

Westfield Township Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
July 15, 2013

Trustee Harris opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm by asking those in attendance to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag followed by roll call.

Trustees present: James Likley, Gary Harris, and Ronald Oiler. A sign in sheet for additional attendees is attached to the minutes in the fiscal officer's office.

The guests were welcomed

FIRE

**RESOLUTION 2013-17 A RESOLUTION TO SELL THE DECOMMISSIONED 1981 PIERCE PUMPER FOR SALE ON INTERNET AUCTION** The fiscal officer reported that the previous internet auction did not receive any bids. It will cost \$225 even though the vehicle did not sell. It will cost \$95 to relist. The trustees held a discussion and all agreed it would be prudent to relist the 1981 Pierce Pumper but lower the minimum bid to \$2,000. **Trustee Likley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-17 and relist the 1981 Pierce Pumper with Paul Eash as broker for E-bay with a minimum bid of \$2,000, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye.**

**RESOLUTION 2013-18 A RRESOLUTION TO SELL THE UNNEEDED DUMP BED FOR SALE ON INTERNET AUCTION** The fiscal officer reported that the previous internet auction did not receive any bids. There is no cost to relist the dump bed. The trustees held a discussion and all agreed ti would be prudent to relist the dump bed but lower the minimum bid to \$1,500. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-18 and relist the dump bed with Paul Eash as broker for E-bay with a minimum bid of \$1,500, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye, Oiler, aye**

CEMETERY AND PARK

Trustee Oiler did not have anything to report

ROADS

Trustee Oiler reporting:

- Lee continues to seal the cracks on the asphalt roads
- When it is cooler he will finish mowing
- Lee & Trustee Oiler surveyed a tile issue on Stuckey Road. There is a tile that runs under Stuckey Road from the south to the north. The county engineers could not locate the tile for many years. It is estimated that the tile is 75-100 years old. The township will clean the ditch on the north side of the road and try to locate the tile. There is water from a neighbor that is lying in the ditch and cannot get away. The water slopes to the north and west of the Anderson property.

- A letter was sent to the township of the availability of having the road striping done at a reduced rate. Trustee Oiler will pass the letter on to Lee and have Lee prepare an estimate for the township's road this year
- It has come to the township's attention via an insurance representative for Best Practices that the maintenance supervisor should have at least a part-time person for certain activities that are performed for the safety of personnel. Lee does some dangerous jobs that should have another person in the immediate area. Trustee Oiler stated we are at a critical point for a part-time person in the maintenance department. Trustee Oiler mentioned he helps a little when he can. Lee no longer can do it all. The part-time position would be no more than 29 hours a week and must be able to be on call. The part-time individual that would help during emergency storms and snow plowing is not unable to perform the snow plowing due to taking another position. Trustee Likley stated before he would support a part-time maintenance position he needs to see supporting documents to show the need; such as activity reports, what are the duties that are not getting finished, how many hours go on the tractor and gradall per season. Trustee Harris agreed.
- Trustee Oiler had a call from John Baker offering 2 large maintenance buildings that are now not being used due to the closing of the sand and gravel operation. He would like to make those buildings available to the township. The park doesn't have the funds now. Would this area be suitable for a fire station?

#### ZONING

Matt Witmer reporting:

- ❖ Lesiak property on Seville Road – It is getting cleaned up. There are a couple of vehicles in the back. The prosecutor filed for judgment to continue. Lesiak has filed bankruptcy.
- ❖ North Coast Soccer – The Assistant Prosecutor, Bill Thorne is trying to set up a meeting with Mike Sweeney. Mike is in Canada and Bill is waiting to hear from Mike. The international cup tournament was held at the soccer field July 4 & 5, 2013. On the 4<sup>th</sup> there was a deputy on the outside but on the 5<sup>th</sup> there was not a deputy on the outside which is in violation of the conditional use. July 5<sup>th</sup> Matt heard thump- thump and there was a DJ and loud speakers with loud music. Matt called Willie and Willie gave the phone to Rocko; soon the music stopped.
- ❖ Matt issued to violations – 1 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> drive at the corner property of Kennard and Ryan Road. The individual was given a variance application to complete but was not happy. 2. A pool and deck without a permit. I should hear from them next week. I could see the pool & deck from the road and contacted them July 9, 2013.
- ❖ Hughes – Matt was advised by the assistant prosecutor as far as we are concerned we do not have to answer the letter. This issue is up to the prosecutor and the Medina Building Dept.
- ❖ The 2 driveway issue – Matt reported that there have been 3 separate issues since he has been zoning inspector. The county issued all three of them and they may not know our zoning does not allow 2 drives on a single parcel. There was a discussion with Trustee Likley volunteering to call Mike Salay, County Engineer to see if they have any township specifications on file. There is a possibility that they need to be updated.

FISCAL OFFICER

- Bills in the amount of \$4,425.74 were presented. **Trustee Harris made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Likley, aye; Harris, aye; Oiler, aye**
- The fund status report was given to the trustees. Investments \$301,490.91  
Checking \$461,745.77
- Fiscal officer announced the \$50,000 CD was re-invested at a rate of .44%
- There wasn't any correspondence

**Trustee Likley made a motion to table the July 1, 2013 meeting minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye**

OLD BUSINESS

- It was reported that the Village of Creston has paid the 80% rate of the real estate taxes from the detachment of property from the township to the Village of Creston in the amount of \$9,032.95. It was split \$4,099.70 to Fire District and \$4,933.25 to General Fund & Road & Bridge
- Fred Boreman has completed the American Tower lease site survey
- The Verizon Wireless offer is waiting to be finalized. A variance will be required at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Oiler mentioned that there is a need to appoint an interim fiscal officer until a fiscal officer can be appointed or elected due to Martha Evans is retiring the position as of July 31, 2013. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to appoint Martha Evans as interim fiscal officer beginning August 1, 2013 until a successor is appointed, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call Harris, aye; Oiler, aye; Likley, aye**

All trustees thanked Ms. Evans for her service. OPERS's change in policy of how the Money Purchase Annuity will be calculated for a monthly payment is one the reasons Ms. Evans chose to retire at this point in time.

Martha did announce that Sandra Tryon, a resident has come forth and filed a petition for the fiscal officer of Westfield Township. She is very interested and has spent a few days in the office with Martha and has the time to devote to the position. If she is the lone petitioner the trustees will appoint her in August to begin learning the details of the position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 16, 2013	BZA Public Hearing Continuance of the Kratzer Use Variance	6:30 pm
July 17, 2013	BZA Public Hearing Continuance of the Kratzer Use Variance	6:30 pm
Aug. 5, 2013	Fire District Regular Meeting	6:30 pm
Aug. 5, 2013	Trustees' Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
Aug 12, 2013	Zoning Commission Regular Meeting	7:30 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

**Trustee Harris moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Trustee Likley. Unanimous**

Approved August 5, 2013