# WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING February 1, 2010 7:00 pm

Chairman Oiler opened the meeting by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Gary Harris, James Likley, and Ronald Oiler. Fiscal Officer (F.O.) is present. A sign in sheet for others that were in attendance is attached to the minutes. The guests were welcomed by Trustee Oiler.

AUDITOR REPORT: 1. Left Homestead exemption brochures and applications and the auditor's newsletter to be made available to the public.

2. Announced Feb. 6, 2010 11 am-3 pm the Chocolate Festival at the Performing Arts Center

FISCAL OFFICER: 1. Bills in the amount of \$11,761.78 (List attached) <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if the original list is different, was due to a math error. <u>F.O.</u> answered, yes. <u>Trustee</u> <u>Likley</u> had a question if the mileage on Trustee Harris' reimbursement check was for 2009. <u>F.O.</u> answered, yes sir.

# Trustee Oiler made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Harris.

Roll call: Trustee Likley, aye; Trustee Harris, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye.

Fund Status report: Checking balance \$323,506.31 Investment balance \$535,577.43 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Medina Co. Engineer regarding SEPTIC SYSTEM OUTFALLS TO TOWNSHIP RIGHT-OF-WAYS (attached) Trustee Likley asked if Mr. Evans has received a copy. F.O. answered, yes. Trustee Likley addressed Mr. Evans by asking if he could give any insight on this drainage that would be coming into essentially the township culverts. Mr. Evans replied I really haven't read that letter. <u>Trustee Likley</u> feels its important that we work with the highway engineer or county engineer as to a standard as to how far back its going to be set, how far into the drainage ditch, so that in the event that we have to go back in and clean that culvert, ditch or drainage system out that we are not having the liability of repairing their drain tile coming out in our ditch. Mr. Evans stated as far as he was concerned they should have to get a permit from the township. F.O. stated the applicant needs a letter from the Board of Trustees. <u>Trustee Likley suggested coming up with some</u> standards, how far out it can extend out into the culvert and maybe a disclaimer of some type in the event we have go back and clean that drainage system or ditch that we are not either reliable for repairs to that pipe or they have to be aware of that situation. Mr. Evans: I can talk with Rick Tomko about having an open swale to that ditch instead a pipe coming out into the ditch.

The county engineer will have the say where it exactly will be. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: an open swale outside the road right of way would eliminate future damage to that pipe in the event we have to go in and clean the ditch out. <u>Mr. Evans</u>: I will get with Rick and let you know.

2. Letter from the Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals F.O. stated that in 2009 the township did not contribute to this organization. <u>Trustee Likley</u> stated this is not a bill it is just asking for our support in their responsibilities. The road supervisor has gone out and picked up animals along our roads as well as the county roads to clear the roads.

Trustee Oiler made a motion not to contribute to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, seconded by Trustee Harris.

Roll call: Trustee Harris, aye; Trustee Likley, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye.

3. <u>REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR DAMAGED WATER LINES FROM THE MEDINA</u> COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,745.92

Trustee Oiler asked for the expertise of Trustee Likley to resolve this. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: We have a scheduled meeting with Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Thorne next Monday, which we once again present this bill to legal council and accept his recommendations regarding this. It has not been the consensus or opinion of this board or the previous board that the township has any responsibility or ownership in reimbursement of water line repair. I would turn it to legal council and have him review the expenses and then take action from there. All trustees agreed that would be fair.

<u>Trustee Likley</u> stated in saying that in advertising the meeting that is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> for fire funding I would recommend that be advertised also as General Session or General Business as well for that purpose as it allows us to utilize Mr. Thorne outside of strictly fire funding. If we have additional questions that can be addressed under general business. In advertising special meetings, especially with Mr. Thorne I recommend that general business be also included as well. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> asked F.O. if that could be changed and she answered, sure.

4. <u>e-mail correspondence between Trustee Oiler and Mark Majewski</u> (it will addressed during the zoning portion of the meeting)

5. <u>Letter from Medina Co. Prosecutor's office regarding DISABLED RECREATIONAL</u> <u>VEHICLE 5363 SEVILLE ROAD</u> (also will be addressed during the zoning portion of the meeting)

6. <u>Urban Forestry Conference</u> <u>Trustee Likley</u> announced he would not be available to attend. I will convey that information to my committee member and if she is interested in attending we will make sure she has all that info.

7. <u>Notification from NEOACA of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter proposed transportation projects in</u> <u>Medina County</u> 8. <u>Easter Egg Hunt Committee</u> F.O. stated last year we did not participate because we wanted to be sure they are in the status of a non-profit organization. **Trustee Oiler made a motion that we will not participate in the SEEK Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Trustee Likley.** 

Discussion: <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if there was any clarification from last year as to their non-profit status.

<u>F.O.</u> answered, they did not provide anything. I can call Michelle Fontana and ask. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: I would just add to that the reason for the concern is that we had given a donation to this worthy cause in the past.

Under advisement from legal council that we do not do that until a non-profit status was confirmed. We do not have that. **Roll call vote: Trustee Oiler, aye; Trustee, Harris, aye; Trustee Likley, aye.** 

9. <u>Letter from Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Coop</u> F.O. turned the topic over to Trustee Oiler because he had attended the commissioners meeting discussing the electric aggregation.

<u>Trustee Likley</u>: Before we get into this topic I think we should notify SEEK organization that we are not able to contribute this year. <u>F.O.</u> if they can supply info concerning the non-profit maybe next year we can contribute.

<u>Trustee Oiler</u>: Basic synopsis of the letter from Lorain-Medina Rural Electric is that it will not affect anything with those customers. The second part of it they will support those of who are FirstEnergy customers and support going to aggregation. Are there any comments from anyone?

<u>Trustee Likley</u>: They also stated they would be communicating with their customers because their customers from Lorain Community Rural Electric would also have the opportunity to vote on this aggregation issue. Lorain-Medina Rural Electric would be sending communication to their customers in support of the aggregation and confirming to them that they would not be effected or be a part of the aggregation because their rates are even less.

<u>Unidentified speaker</u>: Where does Lorain Community serve?

F.O. answered, over in the western portion of Medina County.

<u>Trustee Likley</u>: Lorain-Medina Rural Electric customers will not automatically be put into it the aggregation program but still remain with Lorain-Medina Rural Electric but they will still have the opportunity to vote, because it will go through out the county and each township will have a count of people that are in favor of the aggregation.

# MEETING MINUTES

<u>January 11, 2010</u> <u>Trustee Likley</u>: page 1- 5th paragraph "Recommendation......rotation every 20 years for fire apparatus and a squad every 10 years". <u>Trustee Likley</u> stated he may have said 5 years but it should reflect the squad trucks are a 10 year rotation and fire apparatus equipment is 20 years. The fact is there is a squad truck up for rotation every 5 years because there are two squads.

Trustee Likley moved to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Oiler.

Roll call vote: Trustee Likley, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye; Trustee Harris, aye. January 18, 2010 (Records Commission)

Trustee Likley moved to approve the January 18; 2010 (Records Commission) minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call vote: Trustee Harris, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye; Trustee Likley, aye.

January 18, 2010 (Regular Meeting) Trustee Likley: Page 6-3<sup>rd</sup> line to the right "...Mr. Harris is in the <u>uppa</u>.."

Page 7-1. 9th and 11th line. Add Mr. Krolikowski's name instead of the pronoun I.

Trustee Harris: Page 6-2<sup>nd</sup> line "the review...Lake Road north....."

Trustee Oiler: Page 2-C.1.6th line " This is not an ...... " add is

Trustee Likley made a motion to approve January 18, 2010 minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call vote: Trustee Harris, aye; Trustee Likley, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye.

January 25, 2010 (Special Meeting Fire Dept. Funding) <u>Trustee Likley</u>: "I cannot accept the minutes as presented, I think there was a lot of discussion. I know there was a lot of rambling and communication back and forth. I listened to the audio and the audio is very clear. It was 2.5 hour meeting; I think additional information should be presented in the maintained copy or the maintained records of that meeting. It does not indicate that fiscal officers were present, legal council from the village or the township was present. I just feel that this does not reflect much of the conversation that transpired in that meeting. I think it is too important of a meeting to short change it for the record."

**No action was taken.** <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if we can look the January 25, 2010 minutes again and reflect a little bit more of the conversation that transpired. <u>F.O.</u> answered, "That can be done".

# PARK and CEMETERY

<u>Trustee Likley</u> reported he asked Jill Daugherty to be on the committee to work with me as well as the village in the parks and cemeteries. She was more than happy to oblige. I will communicate with her this information on the forestry seminar that is coming up and if she is available and interested I will make that information available to her. I talked with Pat Edington and she is the village park representative. We haven't had a meeting as of yet but as spring gets closer I am sure we will. She anticipates possibly fertilizing the trees this year, it has been awhile and I know that is always an issue but we also be looking at some of the tree trimming that is needed for the trees. I do want to let every one know that Jill Daugherty is the committee person and I would also ask that do we have a formal

accurate layout of plots available to the cemetery and have a map and layout of that. Lee answered, yes. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: That is one of the things that asked about for the web site as well – make that available. I will get with Lee and we will review that to make sure that it is up to date that I am fully aware of that.

<u>F.O.</u> asked if there was a charge for that forestry conference. Trustee Likley would have to review it to see what the cost is and see what her interest is in it and if available to attend.

#### FIRE DEPT. REPORT

<u>Trustee Oiler</u> stated he was going to delay that until the February 8, 2010 meeting.

### <u>ROADS</u> (School Zone Flashing Lights)

Lee stated he had checked into the school zone flashing lights late last year with the grant writer. I touched base with her again (trustees have copy). Jan. 21st, 2010 she sent an email that she is working on a large grant and as soon as she had time to search for what grants were available, she would forward all the documentation to me. I told her we wanted the same one that the county has installed on Friendsville Road. Tapco is the manufacturer the price is \$1,750 just for the sign, also you must get the time clock which is \$475. For two (2) signs it will be almost \$4,500. I have talked with the county and when they reset the timers they will reset our timers. We do not have to buy the hand held to plug in and change the timers. That will save us money because they are about \$164.00. <u>Trustee Likley</u> stated it is about \$600 for the grant writer fee. By the time you get the signs installed it may well be \$5,000. Trustee Likley stated he is willing to support spending the \$600 for the grant writer if we can defer some of the cost of the school zone flashing signs. Lee stated, she will forward all documentation such as a mock resolution and everything that we will need to move forward to hire her to get but she wants to search for it first. If it is not until late fall, we would like to know that. Trustee Likley: The sheriff's deputy stated when he was here he would like them ASAP. We cannot spend the money up front but must wait until the grant is received to proceed. We will then communicate with the school and deputy as to the situation. We had talked when the deputy was here as to putting up a sign with school zone hours. People do not realize what the school zone hours are. Lee: I would suggest that you look on the new signs on Friendsville Rd. because it says "When children are present". It does not specify the hours. The flashing lights are on only during the specified hours. Trustee Likley: When is the speed limit imposed? Retired State Highway Patrolman, Matthew Witmer clarified by stating "Basically the signs are for when children are coming to or leaving school not after hours."

<u>Trustee Likley:</u> That 20 mph limit is that time frame. <u>Mr. Witmer:</u> When school buses or parents going in and out, that when the time applies. If it is in the middle of the day it doesn't apply. <u>Lee:</u> "On Buffham Road I will have multiple times because of the difference in times for the high school and elementary school". The flashers would be

better because they can be activated during the specific hours. <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if Lee could look into getting a similar signage that when children are present. That was one of the things that he requested that people are not familiar with the time frame so it's tough to enforce that school zone. He has people driving 40 mph through a school zone but they do not know the time frame.

Lee: This flashing light is solar powered and sooner or later we will have to buy a battery pack. <u>Trustee Harris</u> asked if the lights flashed during sporting events. <u>Lee</u> answered, no. <u>John Miller</u> asked where the flashing lights would be. <u>Lee</u> stated the flashing lights are already on Friendsville Rd and we are only talking about installing 2 on Buffham Rd. <u>Mr. Miller</u> stated traffic must stop at the stop signs anyhow so why not say 20 mph all day every day. <u>Lee</u> replied the state will not let you do that. There is a lot of studies, traffic count, count the number of driveways, how far the sight distance is, and how wide the road. They will send all that info down to ODOT and then ODOT will make a decision of whether or not I can lower that speed limit. It is pretty tough to get them to let you lower that speed limit. The school cross bars are on the road west of the stop sign on Buffham and there is a school zone sign there also.

# Remodel of the Fire Station

Originally the village and township approved \$10,000 for the remodeling of the fire station (each entity \$5,000) the bill has come for the amount of \$12,163. Since \$2,163 has not been approved we must do that this evening. The township share will be \$1,081.50. **Trustee Likley made a motion to approve the \$1,081.50 for the remodeling of the fire station, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call vote: Trustee Likley, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye; Trustee Harris, aye.** 

<u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if the board needed to do anything with the fire expenses for this month. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> stated no, because that will be addressed in the very near future. I am going to sit down with the mayor of the village and have conversation about this and get some things straightened out on that particular item.

<u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if the fire dept. bills were on the bills to be paid this evening. <u>F.O.</u> answered, no.

# <u>ZONING</u>

<u>Trustee Harris</u>: Zoning Inspectors report submitted. No activity for the month of January. The BZA had their organizational meeting on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They chose Mike Schmidt as chairman, Kevin Daugherty as V. chairman and Tom Micklas is liaison to the zoning inspector, approved their previous meeting minutes, and had a discussion on the Duncan Factors how they pertain to use and area variances. There was some discussion on North Coast conditional use that expired Oct. 31, 2009 and Ruhlin government project as to when their contract ran out. The decision of the board is not final until the meeting

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minutes are approved or until they sign their vote at the hearing. <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if that was from legal council as to when that decision is final. Trustee Harris answered, yes. <u>Trustee Harris</u> stated the BZA had a question as to whether they get paid for webinars. They get paid to go to the workshops but the webinars are new this year and they had a question if they get the same amount of pay as they do for a workshop. <u>Trustee Oiler</u>: I believe if they go into Medina for the webinar and the webinar is not being broadcast with URL out to people who want to see it that would be within the range of training that we expect but sitting at home during the webinar is different. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: If they are attending that it should be compensated for with <u>Trustee Harris</u> agreeing. Letter from the Prosecutor "Disabled Recreational Vehicle 5363 Seville Rd.

<u>Trustee Harris:</u> The zoning inspector tried to remove a camper on Seville Rd. for quite some time. I thought I had all my letters prepared correctly, I had my pictures, all my evidence and after presenting it to the prosecutor they have decided it is not a good case and at this time there is nothing we can do about the camper. They wanted some proof that it is apparently inoperable. I do not know how we can prove that without the owner there and try to start it. I am going to keep working on this a little bit. I am disappointed that we can't do something about this. It has been sitting there since about 1997.

<u>Heather Sturdevant</u> asked "What about junk car rules that were changed last year to allow for stricter enforcement. Would that be considered a junk vehicle? <u>Trustee Harris</u>: Yes, they did extend that and you can get rid of junk vehicles quicker, at that time this board did not make a resolution, but in checking with Bill Thorne, Assist. Prosecutor the salvage companies can come and take these vehicles and store them up to a certain amount of time and apply for a salvage title. The state is coming back and saying that they cannot apply for a salvage title under those conditions. Now the salvage yards will not take the vehicles. If they destroy them they can be liable for the value of the vehicle even if it is 5-10 years down the road. That was a very good law but there is not any meat behind it to back anyone up. The state possibly will address that but haven't got to it yet to back zoning inspectors up. We went to a seminar and there was a city that was doing that and had a presentation. I thought about contacting that zoning inspector but that was a city and they do have different laws.

<u>Unidentified speaker</u> asked about expired plates. <u>Trustee Harris</u> answered that used to be the way it was but they have changed that now. The vehicle has to be extensively damaged included but not limited to any of the following: missing wheels, tire, and transmission, motor etc. and apparently inoperable. Although this doesn't have any missing tires but it does have a broken window. <u>Trustee Likley</u> stated but the windshield isn't broken. If the windshield is broken, it now becomes inoperable. <u>Lee:</u> I suggested earlier asking Bill Thorne if we send him a letter that we are giving you 15 days and this is the day we are coming out and you will start it up and under its own power, move it. <u>Trustee Harris</u> stated he asked the prosecutors office to send a letter from their department and they are reluctant to do that. I think they want something they can take to court. Gary will check into sending a letter asking the owner to move the vehicle. <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked about the conditionals that have expired and what are the intents and the direction. <u>Trustee Harris</u> replied" North Coast Soccer has expired and it is up to the board who set the conditions to notify North Coast Soccer that they are expired. Possibly the board can set up a meeting for them to come in for their review. As far as Ruhlin we have to go back into the records to see what those dates are. I do not know if they expired or not. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> believes it would be August 2010. <u>Trustee Harris</u> believes they will be done by them. <u>Trustee Harris</u>: It is up to that board to follow through with the dates and letters. <u>Trustee Likley</u> asked if they are pursuing that. <u>Trustee Harris</u> I was hoping to see Mike Schmidt here today and I put a call in to him and he hasn't called me back. If I do not hear from him, I will e-mail him.

# OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Harris held up the two (2) certificates for the two (2) previous trustees. We will present the certificates to them at a ceremony. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> stated in the near future we will try to get them to come and then we will present the certificates to them.

Electric aggregation-Trustee Oiler related at this present time there are 11 townships in the aggregation with the county commissioners. Granger Township is thinking about doing it own their own. They would have all the reporting to do, all the book work to do in order to accomplish that. By co-operating with our commissioners they will do all that for us. In Westfield Township: 90% uses First Energy, the other 10% is with Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Coop there are approximate 431 households (that will change as we get more accurate as we go) with an estimated 310 enrolled in the program. The grant to the township is approximately \$16,667. The revenue that the township will receive on an annual basis is \$69.82 and over the nine year period that would cover the cost of putting this on the ballot. A customer may opt out from the beginning or every 3 years. If you move or sell your house that is not an opt out. It is up to the next buyer to have the opportunity to get into this program. If there is a death in a family and the name is changed, that is not an opt out. There is a \$25 opt out fee between the beginning and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year period. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> year you will be notified twice that you have an option to opt out of the aggregation program if you so desire. The percentage that we are working on is: 6% reduction for residential and 4% for commercial. If this goes on the ballot in Westfield Township and it fails in the 4 precincts, we would foot the bill at that point of \$600 otherwise the commissioners will work with us and will probably split the cost of putting it on the ballot and it would come out of our \$16,667. That will be how it will work for each township.

John Miller: You say 6% reduction is that based on today's rates or 6% of next year as the rates change. <u>Trustee Harris</u> stated yes 6% reduction as the rates change. <u>Trustee Oiler</u>: There is a summer rate and a winter rate. If we go with a broker we are not guaranteed to get a grant with whomever you are trying to negotiate with and the broker must go to an auction and try to get a percent that we can live with and the chances of getting better than 6% is very hard to get. There are not enough electric companies out there that are big enough to handle the situation. First Energy has 80% of the market in our area. Trustee Likley: We also received a letter from Mr. Jacob in the package that you are referencing. Mr. Jacob is a representative to county commissioners association. The point is until the county commissioners get into contract negotiations through a broker there is no guarantee any funding will come back to the township; that all has to be a part of the negotiation. First Energy's first package/presentation to the county commissioners has been a 6% discounted rate. Buckeye Energy has stated that he would pursue additional funding that would come back to the county and to the individual township. The representative from the county commissioners association reminds us that is a negotiated benefit. Until you have something on the table from First Energy communicating that to the county commissioners that there will be grant funding coming for this aggregation, you don't have it. What they are proposing is the 6% discount and funding that comes back to the county and also back to the township. This is the first that I have seen any annual payment back to the township. My question has been through this whole thing is why, why do they want to do it. Well they want to do it so they can insure their customer base and be relied upon for the next 8-10 years by locking that customer base in they now have – its part of their business plan as well. So that is why they can offer the discounted rates. As the old saying goes, if it sounds too good to be true it usually is but that's the reason for their willingness to participate in this aggregation. They want to lock up customer base so that another broker or energy company doesn't come in and say we can provide it for 7% discount. If the residents have a vote and they choose not to participate and the majority of the residents choose not to participate then we just stay at the same rate what First Energy presents to us.

#### <u>County Township Association Meeting January 21, 2010</u> Trustee Oiler:

Emergency Management provided the following info: By 2012 <u>all radios</u> that are being used to communicate between the sheriff's office and emergency management association are going to a narrow band. I do not know if there is a conversion that will be available for these radios or if we are looking at obtaining new radios.

The Sheriff with Medical Mutual obtained a grant and has available info packet that can be filled out with medical/medication information and put on refrigerator. If EMS comes to the home they can easily see the packet. A few packets are available on the sign in table in the back of the room or you may request one from the sheriff's office. You can call the regular sheriff department number and they will transfer you to the proper person if you have questions or have medical information that you would like recorded and transferred to the EMS.

Trustee Oiler also toured the dispatch and saw a live demo of a 911 call from a cell phone. They knew the exact location within 300 feet in 13 seconds.

<u>Trustee Oiler</u> turned his name in as township representative to attend the Soil & Water Conservation meetings. The scheduled meetings will be announced sometime in the spring. <u>Trustee Likley</u> would also like to be informed when the meetings are.

<u>Trustee Likely</u> informed the board that the web site committee has been named: Carol Rumburg, Karen Micklas, and Trustee Likley. The committee met this morning for about 3 hours. What the purposed goal will be is a power point will be presented February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regular meeting. Please put on the agenda.

We took in a lot of the recommendations for the site, corrections, additions, changes. The power point will be presented to this board for its approval as to the standards of the site and the information that will be available. We hope to have that power point ready for that meeting. If this power point is approved or amended, it will then be presented to our present web server for him to give us a cost for these changes.

His bid for the year was \$420 and includes the 5 postings of meeting minutes per month, now with the F.O. being able to update the calendar that is not an issue. Before he has the go ahead for any changes I want to see what it will cost us. It has to come before this board before any next steps. If that cost is prohibitive then that power point can be presented to another server to give us a price and their offer in maintaining the site. It has been suggested to run it by the Medina County Vocational School for their maintenance, services and design. We had a very productive meeting and I would add Ms. Micklas has the technical knowledge and information to keep the site where it needs to be in this committee forum. Trustee Oiler asked if that included removing some things. Trustee Likley replied, absolutely. We wanted to go through some of the buttons on the side (some will be changed, eliminated, added to) I will spend some time this week and go through the text changes that need to be changed and corrected. We are confirming additional web sites for addresses for hospitals, local surrounding governments. It was recommended that some of those additional addresses be made available on our site and we anticipate doing that. We will be confirming contact links, community links, and fire department. The plan is to have power point presentation so that everyone has a change to review the changes and recommendations.

### NEW BUSINESS

Google Calendar is being done in house by the F.O. and is now on the web site.

# RESIDENT COMMENTS

<u>Dennis Delagrange</u> asked if there has been any recovery for that \$40,000 interest and penalties paid to IRS. <u>Trustee Oiler and F.O.</u> answered not their knowledge. <u>Trustee Likley</u> stated he spoke with Mr. Thorne prior to the New Year and asked that he go back and review that. He was to have Mr. Karris take care of that. It is my intent to question Mr. Thorne again at the next meeting. Where that is at with Westfield Insurance who carries the bond in fact they carry both of them, we have to continually kick to keep that moving.

<u>John Miller</u> asked if there was going to be executive session for employment. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> he would ask that question in a few moments.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2010 @ 7:30 pm Trustees' special meeting, general business/workshop for Fire Dept. Funding Monday, February 8, 2010 @ 6:00 pm

Trustees' regular meeting Monday, February 15, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

<u>Trustee Oiler</u> asked if it is the desire of the board to go into executive session for the purpose of employment. Trustee Harris replied "It is fine with me". <u>Trustee Likley</u>: "Employment of ? <u>Trustee Oiler</u> replied regarding zoning inspector. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: Reviewing applications. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> answered yes, reviewing applications. <u>Trustee Oiler</u> asked John Miller if he had a comment now.

John Miller: Yes. I requested copies of the applications today. I have some comments that should be shown to the whole township and it is not to be taken personally but I noticed that Mr. Evans is also zoning inspector for Burbank, highway maintenance supervisor for Burbank and at the same time Westfield Township? My questions are how can you serve a full time job for our township, a full time job for their village and do on top of that even if you consider it a zoning inspector all at additional money. There is only 40 hours in a work week. Either you do maintenance for our township, road maintenance or you are gonna do zoning inspection. How are you going to split out if somebody picks up zoning. The next question is how do you split it out of Westfield to go to Burbank. Road maintenance supervision are we plowing snow on Westfield time or working down in Burbank on Westfield time we are all paying for? How about the supplies, equipment and cell phone usage. Where is all this going?

<u>Trustee Oiler:</u> All I can say the time that I have been on the board, I know that Mr. Evans has been at work here during the working hours that he is supposed to be here and I haven't seen him miss any...

Westfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting February 1, 2010 <u>John Miller:</u> Have you seen the township roads mowed as often as they used to be? <u>Trustee Oiler:</u> I think they have. I do not have any problem with the roads how they are mowed. <u>John Miller:</u> I guess you haven't been driving around. <u>Trustee Oiler:</u> Yes I have. They are better mowed than most township roads and certainly better than some of the county's. <u>John Miller</u>: The question ought to be to the residents is how a person do four positions already and apply for another one. <u>Trustee Likley</u>: Point taken. <u>Trustee Harris:</u> I will say one thing as zoning inspector, that is a part-time job and he can do that after his work hours, just as I had done when I was zoning inspector. If you have to make day time appointments then you can schedule during your lunch hour or whatever, that is how I did it. <u>Tim Kratzer:</u> I really don't see that it's a concern of the township's because the township gets their 40 hours out of Lee and during snow weather he gets well over 40 hours and what he does on his own time is his own business, that has nothing to do with the township. <u>John Miller:</u> The point is how (too much intermingled talk between Miller and Kratzer). <u>Lee:</u>

John, it is part-time work down in Burbank-only as needed, it not a full-time job and it is a non issue. John Miller: I also have an issue with Mr. Kratzer's application. It seems that we have gone through 2 years of turmoil undermining of everybody else's decisions, why would we want additional employment from Mr. Kratzer, enough said, Thank you. Trustee Likley: Are you one of the applicants, sir? (Mr. Likley did not address anyone by name in the audio) Unidentified speaker: Yes I am. Trustee Likley: When you stated that you anticipated in being here this evening. Appreciate you coming. I think-I am assuming that the intent of the board this evening is to go through these applications. Some of them – the one I couldn't even read – I am sorry that one isn't – maybe we should give a call and say he needs to practice writing resumes'. I couldn't even read it - not acceptable for even a zoning inspector's position. Some of the applications - some of the resumes` that we received, it appears these people are looking for a full time position, a career. I just want to make sure that you realize that this is a part-time position, that it is salary based and we're probably looking at approximately but it's up to this board between \$400 a month in that ball park. Unidentified speaker: I understand. Trustee Likley: OK. Trustee Harris: Plus mileage. Trustee Likley: Plus mileage but like I said some of the applications that we received, people were looking for a career and I think we need to communicate with them that zoning inspector at Westfield Township might not be a good career move.

If they are still interested they would have the opportunity. Is there anyone else here that has presented an application to the board?

Trustee Likley made a motion to go into executive session for employment to review the applications for zoning inspector, seconded by Trustee Harris. All three (3) trustees signified by saying aye. Unanimous

#### Time 8:25 pm

Time 9:45

Trustee Likley moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Harris. All three (3) trustees signified by saying, aye. Unanimous

Trustee Harris made a motion that we interview 4 candidates for the zoning inspector job, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call vote: Trustee Oiler, aye; Trustee Harris, aye; Trustee Likley, aye. Unanimous

<u>Trustee Likley</u>: We will be notifying all applicants by phone call as to the status of their application and any applications that are not utilized or not hired will be maintained on file.

<u>Trustee Oiler</u>: There being no further business to come before this board **Trustee Likley** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Trustee Likley, aye; Trustee Oiler, aye; Trustee Harris, aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Approved February 15, 2010