

# WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2013  
7:00 pm

Chairman Gary Harris opened the meeting 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 as well as Fiscal Officer, Sandra Tryon and Assistant Fiscal Officer Martha Evans. There is a sign in sheet attached to the minutes.

Guests were welcomed and Bob Lamm from Associated Underwriters presented timely information concerning Affordable Healthcare Act.

- Westfield Township is in the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium with Medical Mutual as the Provider. This is a part of the Ohio Plan Risk Management. Westfield Township has been with the Healthcare Consortium for 5 years. The Ohio Plan developed this Consortium to help control costs for small groups of less than 50-75 participants. Many townships and cities are in a consortium as they see the need of budgeting for increases. Not any have decreased.
- Westfield Township's present Plan 15100 will have an increase of 13.5% beginning Jan. 1, 2014. There are some plans on an individual plan are going up to as high as 170%.
- If there is ever a time to be in a consortium, it is now. Once in a consortium you are fully funded, almost self-funded. Another advantage being in a consortium the township does not pay the 1.4% State Tax and the 2.5% Health Insurance Tax. In a consortium there are more choices and options. The consortium has the Cobra extension of benefits.
- Most carriers in the exchange or out of the exchange their plan designs are limited and higher out of pocket costs.
- This year the consortium has a life insurance policy available with competitive rates. The company is Lincoln Financial. This is voluntary.
- New ID cards will be issued
- The RX plan was explained with 55% of the participants are on the Tier 2 plan (township plan) and the 15100 Plan (township plan) for healthcare about 55% of the participants are also in that plan.
- At the end of the presentation it was agreed and stated by Trustee Likley that this is a good plan with comparable and reasonable rates.
- There is a time line that must be met but Mr. Lamm stated that the trustees may make their decision at their next meeting Dec. 2, 2013.

FIRE - Trustee Likley did not have anything to report

CEMETERARY & PARK – Trustee Oiler did not have anything to report

## ROADS

Lee Evans reporting:

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- ❖ There will be a stakeholder workshop Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at 1:30 pm with ODOT District Traffic Engineer, Julie Cichello to discuss a safety study that begins on US 42 at Richman Road and continues east to the US 224 and Leroy Road intersection. Within the study area, there are six at-grade intersections. Crash data obtained at the intersections over the past 10 years show a pattern of angle collisions at each of the intersections, mainly caused by vehicles on the side streets attempting to cross US 42 and US 224. Due to the high speed nature of US 224, many of the crashes result in injury. Over the years, several low cost improvements have been implemented, but the crash pattern still remains. The meeting will be a good opportunity to be updated on the study, meet with the project team and express any comments or concerns you may have about the study section.
- ❖ Lee invited: Medina County Engineer, Mike Salay, Westfield Companies, Village of Westfield Center officials, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Patterson, Cloverleaf Schools, Trustee Ronald Oiler, Mike Schmidt and Bill Thombs.
- ❖ ORC 4511.16 has been amended. This concerns passive Railroad Crossings (Buffham Road rail crossing is passive). The cross bucks or yield signs are no any longer permitted; we now need to install Stop Signs until the gates and lights are installed by June 2014.
- ❖ Lee addressed decreasing funding from the State in General Fund. He read ORC 505.20 TAX FOR DRILLING OIL OR GAS WELL Adopted 10-01-1953 "In addition to the tax already authorized by law, the board of township trustees may levy a tax, not to exceed five mills on the dollar for the purpose of drilling an oil or gas well in the township, when so authorized by a majority vote of the electors of such township at a regular or special election. Such election shall be conducted the same as elections of township officers, and the tax shall be collected as other taxes". We need to be creative in replenishing the decreased revenue in the General Fund.
- ❖ Lee reported he has been cleaning up after the storm on November 11, 2013.
- ❖ Trustee Harris asked if he had monitored the ditch on Buffham Road. Lee answered; no I did not as there wasn't that much rain.
- ❖ Lee reported that he will need to walk the creek that crosses Garman Road because the water is rising due to possibly another beaver dam again. They had only caught one beaver so there is another one around somewhere.

### ZONING Matt Witmer, zoning inspector reporting:

- Lesiak is still pending at the court level
- North Coast Soccer is still pending at the Prosecutor's office
- Idle Air will be coming before the BZA for a conditional use and an area variance Nov. 25, 2013
  1. There was a discussion if a permit should have been given as a similar use as a motel in place of a conditional use. After reviewing that Clean Energy was required to have a conditional use because it is outside the building at Pilot Truck Stop it was determined that Idle Air is also on the outside of the building at Pilot Truck Stop and should also be a conditional use. The public hearing will continue as scheduled.
- Temporary Zoning Secretary, Martha Evans read a 2 letters from the Westfield Township Zoning Commission certifying the recommendation to DISAPPROVE the elimination of Article V Section



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506.B and to APPROVE amendments to Article VI Section 305; 306 and Article XI Section 1102. The Board of Trustees decided to hold a public hearing for both issues as follows: **Trustee Likley made a motion to hold 2 public hearings December 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm prior to their regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Likley, aye; Harris, aye; Oiler, aye.**

### FISCAL OFFICER

- ✓ Bills to be paid in the amount of \$6,041.37. **Trustee Oiler made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**
- ✓ Fund Status: Investments \$301,503.62 Checking \$426,619.83
- ✓ Correspondence: Trustee Likley asked if the issue with the individual from the state concerning the incorrect e-mail address concerning the pharmacy license was solved. Yes it was.
- ✓ Trustee Likley asked the fiscal officer and assistant to reserve rooms for himself, Schmidt, and Thombs to attend the winter conference so the township can get the room without taxes. The trustees gave permission to apply for a credit card through Westfield Bank to secure and pay for the rooms.

MINUTES      November 4, 2013      **Trustee Oiler made a motion to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**

November 13, 2013      **Trustee Likley made a motion to approve the November 13, 2013 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.**

### OLD BUSINESS –

- Trustee Likley e-mailed Assistant Prosecutors Wm. L. Thorne and David Folk concerning the existing lease agreement with American Township. “With the understanding of our existing lease agreement contract with American Tower and section 8. INTERFERENCE (b) and their right to review any proposed third party lease agreement to ensure there will be no adverse affects or interference with their Communication Facility. I believe this process should have some time constraint imposed to American Tower and their response to this issue. Their continued delay could have a negative impact on Westfield Township in negotiating a proposed agreement. I ask that you communicate to American Tower representatives with your support of a timely response to resolve this issue. Please let me know if there is any further action needed by the Board to expedite this issue.” David Folk replied, “ Bill recently received correspondence from American Tower and is working to resolve the matter. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Thorne directly”.
- There hasn’t been any further information concerning the Fire Contract between the Westfield Fire & Rescue District and Village of Westfield Center.

### NEW BUSINESS –

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Trustee Likley announced and introduced Cheryl Porter as Westfield Township's Zoning Secretary with a monthly salary of \$450. She is a school teacher and has been on Brunswick Hills Board of Zoning Appeals and served as chairperson.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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|---------------|------------------------|--|---------|
| Nov. 25, 2013 | BZA                    | public hearing for Idle Air; conditional use and area variance | 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 2, 2013  | Fire & Rescue District | Regular Meeting  | 6:30 pm |
| Dec. 2, 2013  | Trustees               | Regular Meeting  | 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 10, 2013 | Zoning Commission      | Regular Meeting  | 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 16, 2013 | Trustees               | Public Hearings for zoning amendments                          | 6:00 pm |
| Dec. 16, 2013 | Trustees               | Regular Meeting  | 7:00 pm |

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

There being no further business to come before the board:

Trustee **Harris made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Unanimous**

Approved Dec. 2, 2013