special meeting/Executive session/ Gen Bus) Trustee Likley moved to approve November 15, 2011 as corrected, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2011-32 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2010-20 EXTENDING THE TIME OF HIRE FOR RICHARD M. FLETCHER, FULL TIME FIRE CHIEF FOR THE WESTFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

This resolution increases his three (3) year contract to a six (6) year contract. **Trustee Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-32, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye.**

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Likley:

- Referred to letter from Attorney Stan Scheetz regarding the re-consideration of the recommendations of the steering committee to denote a combination of office and industrial for future use. In his letter he is offering some amendments to the comprehensive plan to reflect the steering committees recommendations. I would offer that this board review the comprehensive plan that has been approved, withdraw that comprehensive plan and move forward with the comprehensive plan that was submitted by the steering committee. Open for discussion. I think we should look at all the recommendations that came from the steering committee regarding the board's efforts. I think you will find some of the other recommendations that Mr. Scheetz is requesting in his communication; such as extending the local commercial district further and looking at the golf course community over lay. I think that those were in review of what came out of the steering committee's language. I think the golf course community over lay was a possibility. I would make a motion but I will open it for discussion at this point.
- Trustee Oiler: asked if we should consult our legal counsel.
- Trustee Likley: as far as rescinding the vote for the approval of the comprehensive plan as submitted by the zoning commission. We have that option as a board if it is the wishes of this board. But in review some of these recommendations from Mr. Scheetz..... What he is requesting, recommending, what he is asking in this did reflect what was in the plan that came out of the steering committee. That was the basis behind this. Amending the text and map amendment
- Trustee Oiler: This means he would have to re-apply.

- o Trustee Likley: He is asking whether the board of trustees or the zoning commission initiate the changes and make some recommendations.
- o Trustee Oiler: Based on his recommendations I have no problem with this to go ahead and consider the comprehensive plan that was drafted and perhaps we would have to ---- I don't know how we would do this but have a smaller committee look at this and the plan and try to weld this thing together.
- o Trustee Likley: I hope this board does not want to spend another year to year and half reviewing the comprehensive plan. I think the product that came out of the steering committee offers
- o Trustee Oiler: many of the things that are mentioned here as I have read it
- o Trustee Likley: I would ask that this board review that document again and be prepared to move forward with withdrawing the plan that was approved and move forward with the plan that came out of the steering committee at our next meeting.
- o Trustee Oiler: If we have to have a meeting some evening to toss around our ideas and so forth just let me know. One person can't do all of this.
- o Stan Scheetz suggested the trustees and the zoning commission have a work session. I am not saying it should be cart Blanc as proposed but there is some room for revision in light of the referendum. Taking out the retail component is fine and also for your edification I have already offered 35 acres of the Molnar to the Medina County Park District. They are considering the acquisition for a trail head and bike trail etc. 90% of that is in the flood plain. It can be used as open space in a planned unit development.
- o Trustee Oiler: It will probably sometime after the first of the year before we can have a work session because of the holidays coming up but if someone wants to meet, I will be glad to meet. We can decide that the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees Executive Session	December 5, 2011 6:30 pm
Trustees Regular Meeting	December 5, 2011 7:00 pm
Zoning Commission Regular Meeting	December 13, 2011 7:30 pm

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Thombs (A paper copy of his statements as presented is attached)

The complete speech is available on DVD. It is not relevant to the business conducted.

Trustee Oiler asked Trustee Likley to consider bringing his proposal to amend the Highway Commercial District uses to the next meeting.

Trustee Harris made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, seconded by Trustee Likley. Unanimous

Approved 12-05-2011