

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, 6:30 PM March 10, 2008

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Rick Beck, Jim Hurley and John Stemble present. Others present: Howard Gantt, Reno Cameruca, Police Chief Rick Core, Erika Cummins, Steve Cummins, Teresa Bitters, Betty Rose, Don Lewis, Bill Glasgow, Mark Gibson, Mike Kinstle, Cliff May, and Tony Reames.

The meeting was opened by Chairman, John Stemble with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call.

Trustee Hurley made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Trustee Beck seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed.

The clerk presented and Trustee Hurley made a motion to pay the following bills:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
3111	789.15	Rick Beck
3112	1125.00	Randy Beck
3113	463.18	Reno Cameruca
3114	1071.33	Rick Core
3115	1220.44	Jason Faulder
3116	1543.17	Howard Gantt
3117	826.80	Jim Hurley
3118	26.56	Keith Klauer
3119	25.56	Don Lewis
3120	908.37	Lisa Miller
3121	1417.54	Dave Newland
3122	276.81	Theresa Newland
3123	1227.64	Adam Niederkohr
3124	26.56	Curtis Nielsen
3125	26.36	Joseph Opel
3126	795.83	John Stemble
3127	26.36	Steve Strauser
3128	1018.12	Charles Wirick
3129	1818.72	Internal Revenue Service
3130	353.73	Treasurer State of Ohio
3131	3941.23	OPERS
3132	949.07	Champaign Landmark Inc.
3133	59.45	LeVan's Service Center
3134	1578.45	Dayton Power & Light
3135	102.20	Lacal Equipment
3136	51.64	Lakeview Hardware
3137	1511.25	LUC Regional Planning Comm
3138	28.27	Lowe's Business Account
3139	451.54	Midway Marathon Inc.
3140	8.36	Reliable Pars & Supply
3141	156.49	Nextel Communications
3142	152.82	Nextel Communications
3143	445.08	Ohio Insurance Services Agency
3144	161.44	Pamela Stemble
3145	35.00	Police – Law Enforcement
3146	214.00	Randy Beck
3147	678.86	Staples
3148	165.07	Terry Beck
3149	75.50	Teachers Protective Mutual Life
3150	908.00	Vanve Outdoors
3151	414.23	Wren's Auto Parts & Service
3152	192.48	Embarq
3153	215.22	Law Enforcement Targets
3154	2726.00	Treasurer Logan County
3155	14.02	Anthem Blue Cross

Trustee Beck seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" - motion carried.

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The clerk also presented the Trustees for the period of 02/01/2008 – 02/29/2008 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signature. Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion and all answered “Aye” - motion carried.

CLERK BUSINESS – Lisa Miller

- Motion to Approve Mowing Contract from *Lawns Plus*
Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the mowing proposal as submitted by Cliff May for 2008 in the amount of \$310/per mowing (includes both cemeteries and weed eating) – this is the same cost as last year; no increase. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered “aye” and the motion was passed 3-0.
- The clerk presented to trustees mail received during the month of February, 2008:
 - ☑ Letter from Ameristop effective February 29, 2008 they have sold the business and new arrangements for charging gas (Police Dept) will need to be established with the new owners.
 - ☑ Letter from LUC, Jenny Snapp, listing services provided and an invoice for 2008 membership (\$1511.25)
 - ☑ Copy of letter Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, sent to Harvey Grimes confirming Washington Twp will put forth the additional monies needed to complete all asphaltting for roads submitted by the trustees for 2008.
 - ☑ Copy of the Logan County Health District regular meeting minutes
 - ☑ Letter from Buckeye Community Twenty Three regarding Point Village Apartments and the right of the trustees to submit comments to OHFA regarding development’s impact on our community.
 - ☑ Copy of all terms/names/addresses/phone numbers to trustees and department heads of all Washington Township employees and elected officials.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Core

- Month of Feb 52 calls for service; 7 investigative; 1 serve papers; 1 fight; 1 assist EMS; 1 to Juvenile Court; 12 suspicious vehicles/persons; 1 theft; 1 alarm drop 8 traffic; 6 house checks; reiterated how to request house check; 1 abandoned vehicle; 7 collect information calls; served 2 felony warrants; 1 weather related incident; 1 follow-up call.
- Submitted 18 cases to BMC
- Thanked the Road Crew / Trustee Beck for helping the police dept. on Tuesday night; a lot of downed power lines. Before ice chipped off his cruiser board of trustees and road crew were out chipping away at ice and snow / fallen trees; important for residents. Our twp was one of the quickest out there - heard a lot on the radio. Thank you very much.
- Aggressive thief - throws what's handy threw a window and runs in to get what he wants. Thirsty Turtle had one incident of this. We haven't seen too many other incidents – just FYI and to make the public aware.
- Invited to Pirates Cove to do Neighborhood Watch - all day event. This is an example of how the township police departments work with each other and the public.

Trustee Comment: Trustee Beck thanked Chief Core for being out there with traffic control to get those trees out of the way etc.. It was spooky to hear that crackling and stuff and then to try and direct traffic is too much. It's important for you to be out there with us - and we do appreciate it. Chief Core responded: We always are and are glad to do it.

ROAD DEPARTMENT - Howard Gantt

- Snow and ice pretty much
- Still need to look at two drainage problems at Five Parks
- Equipment repairs - IH needs taken in to White's in Urbana to check the clutch; leak in the seal in the rear wheel as well
- Thanked the trustees for their help with the snow removal

Trustee Comment: Trustee Stemble mentioned taking some dirt up and we did see some brush in the alleys. Trustee Hurley said we may want to rent a chipper and take a day to go around and chip the trees. Betty Rose asked if this includes branches and things like that as years ago township would come and take the branches they couldn't burn or set out for trash. Trustee Beck said it would be for anything in the alleys that are in the way on the road. The trustees feel it is the responsibility of the homeowner to clean up their own debris (including trees branches and brush) on their own property. Trustee Stemble mentioned that we do offer a spring cleanup in which we place dumpsters in three areas for our residents to dispose of unwanted items. Trustee Beck also mentioned there is a recycling center at Moundwood that is open and they are taking recyclables right now. It's illegal for a township employee to come on to the private property of any person and do anything as far as cleanup is concerned. He feels we go above and beyond by providing the dumpsters as most townships don't even do that much for their residents.

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ZONING DEPARTMENT - Reno Cameruca

- Wrote 6 different permits; 14 phone calls; 3 meetings set up
- State Prosecutor wants a meeting with Reno over Pirates Cove. He doesn't believe that we don't have any files.
- Spent 2 1/2 wks on that problem with the Amish; met with Jerry Heaton to get his thought on it
- Mike Bow has not gotten a date yet on property on CR 91
- On the development on 366 - Reno stated they have everything they need in place. Mike Bow will bring the information for that as well.

Trustee Comment: Trustee Hurley (regarding prosecutor requesting information on **Pirate's Cove**) told Reno to **not** respond to any requests from the attorney unless he has talked to Jerry Heaton first. Any communication between the township and the attorney making the request should be with the approval and involvement of Jerry Heaton, Washington Township's Legal Counsel. He also requested that Reno make a file with the date/time of all events - journal all records and contact Jerry Heaton so that he is fully aware of what's going on.

Trustee Hurley stated on the **development on 366** - if they are doing anything more than condos it has to be planned and if planned, done through LUC, plus, as discussed at our last meeting we want something in writing from EPA, LUC, etc.. Trustee Hurley spoke with Jenny Snapp from LUC, and she stated she knows nothing about this planned development and neither does Wes. Reno responded Mike Bow did call LUC and that they have everything - he will bring us copies of everything. Trustee Stemble stated that Jenny does know about it as he was present when Mike Bow made the call to LUC. Trustee Hurley and Trustee Beck both stated they felt slow is the way to go and make sure we have all of our T's crossed and I's dotted - they want to see approval in writing from LUC, EPA, Logan County Engineer's Office, and Jerry Heaton. The consensus of the trustees was for Reno to set up a meeting with Mike Bow, LUC, and the trustees to discuss this development and how it will affect Washington Township residents.

LUC BOARD - Trustee Beck

- Brought a copy of the minutes from the Feb. 14th Regional Planning Meeting.

FIRE BOARD - Trustee Stemble

- Brought the minutes and monthly revenue statement
- Grant writer hired last month, she is writing a grant for a new tanker and air packs; two grants. She has a 91% success rate in writing grants. She does it for a flat fee, plus a percentage if awarded.
- Renewal Levy coming up this year and a second one for a new fire truck the following year

EMS BOARD - Trustee Hurley

- Didn't meet due to ice, etc.. cancelled. Will meet on the 27th of March.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Betty Rose:** I haven't brought up - setback policies with my neighbors - I'm in adverse possession through the years and the public is using it. Now the original property line hits the alley and they are blocking people going in and out of the alley. Don't want to bring it up tonight as it's getting late - but, I haven't forgotten it. talked about \$30,000 for bike path. Cement is giving way at the spillway - we're going to lose the lake but we'll have a great bike path though

- **Erika & Steve Cummins** - Has anyone talked to Scott Coleman about the Amish?

Trustee Beck: Jenny was supposed to have contacted Coleman and he was to contact the Amish.

STEVE: have any of you three heard from Scott, the Amish, etc..

Trustee Beck: I can call Jenny or Scott to see where we're at on that whole thing. We've been plowing snow all weekend.

STEVE: I called her and she hasn't heard from Scott - Wes called Scott to say get it taken care of per Jerry.

ERIKA: They are still working on it. Someone told them to cut out the corner of the barn and that would satisfy everyone.

Trustee Stemble: That is what Jerry Heaton said. And Jerry didn't tell me I could not talk to them.

ERIKA: Your question to him was what do I need to tell these boys? Jerry said you need not tell them anything until Scott Coleman has talked to him - you don't need to do anything. They don't see those semis blocking that entire corner - it's dangerous to all involved.

Trustee Stemble: Jerry told you it was up to Scott Coleman - but he did not mention that I could not talk to them. I can go out there and talk to them any time I want to.

STEVE: Why are you trying to get this barn up without making the Amish follow the same rules as everyone else - what is your reason? You are putting people at risk for injury if you don't put a stop to it or at least set it back where it will be safer for everyone driving down that road.

ERIKA: Scott Coleman said that it needs to be set back - even if it agricultural use.

Trustee Stemble: But we can't enforce it. It's in ORC - as long as it's an agricultural barn - not much we can do.

ERIKA: What would happen if we farmed it and we spray the weeds that could affect their livestock?

Trustee Hurley: That's between neighbors - a civil case.

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- **Theresa Bitters** - concern w/ the bldg of homes with the 300' road frontage and 2 acres. Is that enforced with everyone or are Amish exempt from this also?
Trustee Beck: that's a flag lot - there are no flag lots so the answer is no.
Trustee Stemble: I asked how many houses on property are allowed. As long as they have 300' of road frontage and 2 acres per house.
STEVE: I know where there is a house going up in the spring - do not have 600' of road frontage (enough for two houses). Are the Amish exempt from all zoning laws? They are allowed to build what they want, when they want and not answer to anyone, including the township trustees.
Trustee Stemble: that was the one they were asking Jenny about.
Trustee Hurley: We need to find out who the head bishop is and have a talk and explain what rights they have and what rights we have. We need to make sure they understand everyone's rights
Trustee Beck: they need a copy of our zoning laws and pass it around - if you are building in Washington Township, these are the zoning laws and they must be followed.
DON LEWIS: Malcolm has talked to the bishop several times – he suggested we talk to the Bishop and things will go a lot better
Trustee Beck: Reno - find out who the bishop is, set up a meeting, one of the trustees will go with you and sit down with him to explain our zoning laws. We need them to come to our zoning board and zoning appeals as they make the changes and enforce the zoning laws - we will not over-ride our zoning boards. We have people from all over the twp - they are comprised of men/women from all over the township. North, South, farmers, industrial, women, men. That's why I like the open meetings now and then so the public can come and address those board members. Don Lewis is on the board of appeals. If you have a specific item for them - they will point you in the right direction, we won't over-ride them. They work hard for no more money than they get - volunteer their time as residents in the township.
TERESA: I was at a township meeting several years ago when the Amish where I live wanted to build a sawmill. Our understanding at that time to build a sawmill but not assemble the pallets and loading them up. Do they have a permit to be doing that?
Trustee Stemble: Enos Wagner is his name; Reno - find that zoning permit and find out what he is allowed to be doing. He lives above the covered bridge - wood is out in the road, semis are out in the road, and I don't even think know if he has a permit to build these pallets and load them.
TERESA: That's it.
Trustee Beck (to Steve and Erika): I think maybe you ought to call Scott yourself so you hear it from the horse's mouth. At least try to give him a call.

- **Bill Glasgow:** I have property behind ILHS (Harrison Norviels) we are interested in a Morton style bldg with home/barn etc..to accommodate as home on one end and lower with stalls for horses on the other end. We are looking at a 40 x 80 bldg and then 40 x 32 of it being living quarters with a loft area upstairs and a 40 x 48 area for horses and training horses in the center.
Trustee Beck: When would you get started Bill?
BILL: we have property in RP that we are closing on Monday to free us up to do what we want to do.
Trustee Beck: surveyed? Taking the trailer away?
BILL: yes- survey is done and, kids and me both can't wait to get the trailer out of there
Trustee Stemble: Talk to Reno - he will talk to you about a permit, etc...just get in touch with him.

- **Cliff May** - this years mowing contracts - nothings changed at all; including the price (\$310 per mowing). Need all three trustees to sign. Motion was approved and the contract signed by all trustees.

- **Mark / Mike** - Kalida Truck Equipt. We brought the truck out to you tonight. I have a quote on sandblasting and repainting from the cab back - frame and everything. **Trustee Beck:** does this include undercoating
MARK: no, but we can undercoat it for approx \$350 more. Poly fenders are \$450 for the pair installed - I would recommend it. **Trustee Beck:** I think it's real important that we keep those trucks up. Truck is in good shape but the bed is bad It will save you from replacing that truck. We'll discuss and get back with you in 30 days. MARK: we don't do the sand blasting - we have a place next door do it. I would say we would need the truck a week or so.
MARK: I have a bid for the truck. That's got Newell's Equipt. on it - I'll let Mike present that to you.
MIKE: Gave us a bid for a new truck. Price is \$94,195.75 less \$20,000 trade in - \$74,195.75. He knew where he could get a new plow worth \$10,500 for about \$6,000 with all connections. So we would have another \$6,000 on top of the quote and ignore the page with the plow. **Trustee Beck:** how much weight MIKE: 50" is standard and the truck is built for that. **Trustee Beck:** Lisa are we ready to go with this bid? **Fiscal Officer Miller:** asked if they are part of the State of Ohio Co-op program. MARK: no, we don't think we are but we could do a resolution. **Fiscal Officer Miller:** do you have a contract with the State of Ohio Co-op Program to submit bids? If not, we must publicly advertise anything we are purchasing over \$25,000 and also are required to advertise when we will open the bids in a public meeting; decision can be made by the trustees at that time. **Trustee Beck:** we better make sure we are covering all of our bases. We will get back to you if there is anything else we need.

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With no further business to come before the group Trustee Hurley made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Trustee Beck seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried. The next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** at the township hall.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

John Stemple, Chairperson

Rick Beck, Vice Chairperson

Jim Hurley, Member