

**WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2007
7:00 PM**

Chairman, Jeff Plumer, opened the meeting by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees in attendance: Tim Kratzer, Carolyn Sims, Jeff Plumer

Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans in attendance and recording the minutes.

Employees: Fire Chief, Jack Snoddy; Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris; Road Maint., Lee Evans; Zoning secretary and member Ron & Marlene Oiler.

Residents: Mr & Mrs Broadbridge; Mr. Drake; Tom Gallatin, Village resident and council member, Pat Edington; Frank Galiat.

Jeff asked if the audience had any comments. No one answered.

FIRE REPORT:

Jack reported 41 fire/rescue calls for the month of January 07. 20-25% of the calls were mutual aid to Lodi. This will be an issue for a while due to volunteers moving on, changing jobs etc. Jack is optimistic that the problem will remedy itself. Jeff asked the question if Westfield Twp. Trustees should talk with Lodi. Jack assured the board that he is trying to work with Lodi. Other suggestions:

- √ Both mayors get together
- √ Call Lodi's safety committee (Melody Miller) to see if they have a plan
- √ Fire committee put something together

Jack also stated "if people are lost from the volunteer roster, it is not a quick fix".

CLERK'S REPORT:

Martha explained the various informational reports that was available to all in attendance. The payment register of checks to be signed at this meeting; Fund Status report that gives all available amounts for the different funds (checking account; investment balances); Receipt register (all receipts to date).

Yellow page advertising - No

Audit - The township does have a contract with Knox & Knox from Orrville, which would cover the audit period of 2005 & 2006. This is a 3-way contract - State/Township/Knox. Martha was advised by Senior Audit Manager in Canton that a letter would be necessary to the regional office in Canton to see if the state would let the contract be broken. There is no way the State Auditor's office can do the audit because of lack of personnel and time. Jeff gave Martha permission to write the letter to State Auditor's Office in Canton.

Carolyn stated she had an e-mail correspondence from Knox & Knox that they are willing to break their contract with Westfield Township.

ROADS:

Lee stated he would recommend not to pay Gledhill for the snow plow, auger and installation because the equipment is not right yet. He will be sending the truck back for the corrections and also he will bill them for the 3 new batteries because it was a short in a live battery cable left exposed after Gledhill worked on the truck.

Lee was on overtime during the snow and had Kevin Evans help plow to cut down on the expense. 160.83 tons of salt was delivered last week. Lee is hoping this will be adequate for the rest of the winter. He has used 1/2 of what was usually used.

Carolyn complimented Lee on the condition of the roads during the snow. Carolyn had a few residents comment to her that the roads were in excellent condition. Carolyn also alluded to the fact that Lee was injured Jan. 25, 2007 (burn to right little finger due to an electrical burn when the batteries on the truck shorted). He was treated at Lodi ER but now is being treated at the Akron Children's Outpatient Burn Unit. There has not been any communication from the Grubiss'.

PARKS & CEMETERY:

Tim reported there will be a burial 2/6/07 and Joe Lewis brought his back hoe up to the township garage today so it will be warm and will start for tomorrow. Tim brought up that it is the time of year to get the bids out for stone, road work, maintenance on the park and cemetery.

Pat Edington, council person from the Village of Westfield Center stated the Village of Westfield Center would like to maintain the park to ward off any further criticism. The village has the man power and equipment to perform the work. Carolyn would like not to bid the maintenance. Tim and Jeff stated it would be more fair to bid the maintenance of the park and let the village participate in the bidding process.

FIRE:

Jack took the floor by relating the Fire Committee opened the 2 bids for the Air Packs Jan. 31, 2007. There was about \$490 difference in the two bids.

The bid was let at \$65,000.

Air Packs were ordered.

Volunteers will be fitted for their personal mask within a week.

Truck committee is working trying to get the numbers in place for a new pumper or ladder fire truck and adding on to the present fire station in Westfield Center because the present station is too small to accommodate any new equipment.

After the estimated cost for the truck and addition the trustees will look at their budget and see how to fund the future expenditures.

Martha presented a bill from the Medina Co. Technical Rescue Team. This is a speciality rescue team and is now getting the equipment needed. Jack stated the formula is the same as for the Emergency Management. Trustees agreed to table this bill until further research is done.

ZONING:

Jeff announced the two zoning commission meetings scheduled for:

February 13, 2007 @ 7:30 pm

February 27, 2007 @ 7:30 pm

The meetings are to discuss the possible rezoning of Greenwich Rd. East to Hulbert Rd. and the east side of Lake Road north.

The February 7th, 2007 trustees meeting to approve the minutes from 2006 was cancelled and will be March 13th, 2007 @ 1:00 pm

Tim asked Marlene to pull the 2006 unapproved minutes from the Web Site. Tim also asked why he was not listed as chairperson for the park & cemetery. It must have been an over site. Marlene will see that it is corrected and a contact phone number listed.

Carolyn reported on the county water meeting January 30, 2007

- √ The building of the new water treatment plant off Garman Rd is going forward and on schedule
- √ Eventually the new plant may replace the present Westfield Center treatment plant
- √ Plans for extending water to the township residents to the north and west of Westfield Rd.
- √ Concern about well fields in the farming community
- √ Medina County will monitor wells in a 1 mile radius
- √ Residents may have HAD out of Rittman or monitor their own wells.
- √ Residents on Kennard and Ballash expressed desire to be able to receive county water.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeff still hasn't heard from the gentleman about the audio system.

Time Warner still has not gotten back to Martha or Jeff concerning cable service to the office.

Carolyn asked Gary for a copy of the sign study on Lake Rd. Jeff asked Gary about the other violations and progress. Helms is OK now but has a few more things to move.

Knoll is OK for the winter as they are trying to straighten things up and get organized. Gary is waiting for better weather before he pursues any further. Westfield Terrace still has 2 pieces of equipment that needs to be removed. Gary stated the Zuber violation will be addressed when the weather breaks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff requested when an employee becomes injured, **all** trustees are to be notified. Jeff did not know about Lee getting injured until Monday.

Jeff requested he be provided with the cell tower lease/contract. The township had received a letter in July 2006 concerning the cell tower lease. Jeff is going to try to negotiate the lease.

Carolyn reported that the information she gleaned from the OTA conference, the going rate for cell towers are \$2,000 per month.

County Auditor is getting new software provided by a grant to take aerial photos of the property. Even can tell if there is a broken window. Judge McIlvaine will be here for the March 19th, 2007 meeting.

MINUTES:

January 30, 2007

Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Carolyn.

Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

January 15, 2007

Carolyn made a motion to accept January 15, 2007 minutes as corrected, seconded by Tim.

Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

January 17, 2007

Tim made a motion to accept January 17, 2007 minutes as corrected, seconded by Carolyn.

Tim made a motion to pay the bills, a copy of which is attached, seconded by Carolyn.

Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

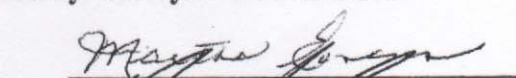
Jeff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn. Unanimous.



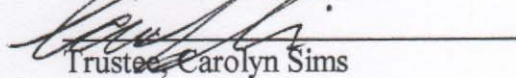
Chairman, Jeffrey Plimer



Trustee, Timothy Kratzer



Clerk, Martha Evans



Trustee, Carolyn Sims