

# Westfield Township Trustees

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Regular Meeting  
June 18, 2012  
7:00pm

Trustee Harris opened the meeting at 7:12pm.

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

Trustee Likley asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also in attendance were: Gayle Foster and Bill Thombs.

## Department Reports

### **Fire: Jim Likley reporting. (SEE ATTACHED)**

- ✓ The department will participate in the Safety Day portion of Safety City on June 27, 2012 at 9am at the new elementary school.
- ✓ The department is sponsoring a golf outing at Deer pass Golf Course on July 14, 2012. The cost is \$65.00 per golfer or \$25.00 for the dinner only. Registration begins at 12:30pm and Tee off is at 2:00pm. Call 330-887-5541 for more information.
- ✓ The first responder vehicle is in service with the emergency equipment installed. Local companies will be installing the lettering and the cabinetry in the next few weeks.
- ✓ The department is working with Gatchell Grant Writers for the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Federal Grant at no charge.

Trustee Likley stated that the Fire Chief has been able to save the township valuable dollars in the outfitting of the first responder vehicle and that we are currently under budget for the project. He also said that he felt the new vehicle would be a valuable tool for the department and that he looked forward to seeing it in service.

### **Cemetery and Parks: Ron Oiler reporting.**

- ✓ Trustee Oiler read the report in the Gazette from the Westfield Center meeting. Lee Evans has made contact with the necessary individuals to straighten up the sidewalks in the park. Mr. Evans will have quotes for that project ready for the first meeting in July. They will also be adding at the four corner entrances to the park, the ADA concrete bumps so that the park is ADA compliant. The Village has been handling the snow removal. The township will be making the sidewalks a little higher and feathered so that they do not tear up the grass while removing snow in the winter. Road Supervisor Evans will walk the park with the contractor to determine what needs to be repaired.
- ✓ Trustee Likley stated that he has been asked to place concrete pads where the benches can be anchored as they are now loose around the gazebo.

### **Roads: Lee Evans reporting.**

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- ✓ The Buffham Road project is almost complete. Mr. Evans will be doing a walk through tomorrow. He stated that OPWC pays only once per month so the Township needs to hold a special meeting next week sometime as the county needs the approved meeting minutes available to send with the bill to the state so that they know that the Township's portion of the cost has been approved and is moving forward. The Trustees scheduled a special meeting on Thursday June 28, 2012 at 9:00am for this purpose. Mr. Evans will ask Dan Becker to attend.
- ✓ The trucks from the Park District tore up the road on Westfield Landing. Mr. Evans spoke with them and told them they needed to address that issue. Tom James told Mr. Evans that he would be in touch with him and Trustee Oiler last week but has not heard from Tom James yet. He did have Leidel come up to give him a quote on the repairs. They are estimated to be around \$2515.00. Mr. Evans will pursue a meeting with Tom James to have the repairs made. He stated that the park was looking to have the new ramp opened in July.

**Zoning: Gary Harris (SEE ATTACHED)** stated that Matt Witmer would not be in attendance this evening but that he provided his report to the Trustees for their review. He also mentioned that as Bill Thorne was out on vacation, enforcement issues have been held up until his return.

### **Fiscal Officer's Report: Martha Evans Reporting.**

- ✓ The trustees all have a detailed report for viewing.
- ✓ The bill for the cemetery sign came in and will be paid.
- ✓ Wichert Insurance will be taking payment for the Fire Department's umbrella policy in three month increments.

**Trustee Likley made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. Trustee oiler seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee: Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

- ✓ Ms. Evans asked that the trustees allow Jim Zuccaro from Summit Insurance to present to them in regards to a Fire Department Policy of its own in case the levy passes. No decision will be made on a new policy until after the vote in November.

Trustee Likley asked that Mr. Zuccaro attend the July 16, 2012 meeting at 7:00pm. The other Trustees agreed. Ms. Evans will notify Mr. Zuccaro.

Trustee Likley explained why the umbrella policy level was raised and why the department may need a new policy if the levy passes. Ms. Evans reviewed the cost of each policy.

- ✓ Ms. Evans explained communication received from the Medina County Emergency Management Agency regarding the implementation of the Everbridge Mass notification system.(SEE ATTACHED) They will be having a webinar on June 26 and need a representative from our Township to learn the new system. Trustee Likley volunteered

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to attend this meeting and report back to the fire chief. He stated that he would also ask the chief to attend as well.

- ✓ A memo arrived from Medina County Department of Planning Services. (See Attached). This notification was letting the township know that all communications, requests and responses would now be in e-mail form in an effort to save valuable dollars on Office Supplies.

The trustees mentioned that the deadline for the Move Ohio Forward grants is June 30, 2012. Trustee Harris spoke with a few individuals in the Clayton Drive area who may have an interest.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

**Trustee Likley made a motion to approve the May 21, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented.**

**Trustee Oiler seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

**Trustee Oiler made a motion to accept the June 4, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Harris seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

**Trustee Oiler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the June 4, 2012 Public Hearing for the consideration of a motor vehicle tax as presented. Trustee Harris seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

**Trustee Oiler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the June 11, 2012 Public Hearing for the consideration of a motor vehicle tax as amended. Trustee Harris seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Likley stated that he received information in regards to the Garman Road concerns. He mentioned that he met with Boris Slogard. He would like Jeff VanLoon to come before the board to discuss the application and its summary so the board can make a decision if they would like to move forward. The trustees decided to have Mr. VanLoon and Mr. Slogard attend the August 6, 2012, meeting.

Trustee Oiler stated that he received a letter and phone call from the Sanitary Engineers office. (SEE ATTACHED).

Bill Thombs stated that his group that has been looking into educating the public on fracking spoke with the County Commissioners regarding putting the Westfield Water Consortium back together to talk. Jim Troike volunteered to do that. There was no intent to charge money or of there being a cost to the members. The group was supposed to be reassembled just to talk. It is his understanding that Pat Geisman will be taking over this effort from Mr. Troike and that the letters will be redone. She stated to

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Mr. Thombs that she would be making a personal phone call to all of the participants to encourage them to participate in the meeting just to sit and talk with no charge to their townships or villages. Mr. Thombs is unsure where the cost aspect came from. He also stated that now is the time not to sit but to do.

Lee Evans stated that most generally whenever there is a truck route that is used that way, especially by ODOT, the roads are video recorded and will be put back into the shape they were in before the trucks started using them. Mr. Evans stated that he is very conscious of where trucks are moving on the Township's roads and he contacts them to ensure that our roads are taken care of.

Trustee Likley stated that there is concern that the county will not even be at the table to discuss the roads when the permits are pulled for drilling. This is controlled by the state. He feels that the county should be a part of this discussion and should be establishing bonds to repair the roads once the drilling is completed.

Mr. Evans stated that if a truck is overweight they have to pull a county permit to run that road. The state therefore cannot completely take that control away.

Trustee Oiler stated that he would call Pat Geisman and Jim Troike and let them know that Westfield Township is interested in sitting down in a meeting to talk about these issues and that if they are notified of the meeting date and time that they will make every effort to attend.

Trustee Oiler read a thank you letter from the contractor that did the painting of the park gazebo.

### New Business:

Trustee Likley stated that he supported a 2.5 mil levy for the fire district. This would generate \$172,800.00 if passed. That is an increase of \$2500.00 of our previous attempt for this levy. Our present 1.5 mil levy is generating \$79,000.00. If the 2.5 mil levy passes for the fire district, the 1.5 mil currently in existence will NOT be collected. This is not a renewal levy, it is an additional levy. That is why it is important for the public to know the above mentioned information. Trustee Oiler also stated that he is in support of a 2.5 mil levy.

**Trustee Oiler made a motion to pass Resolution 2012-15 a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the 10 mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining the Westfield Fire and Rescue Department. Trustee Likley seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

**Trustee Oiler made a motion to pass Resolution 2012-16 A Resolution to impose a \$5.00 permissive motor vehicle license tax for the maintenance of township roads. Trustee Harris seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

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Trustee Oiler stated that in answer to Ms. Sturdevant's concerns he met with Mr. Evans and determined that there were several road projects that were not going to get done because of lack of funding. He stated that the economy is bad and he realizes that people have been having a hard time.

Ms. Evans advised that with the thirty day window, the tax is subject to a referendum.

Mr. Evans stated that he is one of very few that does not have the license tax fee and does not have a road levy. He is appreciative that the Trustees have agreed to take this tax.

Trustee Oiler stated that by taking this tax, the township would get to keep all of the money inside the township. If the county levied this tax we would not get the money to be used in the township. It would instead go to the county.

Trustee Likley stated that this was the deciding factor in passing this tax.

Trustee Likley added that earlier in the year Ms. Evans offered a resolution in regards to our commitment to Medicount Management. He would like to discuss that resolution at the next meeting.

Trustee Harris volunteered his time to trim the bushes at the town hall. Trustee Likley agreed to assist him.

### Announcements:

Regular trustees meeting July 2, 2012 at 7pm

Zoning Commission Regular meeting Tuesday July 10, 2012 7:30pm

**Trustee Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Trustee Oiler seconded the motion.**

**ROLL CALL: Trustee Likley-yes, Trustee Oiler-yes, Trustee Harris-yes.**

Approved July 16, 2012