

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
January 21, 2013

Trustee Harris opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, followed by roll call.

Trustees present: Ronald Oiler, Gary Harris, and James Likley. Also in attendance was Gayle Foster, The Post writer and resident Bill Thombs. Also present was fiscal officer Martha Evans.

The guests were welcomed.

FIRE DISTRICT

There was a swearing in ceremony for all current members and 2 new members at the Fire Station this evening at 6:30 pm.

CEMETERY/PARK

- Trustee Oiler announced that resident and landscaper John McDermott will be the resident *appointment to the park committee this year.*
- Trustee Oiler presented the revised cemetery regulations with the head stone foundations specifications included. The regulations were given to the fiscal officer on a CD disc and she was asked to change the effective date from Jan. 7, 2013 to January 21, 2013. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to adopt the revised cemetery regulations as presented with the date change, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Oiler; aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye**
- Trustee Likley asked if a time frame for the sidewalk project has been established. Trustee Oiler assured that the specs will be on the agenda at the next meeting for review.
- Trustee Oiler made mention that all traffic controls devices in Westfield Center Village is under the village's control.
- Martha Evans emphasized that the school bell project will be a totally separate project that will not be mingled in with the township projects.

ROADS

Trustee Oiler stated there was not a report this evening. Lee was out for a short time today to salt the roads after the snow. Trustee Likley asked what the salt commitment was for the year 2013. Fiscal officer answered it was the same as 2012, 1,250 tons. A discussion was held what if we didn't use that much again this year. There is always room to add another salt bay on of the present salt storage area to the south of the salt storage bin. Trustee Oiler mentioned that Lee helped the school with snow plowing and salting on the first snow. The school now has a truck and will buy salt from the township. Trustee Likley had asked Trustee Oiler to look at Lee's overtime for last year. Trustee Oiler reported as follows: 46 hours during snow; 17 hours Buffham Road project and .5 hour mowing making a total of 63.5 hours total.

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ZONING

Matt Witmer, zoning inspector reporting:

- ❖ Lesiak – David Folk will take over the case due to Bill Thorne’s retirement.
- ❖ North Coast Soccer – Heather and Matt will meet with David Folk to give him background and other information such as minutes and a letter describing the on-going issues over the years with this property.
- ❖ Stoll lot split was signed in late fall but not dated on the mylar. The trustees initialed their signature and dated it with today’s date.
- ❖ Truck Wash – Zoning inspector has tried to contact the owners but to no avail. He has called the real estate agent and they will try to get in contact with the younger brother. Matt reiterated the danger of the hanging metal.
- ❖ Hughes combining lots – Hughes attorney, Kevin Dunn left a site plan this afternoon. Matt stated there is many items lacking:
 1. 60 feet from where to where
 2. Barn is still too close to the road (10 feet) will require a variance
 3. Clarification on other items; no acreage
 4. Bryon Richter suggested possibly waving the variance fee
 5. There was a check for \$340 for the barn but there are other items that need to be addressed
- ✓ David Folk is scheduled to meet with the zoning commission January 29th to discuss North Coast Soccer but it has not been confirmed as of today.

FISCAL OFFICER

- ✓ Bills in the amount of \$33,322.78 were presented. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye**
- ✓ The SPCA letter asking for a donation of \$600 was discussed. Trustee Likley offered \$500 if legal counsel will approve. The issue as tabled until a legal opinion can be obtained.
- ✓ A letter from the prosecutor’s office giving the township the option to obtain 6100 Kennard Rd. property for back taxes in an estimated amount of \$6,000 + or -. **Trustee Likley made a motion not to pursue this option due to the area is in the flood plain and the township could not utilize that property to the benefit of the township, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Oiler, aye; Likley, aye.** Trustee Likley will be speaking with David Folk and he will advise Tom Karris of the board’s decision.

MINUTES

January 7, 2013 - **Trustee Oiler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye**

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OLD BUSINESS

- Creston Taxes - Fiscal officer reported that she has sent a revised request for the Creston Taxes (2012) asking for the fire levy portion to be sent to the Fire District and the general fund, road and bridge is to be sent to the Township. There still hasn't been any response.
- American Tower contract Trustee Likley reported that his meeting with David Folk last Friday was postponed by David Folk and hopefully rescheduled this week. Trustee Likley will call him tomorrow.
- Web Site Domain – Trustee Likley hasn't called Don, the web administrator for clarification.
- Fire District web page - Trustee Likley will call Don, the web administrator and legal counsel on the viability of having a web page within the township's domain.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal officer asked that the trustees to review the temporary appropriations line by line and make any suggestions so she can get a permanent appropriation resolution prepared.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 29, 2013	Scheduled zoning commission meeting with David Folk	7:30 pm
February 4, 2013	Regular Fire District meeting	6:30 pm
February 4, 2013	Regular Trustees meeting	7:00 pm

Trustee Likley announced he would not be going to the Winter Conference this year due to work schedule. Trustees Oiler and Harris will be attending January 30-Feb 2.

No public comment

No further business to come before this board, **Trustee Harris made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Unanimous**

Approved Feb. 4, 2013