

# WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Regular Meeting

April 16, 2012

7:00 pm

Trustee Harris opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm by asking those in attendance to please stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Guests were welcomed

## FIRE

The fire chief was not present and Trustee Likley did not have anything to report.

## CEMETERY & PARK

Trustee Oiler reported the new sign for the cemetery will be ready Wednesday. Lee and Trustee Oiler will go to Fremont and pick it up. Trustees signed a deed for a cemetery lot that was sold.

## ROADS

- BIDS for the Deerfield/Fox Hollow Drives, N & S LeRoy Road and Garman Road is one project and the Buffham Road Improvement Project is a separate bid.
  1. Deerfield/Fox Hollow Drives had one bid from LYTLE CONSTRUCTION in the amount of \$99,653.90
  2. KARVO CONSTRUCTION (Buffham Rd. Project) \$152,502.50
  3. PCS PAVING \$163,820.00
  4. BARBICAS CONSTRUCTION \$144,040.00

**Trustee Oiler made a motion table awarding the bids until the County Engineers Office tabulates and reviews the bids, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Likley, aye; Harris, aye; Oiler, aye.**

The trustees will hold a special meeting after the engineers review Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 8:00 am.

(Note: A conflict of time was discovered later that evening and the time will be 11:00 am.)

- White Road Relocation – Lee stated at one time motor pave was suggested for the surface but since Baker Sand is not finished mining motor pave will not hold up with the heavy truck traffic, the surface will be concrete asphalt. Tomorrow Bakers will be cutting down more of the cottonwood trees along the railroad and asked if I (Lee) could be there with signs and direct traffic.
- Lee has pictures of the log jams, blockages etc. in Camel Creedk/ Little Killbuck Creek ( 200 yards from Friendsville Rd west almost to Burbank)
- BCC Ohio Inc. will close Westfield Road near the intersection of Seville Road for 14 days beginning April 30, 2012.
- June 4, 2012 Mudlake Rd will be closed due to the new railroad bridge.
- Trustee Oiler read a letter from the residents on Deerfield and Fox Hollow Drives commending the trustees for addressing the improvement of the roads surface. Lee will let them know when the work will begin.

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## FISCAL OFFICER

- ✓ Bills to be paid in the amount of \$3,194.48. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**
- ✓ Fund Status    Investment    \$517,624.30    Checking    \$393,607.36  
We will have a new fund beginning tomorrow for the Cost Recovery
- ✓ The County Treasurer's office will be re-launching the Fix-It-Home Improvement Loan program on May 7, 2012. (on file)
- ✓ Collection of Taxes from Creston due to annexation – The letter to Creston needs to have included that the Medina County Auditor is willing to calculate the taxes due if that is agreeable with Creston.

MINTUES April 2, 2012

**Trustee Likley made a motion to approve the April 2, 2012 minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye.**

Lee reported – there has always been an issue the sidewalk at the four (4) corners of the park is lower than the pavement. Spoke with Ron and if the park board is agreeable get a couple of quotes to remove the sidewalks around the planting and elevate them plus walk all the sidewalks in the park and repair any that are broken. The sidewalks should be 5' wide to conform to state regulations and we will put ADS lines or inserts on 4 corners of the park.

## ZONING

Matt reporting:

- ❖ Lesiak- waiting on notification what the railroad is going to do about the items on their property.
- ❖ Idle Aire – forwarded trustees all e-mails from Brian McDonald; they are pulling out by end of week.
- ❖ North Star Recovery – Has started looking elsewhere in the township. Scott Gregoire called and asked why he couldn't have North Star Recovery park in his lot. Matt explained it was in rural residential district and only 1 commercial vehicle is permitted in rural residential and that is the property owner's vehicle. North Star Recovery may ask for a text change or ask for a variance.
- ❖ North Coast Premier Soccer – Waiting to hear from Bill. Site plan for front property needed corrections. They also need to plant 40 trees or ask for a variance.
- ❖ Damaged railroad cars on Buffham Rd – Matt will approach the museum to remove them.
- ❖ Mr. Dembrowski was charged double for a zoning permit for the roof over patio because the project was started prior to obtaining a permit.
- ❖ 6484 Mudlake Rd. John Hughes property – A hoop building started July 2010 (4 basketball hoops, score board, and 2 movable baskets) that is not agricultural and he needs to combine lots and obtain a permit for the accessory building. Today is the deadline to comply with the requirements of the Westfield Township's Zoning Resolution. (See letter in file from Assistant Prosecutor, Brian Richter.) Matt asked the trustees if they want to pursue prosecution.

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Harris- We need to move forward

Oiler – proceed

Likley – proceed

**Trustee Harris made a motion to proceed with legal action concerning John Sean Hughes at 6484 Mudlake Road for the zoning violations, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye**

- ❖ Mr. Bushman on Westfield Landing Rd. – Builder had drawing of a barn but no house and told him he couldn't do it. Without a house you cannot put up a barn. Later builder came and said it is going to be a house and had drawings of basically a bathroom and open on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shows 2 bedrooms, kitchen and bath. It was reviewed by Assistant Prosecutor Thorne and he said it was fine if they get all the necessary county permits I could issue them a zoning permit. Also give them a letter that if this is not residential, they will be prosecuted. Cement foundation, fire doors going upstairs. He has two (2) driveways when he built a pond and he can only have one (1) therefore he will need to remove a driveway before he can get his permit.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. First Responder vehicle is not in yet, to be expected next month. Chief is looking for another quote to supply the additional equipment for the vehicle
2. Cell tower – Trustee Likley forwarded information
3. MVL Tax update – Trustee Oiler called Mr. Karris and he will e-mail language for the public hearing notice and we are still waiting; tabled until May 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. Muskingham Water Shed – Trustee Likley met with Jeff Van Loon (Soil & Water) last Thursday or Friday to map that stream bed and identify some of the blockages. By mapping and prioritizing the blockages that will part of the application. It is going to take some big equipment and dry weather. Mr. Likley has not scheduled him to come out. The taxes that are collected are used to maintain the waterways and earthen dams. From the tax revenue that they collect they are using some of that revenue from this purpose. We do not know what is available. Our resources are restricted and limited. The property owners to the west of Westfield Center that are along Camel Creek are not being assessed. Property owners in Wayne County are assessed along the Killbuck Creek which is named Camel Creek in Medina County.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Schedule Public Hearing “Walk-in-Health Clinic” in the Highway Commercial District  
**Trustee Harris made a motion to hold the public hearing for “Walk-in-Health Clinic” May 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Oiler, aye; Likley, aye**
- ❖ Matt: 6881 Buffham Rd. –Realtor related basement full of water, walls and ceiling caving in and only carpet on floor because the floor is gone. This is an obvious concern and needs addressed. Matt will contact building and health department.

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- ❖ Trustee Likley asked the fiscal officer to prepare a resolution to the county auditor for estimated revenue for the fire levy for the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Trustee Likley made a motion to name the Fire District “Westfield Fire and Rescue District”, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.**
- ❖ Trustee Likley suggested we permit the Medina-Summit Battered Women Shelters to put up purple lights in the Gazebo for the month of October. All the trustees agreed. Trustee Likley will communicate back to the group and let them know they have our support.
- ❖ Girl Scouts requested the use of the hall for a Mother’s Day Tea. After discussion **Trustee Likley made a motion to permit the Girl Scouts to hold a Mother’s Day Tea at no cost for the use of the hall providing it doesn’t conflict with a scheduled rental, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye.**
- ❖ Trustee Oiler reported from the Council of government – Drug Task Force that their budget for the year is \$959,322 which is \$30,000 less than last year but they are moving ahead. The reason the budget has not been approved is because the county commissioner’s financial officer sent a bill of \$15,000 to the Medina County Drug Task Force for prosecutor and secretarial help etc. Bill Thorne did attend the meeting and he said, no. Commissioner Pat Geissman who chairs the committee stated she had not seen this before.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 24, 2012	Zoning Commission	Public Hearing for swimming pool and wind energy	7:30pm
May 7, 2012	Trustees	Public Hearing for “Walk-in-Health Clinic”	6:30pm
May 7, 2012	Trustees	Regular Meeting	7:00pm
May 14, 2012	Zoning Commission	Regular Meeting	7:30pm

No public comment, **Trustee Oiler made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm, seconded by Trustee Harris.**

**Unanimous**

Approved May 7, 2012