

# WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Regular Meeting

January 16, 2012

7:00 pm

Trustee Harris opened the meeting by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees present: Ronald Oiler, Gary Harris, and James Likley.

## WELCOME GUESTS

Mr. Thomas Decker a candidate for Medina County Commissioner gave an overview of his goals that he would like to see if he was to be elected to the Medina County Commissioners. He also gave a brief background such as he was in law enforcement, counseling and Project Manager for "Cities Ready Initiative".

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fletcher reporting (report attached):

- ✓ There has been 15 runs so far this month
- ✓ The second of three CPR instruction classes at Cloverleaf High School was held January 12, 2012 with 60 students attending
- ✓ The Lodi Community Hospital will be offering members free physicals at the end of this month. This will satisfy NFPA Standard 1582 at a significant savings to the department
- ✓ Cloverleaf Elementary School will be open this Wednesday. The department has worked with the contractor to ensure a smooth transition as well as the mutual aid departments. The department will be finalizing their response plan after tonight's tour of the facility. They listened to us and added 28 more smoke detectors.
- ✓ The Clean Energy Natural Gas Dispensing Station at Pilot will be opening soon and are very cooperative.
- ✓ Trustee Likley asked if there has been response back from legal counsel concerning the Medicount agreement. Chief responded by stating Medicount and Bill Thorne is working together on this. Trustee Likley is working to get a meeting with Bill Thorne, this board, Chief Fletcher and Medicount representative to iron out the concerns.

## CEMETERY AND PARK

Trustee Oiler reporting:

- Suggested raising the opening and closing fee of an adult grave to \$300 due to the rising cost of the excavating. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to raise the opening and closing fee of an adult grave to \$300 beginning January 23, 2012, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye**

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## ROADS

Trustee Oiler reporting:

- ❖ Replaced the front brakes and hubs on the Peterbilt.
- ❖ Letter received from the Medina County Commissioners regarding the Buffham Road Railroad crossing gates and lights. This is the last one in Westfield Township that does not have gates and lights. The cost to the township is \$24,000-\$30,000. Lee, Fiscal officer and I sat down and looked at the budget for 2012 at least twice. I feel at this time we cannot put forth the required township's portion of this project without having a grant. Lee has applied for a grant; also the commissioners are working on two different grants. As soon as we hear back from the grants we may be able to proceed. I composed a letter of reply back to the Medina County Commissioners stating our inability to fund this project this year unless there are grants to help with the cost. Everyone should keep in mind that we are one of a very few townships that does not have a road levy and we do not levy a vehicle license tax fee. We have always tried to work within our budget. It is possible the grants may be available next year. Pat Geissman, Commissioner will keep us apprised of info as it comes in.

## ZONING

Matt Witmer, zoning inspector reporting:

- ❖ It was brought to my attention that TA had an Urgent Care operating out of their store. I contacted the boss about 3:30 pm today and they are shutting down until such time they file and gain approval for a text amendment to allow for something of that nature or the township zoning changes. I am fairly sure they will file for a text amendment because they would like to start on it right away. It's more geared for the over the road driver but anyone can walk in. They also want to do ODOT physicals there.
- ❖ Idle Aire-The day I wrote the letter I got an e-mail with a new site plan and want to proceed with the conditional use. Bill Thorne considered it as a drive-in and be treated as a conditional use. The ingress and egress was addressed in the site plan as recommended by Mike Salay. There will be a utility building with restrooms available. They will use about 6-7 acres out of the 14. They will fence off the unused area. There is one sign but no dimensions. They propose putting a fresh coat of asphalt on the area.
- ❖ Heather Sturdevant reporting;
  1. A quick thank you for choosing our zoning secretary. She jumped in like she had been here before, is extremely professional, fast learner, and very efficient.
  2. Zoning Commission is very busy. Over the next several months you will be seeing a lot of language from us. We put together what Jim and Gary gave us for the swimming pool language and has been sent to Planning Services and the Prosecutor's office and you will see that on your desk relatively soon.

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3. We finished up windmill language and made the changes as recommended by Planning Services and the Prosecutor's office. We will be holding a public hearing on that.
4. Developed language for outdoor wood burners and that has gone to Planning Services and to the Prosecutor's office.
5. About one-half done with internet cafes`. We will then tackle Highway Commercial District which will be a large undertaking. We have not decided if we tackle the few instances that we have going on in the township such TA wanting to put in a training center and offices and then comeback to re-do the whole section.
6. There will be a training session at the University Center Jan.31, 2012 @ 6:30 pm that will be the first training session of the year and it is being sponsored by Soil and Water and the balanced growth initiative.
7. Trustee Likley will forward the language from Planning Services and the Soil and Water concerning the Natural Hazards District as your plate empties.
8. Heather asked Jim to forward the language that he created for a separate district so they could possibly use that as a starting point. The fiber optic network will be available from the Lake Road corridor.

### FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- RESOLUTION 2012-04 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING NOTIFICATION OF PERMITS ISSUED IN WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

This was discussed at the last meeting and was to be considered this evening.

**Trustee Likley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-04 and a letter prepared and mailed to the Manager of Oil & Gas Permitting Section, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye**

- Bills to be paid in the amount of \$6,402.82: **Trustee Oiler made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**
- Fund Status Investment \$517,495.27 Checking \$321,001.70
- Correspondence: ADT will increase their rates by \$35.64 per year  
Ronald Oiler was appointed to the Medina County Council of Governments on Drug Enforcement by the Medina County Township Association

### MINUTES

December 30, 2011 **Trustee Likley moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye**

### OLD BUSINESS

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- ❖ Nothing heard from Tom James, Medina County Park System concerning the vacating of Westfield Landing Road
- ❖ A discussion of several items that need to be discussed with legal counsel: Comp time language for the fire chief, cell tower lease offer, Village of Westfield Center's revision of the Gloria Glens Fire Service Contract and Medicount agreement. Trustee Likley will see what day and time Bill Thorne can meet and will let the fiscal officer know so it can be published in the paper. If it is possible that Bill can meet Friday morning Trustee Likley will communicate to all.
- ❖ Fire Advisory Board resident member: Trustee Likley spoke to Mrs. Evans to participate on that board. Her fiscal input is valuable. Trustee Likley's goal is to have the Fire Advisory Board meet quarterly or when the chief requests a meeting. Trustee Oiler recognized Heather Sturdevant for her service on the Fire Advisory Board, she also helped a great deal in working with the Ohio Fire Chief's Association, getting the resumes` for applicants for a fire chief, set up schedules and did a great job. After the chief was hired she helped the chief catch up on the EMS reporting and billing which was severely behind. She has done an excellent job in getting us progressively to where we are now. Heather, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES! Trustee Likley and Harris also thanked Heather. Trustee Harris thank you for a fine job and showed real dedication to the fire department. Trustee Likley: Thank you and I appointed her. Thanks Heather I appreciate your effort.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees Meeting	Monday	Feb. 6, 2012 @7:00 pm
Zoning Commission	Tuesday	Feb.14, 2012 @7:30 pm

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Decker wanted the board to know he would work with the townships and have an open door

**Trustee Oiler made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm, seconded by Trustee Harris. Unanimous**

Approved 02-06-2012