

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Fiscal Officer Miller read roll call. Present were: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Trustee Berg, Chief Thompson, Gary Bias, John Newland, and Lisa Miller. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting, Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Obligations** - Fiscal Officer Miller presented financial obligations to the trustees. Trustee Faulder made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Berg seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Reports** - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 2/1/2024 – 2/29/2024 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Fund Summary Report, Receipt Register, Detailed Receipt Report, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status and Payment Register for their review, approval and signatures. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

#### **Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller**

- **Financial Report – Starting fund balance on February 1, 2024 was \$1,747,599.37.** Total Revenue deposited in February 2024 was \$50,099.93 but \$26,667 of that belongs to Alan Winner so we actually deposited \$24,332.93 in February and month ending balance on February 29, 2024 was \$1,742,447.33.
- **Dumpster Days** – Will it still be held Thursday, June 6th and Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> this year with all dumpsters at the township hall? I've already had a couple of residents email me about where/when dumpsters will be placed. If so, John, can you get in touch with your contact and make the arrangements? John: Yes, I'll give him a call.
- **The 2024 Annual Financial Report was filed with the Auditor of State of Ohio** and advertised in the Bellefontaine Examiner that it is available for viewing.
- **Annual Appropriations** – I have prepared the 2024 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Trustee approval by resolution tonight and will then enter them into the UAN system and take a copy of the permanent appropriations to Auditor Jack Reser.
- **Motion to approve the new 2024 Pay Rate and Pay Step Scale** as well as retroactive pay for January and February, 2024 for the Road and Police Department. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve both the 2024 Pay Rate effective March 1, 2024 as well as retroactive pay for January and February, 2024 using same hours with the only difference being paid is between what they were paid at the old salary and the new salary approved today. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- **Resolution 2024-004 In the Matter of Adoption of the Permanent Appropriations for FY2024**  
Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the adoption of the permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 and Trustee Faulder seconded the approval. Washington Township's Permanent Appropriations for FY2024 was adopted on March 11, 2024. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" motion to approve passed 3-0.
- **Resolution 2024-005 Request an Increase in Revenue and Appropriations for the current year.** Due to the receipt of funds from Ohio Insurance Company (\$26,667) and our certificate of estimated revenue for 2024 having already been approved by our County Auditor, Jack Reser, now requires the certificate of estimated resources and appropriations both be amended. I requested Ohio AOS to select the revenue and appropriations account numbers, which they did provide custodial account numbers for the \$26,667. Jack will mail me an amended certificate of estimated resources which will allow me to receive and later to appropriate that same amount for a check made out to Alan Winner (per Ohio Insurance Company). Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-005 and Trustee Berg seconded. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" motion to approve passed 3-0
- **Resolution 2024-006 - In the Matter of the Adoption of The American Rescue Plan revenue loss provision for 2022 Department of Treasury allocation of Government Services expenditures** Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve resolution 2024-006 after approval by the Logan County Auditor and the Washington Township Trustees who discussed and voted to reimburse the General Fund (1000) \$64,071.35 and expense same from the ARPA Fund (2272) as a general government services revenue replacement as allowed by the Final Rule of ARPA on Jan. 6, 2022, of the Department of Treasury. The remaining amount for 2024 reimbursements which won't take place until 2025 is \$67.50. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-006 on March 11, 2024 was passed 3-0.

#### **Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson**

##### **Updates**

- Calls for service - Still unable to get calls for service numbers. We have seen an uptick in sexual assault cases in February.
- CPR/First Aid – we will be hosting this class on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8a-1p at the township building for Boaters Helping Boaters.
- Solar Eclipse – We will treat the weekend just like fireworks weekend. Extra officers will be out throughout the weekend and all officers will be working on Monday.
- Firearms Qual – May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9a – 1p at the PD Range.
- CPT "wet lab" – May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8a – 4p at the township building. This is pending state approval to go towards our 24 hours of mandated continued professional training. Will be open to other PD's as well.

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**Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson (Cont'd):**

- Bruno retirement – I would like to retire K9 Bruno on May 31, 2024.
- Nuisance properties – courtesy letters went out to 7452 Foster Street and 7484 Foster Street for garbage, debris and barking dogs. Hand delivered the attorney for 8887 College Street the final letter. Kidder property on Allen Drive goes to Sheriff Sale on 3/20/24. Numerous spring time complaints are being organized for follow up once the weather gets nicer.
- WTPOA – Logan County Law Enforcement Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> starting at noon. WTPOA purchased 500 pre filled easter eggs for this event.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2081-001** Declaring a Nuisance at 8887 College Street, Lakeview, Ohio 43331
- Von Der Haus Gill German Shepherds - \$11,700 for the purchase of our new K9 to begin training on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This includes the dog, training, and equipment. Motion to purchase dog – Trustee Faulder made a motion to purchase the dog. Trustee Berg seconded the motion, and all answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.
- D.A.R.E. Graduation - \$836.00 for graduation T-shirts, certificates, and teacher’s gifts. We have money left over from a United Way grant to cover this. Graduation is set for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Faulder made a motion to purchase the dare shirts. Trustee Berg seconded the motion, and all answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.

**Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent**

- John was down a couple of guys for a couple of weeks, so did some maintenance.
- Dealing with the drains. It is a big mess because it had to be submitted to the EPA for a sample. Fuel and oil was in the tanks.
- Took the new truck to Hillard and it could not be fixed. Said John would need to take it to Allison and would need to pay the \$ 1000.00 to fix it. John called the general manager, and he agreed that they should have taken care of anything that needed to be taken care of. John will take the truck back to them and drop it off. They will fix the issues that is wrong with it. Battery goes dead in about 2 days; you can’t spread grit or raise the plow unless you are going about 6 mph.
- Going to remove the tree on Poplar.
- Poles are in on 47 and Twp rd. 33.
- Need to do two footers in Lewistown cemetery.
- We need to decide on the cost of the plots. John has never sold one. Trustees agree it should be \$ 500.00.
- Would like to replace a tree at the park. Would like to put one in for Rick Beck, the ball association would like to purchase the tree.

**Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector**

- I handled approximately 110 calls last month.
- Issued (2) zoning permits for:
  - Permit #1637 for demolish permit on SR 366 (Anita Parks)
  - Permit #1638 for a new barn dominium on TR 211
  - Permit #1639 for a new accessory building on Crescent St.
  - Permit #1640 for 2 new signs on SR 366
- No change to report for Francis’s parcel in Lewistown.
  - Have the trustees, Lisa, or John received any of the paperwork needed to take the tree in the ROW on 7424 Foster St. owned by Kiaya Johnson. I sent her the vendor paperwork on 2/16/24 & told her to have it sent to Lisa. FO Miller/Trustees/John: None of us have received any paperwork from Kiaya Johnson.
- Emailed the Property Connect Realtor to see if the new owner has decided what they will do with the James E. Mills property at 8937 Crescent St, Lakeview, OH 43331, parcel 51-032-06-16-01-000 which was sold at public auction.
- The Senate Select Committee on Housing was created to make recommendations to the General Assembly for reforms to help build more housing in the state of Ohio. Among the suggestions that have been given to the committee to consider are eliminating township zoning and eliminating the right of a zoning referendum. The OTA unequivocally opposes these ideas.
- Michael and/or Logan will be briefing the trustees on what has been done on nuisance complaints and disabled vehicles.
- Residents can get the complaint forms on our Washtwp.net website or from the covered billboard outside.
- Have not heard back from the cell tower company about installing a tower out the Mees parcel on SR 235 after telling them there is an existing disabled and junk vehicles warning that has not been settled yet.
- I have been contacted about replacing the equipment on the telecommunication tower and in the building across the street for the data center on CR 61. The address they gave me shows the HTM parcel not the DP&L parcel it sits on. I replied to them concerning this issue but have not heard back from them yet.
- Any questions or follow-ups for me?

**Trustees, please answer my questions referenced by the item number above in Monday’s Twp. meeting.**

- Has Lisa, John or the Trustees received the vendor paperwork on the ROW tree removal on Foster Street? - No
- Will Lisa and the trustees be issuing payment to the Winners from fire cleanup and the construction started? - Yes
- Last I heard from Logan Brown is that he is OK for now & will not need a laptop, correct? – Correct
- Is there around \$15,000 in the nuisance budget? – Yes
- I forwarded an email from Aaron at the LUC on how they think we should be handling junk and disabled vehicles. Are the trustees and police department OK with that?
- Did the Bike Trail resolution get sent to the LUC? – FO Miller: Yes, on February 13th
- Do we want to renew Norton Anti-virus software or get another one for my township laptop? You choose and renew.

**LUC Board – Trustee Berg**

- Nothing

**EMS Board – Trustee Lewis**

- 131 runs
- Current balance is now a Positive Pay Fund
- Checking balance \$ 42,239
- Approved a new community for financial.
- Training on the Zoll 1 shift
- Steve Reid is new member of Russells Point EMS
- Not going to purchase the police vehicle, going to explore other avenues.
- Requesting another Echo, looking into

**Fire Board – Trustee Faulder**

- Had a few mutual aid runs with DeGraff and Lakeview
- Checking and CD balances \$ 547,000
- Blow up house will be arriving soon.
- Approved the specs for the new firetruck. At the next meeting will open up those bids. Everything is preapproved through Civita bank.
- Department will be on site and bringing in an extra fuel truck for the Solar Eclipse.

**Old Business – Trustees**

- Working on the indigent burial policy
- John would like to put in the web site if families have plots in the cemetery that have not been used can they let us know and an idea where they are at. We would like to get the maps in better shape. Lisa: Maps have been updated and no sites sold since Randy left.

**New Business – Trustees**

- Lawn’s Plus Mowing - prices will be the same this year, unless gas goes over \$ 4.00 then there will be a surcharge of \$ 15.00. Concerns with his work, Don will talk to him.
- Records retention meeting, Trustee Faulder asked to have a special meeting before the regular meeting at 6:20 on April 8.

**Public Comments**

- Open Roads Renewable giving update on community engagement schedule, will be doing 5 meetings starting in April. Start times at 5:30 PM. Will be hearing from community members. These are the meeting dates, will update on the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting date.
  - April 10 Ohio Hi Point
  - April 11 Indian Lake High School
  - April 16 Ohio Hi Point
  - April 17 Indian Lake High School
- Aubrey Snapp: Indian Lake ball Association and Huntsville ball Association have combined and will start working on fields and cleaning them up. We will donate a tree for Rick Beck at the park. Would like to meet with John on projects that might need done at the park that the ball association can donate to the park. Also, would like to ask that Open Road Renewable not be allowed to speak at the meetings involving any discussion about solar without proper notification. Making an announcement for public meetings is ok. Trustee Faulder asked Open Roads to give Trustees a heads up if they plan to make any comments other than meeting dates.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM Trustee Berg seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

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Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Don Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Jason Faulder, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Tucker Berg, Member of the Board of Trustees