

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2008
7:00 pm

Chairperson, Carolyn Sims, called the meeting to order by asking those in attendance to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Trustees in attendance: James Likley, Carolyn Sims, and Timothy Kratzer.

Martha Evans, fiscal officer/clerk was also in attendance. A sign in sheet of attendees is attached to the minutes in the clerk's office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mark Goffinet from the county auditor's office announced:

1. 2008 real estate tax info is available on line.
2. M. Kovach (County Auditor) received the 14th consecutive certificate of achievement (highest award) from the Government Financial Board.

Carolyn: There was a lengthy discussion regarding information reflected in newspaper editorials written about the campground service road.

- Deana Lacko asked what misinformation was being spread referenced in the Trading Post editorial. Trustee Sims asked Ryan Gregoire whether his property was donated or taken by eminent domain by ODOT. Ryan replied that Willie Carrasco property was taken by the state and his family's property was purchased at fair market value.
- There was discussion regarding the three alternate road locations proposed to replace the original campground access road taken by the state.
- Trustee Sims explained that the township asked Ryan & Kelly Gregoire to comprise with Mr. Carrasco in picking a mutually agreeable road name by the Jan. 25th, 2008 meeting. At the meeting on Jan. 25th, 2008 a mutually agreeable name had not been selected, and the township moved forward by choosing a community-oriented name in order not to take sides or offend either family with frontage along the new road.
- Willie Carrasco agreed to allow the Gregoire to choose from Mrs. Gregoire's, first name, middle name, nickname or maiden name to name the new road. Ryan & Kelly Gregoire declined stating his mother didn't like her first name or her nickname, or her middle name. They felt her middle name was too common and her maiden name may already exist as a road.
- Karen Fisher read a written statement and asked it to be included in the meeting minutes. She also requested more detailed meeting minutes be taken. Karen Fisher asked for a revote on the road name.
- Chairman Sims explained that enough time had been spent to discuss the issue and she did not see anything changing between the two parties or the Board of Trustee's decision.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The fiscal officer presented bills in the amount of \$10,389.48 for payment(a copy of attached to the minutes in the clerk's office).

Jim made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Tim. Roll call: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

An e-mail received from Mr. Delagrange thanking Jack Snoddy and Lee Evans for their assistance in pumping the water out of his basement during the heavy rain. Assistant Prosecutor, James Bennett notified the township he has taken a position with US Attorney's Office in Cleveland.

Carolyn gave the fiscal officer a copy of the ethics law and asked if copies could be made and distributed to each employee.

Carolyn has verbally asked Mr. Thorne to secure the papers declaring executor or POA to the Grubis estate. There are 3 siblings. There has not been a variance application submitted to the township.

February 25, 2008 @ 10:45 am is site inspection for vacation of east end of Westfield Landing Road by the Medina County Commissioners, with the hearing scheduled 2-25-08 @ 1:00 pm.

8124 Westfield Landing Road (Mr. Donald Smith)

Mr. Smith was informed that the trustees passed a resolution last meeting asking the Medina County Engineers office to re-evaluate the drainage issue at culvert no. 2 on Westfield Landing. Road. Mr. Smith asked Tim why the engineer's suggestions in 2006 were not carried out. Carolyn replied "It is being addressed".

7611 Greenwich Rd. (Nelson)

There is not any further information concerning the levying of liens. Carolyn will write to Bill Thorne.

PARK & CEMETERY

Transfer of the 2 cemeteries in Westfield Center is at the bottom of Bill's list.

Tim will follow up on a letter of intent from the Village of Westfield Center concerning the maintenance of the park.

ZONING FEES

Tim did not see the need to increase the fees as proposed. Tim felt all rates should have been increased across the board, not just a few. Jim mentioned that the zoning expenses exceed the income by \$20,000 per year.

Carolyn made a motion to revise the rates as noted (A) page 1 alteration effective Feb. 19, 2008, seconded by Jim.

No further discussion.

Roll call: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, nay.

Carolyn asked Tim for a reason. Tim did not have a reason to say no, as I gave my reason at the beginning of the discussion prior to the motion.

Carolyn mentioned that Mr. Scheetz is expected to have Kratzer text amendment in next week.

Carolyn prepared RESOLUTION 2008-05 A RESOLUTION OF POLICY FOR APPROVAL OF SUB-DIVIDING LAND PARCELS IN WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP OTHERWISE REFERRED TO AS A LOT SPLIT.

Carolyn made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2008-05, seconded by Jim.

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

Martha was asked to get a bond for zoning secretary, Kim Ferencz

Carolyn read a proposal from Megan & Haley Daugherty offering general weeding services for the landscaping around the Westfield Township Building. Services will be performed on a monthly basis May – October 2008. These services will be performed pro bono.

Carolyn made a motion to accept the proposal letter, seconded by Jim. Roll call: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye. Carolyn prepared 2 letters for each Daugherty girl and all three (3) trustees signed the letters.

CELL TOWER:

Jim met with the agent from Unison concerning the purchase of cell tower lease. There will be a proposal submitted for the trustees to look at. This was tabled until further info is received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 19, 2008 Cloverleaf Leadership Dinner

Feb. 21, 2008 Medina Township Assoc Meeting

March 12, 2008 Planning Services Training Flood Plains

March 20, 2008 Medina Co. Health District Advisory Council 5:30 pm

Ditch Enclosure @ 6177 Buffham Rd. (Aavon & Shannon Clingan)

The cement wall has fallen over and mail box is not standing because of the soft shoulder. Resident wants a permanent solution (ditch enclosure) not a quick fix but does not want to pay for part of the pipe.

Jim made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of employee discipline, seconded by Carolyn. Roll call: Jim aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Carolyn made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Tim. Roll call: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

No discussion at this time.


Martha made the following statement: Since Mrs. Fisher and Carolyn Sims has made it known that the minutes that I take are not giving a true and complete detail of the Westfield Township Trustees meetings, I now am informing the board a DVD recording will be given to a person that will type the minutes verbatim. Most people either ask for a copy of DVD if they want word for word. There were more tape recorders and a camcorder at this meeting that one cares to count.

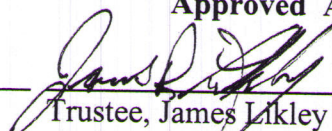
Jim: you prepare the minutes and convey the spirit, thought and discussion. We do not need to go to the expense.

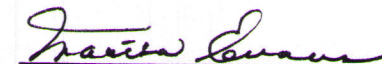
Carolyn: We have some corrections or clarifications but your minutes are OK.

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

Approved April 7, 2008


Trustee, Carolyn Sims


Trustee, James Likley


Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans

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