

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
March 21, 2011
7:00 pm

Trustee Oiler opened the regular meeting at 7:15

Trustees present: James Likley, Ronald Oiler, Gary Harris

FISCAL OFFICER:

- Bills in the amount of \$7,661.30 to be paid

Trustee Likley made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Oiler, aye; Likley, aye.

- Fund status Checking \$369,244.12 Investment \$516,037.98
- Correspondence: Solid Waste Activity Schedule for 2011
2012-21% reduction of Local Government; 2013- 49% reduction next year by 2013 at that time
the township will receive approximately \$17,000
Census report Westfield Twp. 2.8% decrease in population

RESOLUTION 2011-05 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND AS A FUNCTION OF THE FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD April 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

Trustee Oiler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-05, seconded by Trustee Harris.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-06 A RESOLUTION TO SET PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2011

Trustee Oiler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-06, seconded by Trustee Harris.

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

TRANSCRIPTION OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FOR TEXT AMENDMENT, MAP AMENDMENT AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

- Kim Ferencz \$13.50/hr and she does not have to attend the meeting. Kim believes she can have the minutes back to us in 7-10 days verbatim.

Trustee Harris made a motion to hire Kim Ferencz at \$13.50/hr with minutes back in 7-10-days and does not need to be present for the meeting to transcribe the public hearing minutes for the text, map amendment and the comprehensive plan, seconded by Trustee Likley. Discussion: Trustee Likley has a concern about the cost, such as who pays for it and how the board wishes to address that issue. Trustee Oiler stated he reviewed that very question with Bill Thorne just a few days ago and he stated that was a township cost. **Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye.**

MINUTES:

March 7, 2011 Amendments: Page 4 typo test should be **text**; under roads insert the word **not** include freight.....

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Trustee Harris moved to approve March 7, 2011 as amended, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye.

March 18, 2011 Amendments: Page 2- 5th paragraph line 9 strike **way** and 10th line add word **get** things...
Trustee Likley made a motion to approve March 18, 2011 minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Fletcher gave his report (a copy of the report is attached)

- ❖ 24 runs so far this month
- ❖ Public Education: Beginning in April the department will offer Friends and Family Level of CPR classes to the public at no charge. Classes will be held on the first Monday of each month beginning at 6 pm and will last 1 hour depending on the size of the class. If interested please call 330-887-5562.
- ❖ Also offered is the BLS and Heart Saver Level of CPR to individuals needing or want to be certified for professional purposes. The cost is \$35 and the class runs about 4 hours.

CEMETERY & PARK

Trustee Likley reported he sent an e-mail to the mowing contractor (Hopko Services) and copied it to the trustees that he asked the contractor to walk the cemetery and view headstones and the area so that all is aware of the condition of the headstones and the general area. Some headstones are in need of repair now.

FIRE

Trustee Oiler reported that each trustee received a copy of Exhibit A (fire department inventory) that is attached to the Fire Contract. The inventory lists each piece of fire and EMS equipment. The value of the assets is \$1.4 million. The building is valued at \$660,000 and the lot next to the building is \$35,000. Trustee Likley asked how the assessment value was determined. Trustee Oiler will ask the chief.

ROADS

- Trustee Oiler reported the Ford truck is down with a brake line needing replaced.
- We are looking at spending approximately \$35-40,000 on Kennard Road this year (chip and seal) A culvert on Kennard Rd also needs attention.
- First week of April is the tentative date to meet with Pat Geissman, Medina Co. Commissioner and a representative from the railroad to assess what can be done on Buffham Rd railroad crossing. There is a need to have lights and gates at this crossing because of the traffic that the all the schools for Cloverleaf will be generating on Buffham Road.
- There is a pre-design meeting with engineers in Canton for the Mudlake bridge replacement.

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ZONING

Matt Witmer, zoning inspector reporting (a copy of his report attached)

- 1 permit issued
- Several letters were written.
- Junk/trash/waste on the North Coast Soccer property as well as the Chippewa Valley Campground
- Zoning violation on the front 38+ acres (Soccer field)
- Zoning violation for a not having a pool permit. This is at the corner of Buffham and Ballash
- Bill Thorne has reviewed the letters and they are fine.
- Friday we received correspondence for the front 38 acres of the soccer field. Copy of an e-mail that Mike Sweeney sent is attached. We have requested this site plan since Sept. 2010. At one time there was a site plan for the front portion but Mr. Harris sent it back for corrections but it never came back. I am recommending that this be sent to the prosecutor's office and let them work it out. Mr. Carassco kind of wants to give it to us and then he kind of doesn't want to give it us. All the written communication has been with Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Carassco. We have aerial photos of the property and we have to have a site plan because there have been changes made to the property. Trustee Oiler mentioned the following sentence from Mr. Sweeney's e-mail "What we will not do is offer you the rope by which we get hanged." For the record there is no intention of this township or the board of trustees, the zoning board, the zoning inspector or the Board of Zoning Appeals to ever hang anyone. We are just trying to follow the rules and be fair to everyone. All trustees agreed with the prior sentence.

Matt stated he needs to send a letter to North Coast Soccer to let them know they are in violation and then send a packet to the county prosecutor to let them know what I have done and they will go from there.

Trustee Oiler made a motion to allow Matt send a violation letter to North Coast Soccer and to pursue needed legal action through the county prosecutor's office, seconded by Trustee Harris.

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

- Morning Star application needs some fine tuning. They asked for church (place of worship), campground and recreation area. If you ask for campground that will cover the place of worship and it covers recreation so they only need to ask for one thing BUT campground is very restrictive. One must go through the Ohio Dept. of Health Rules and regulations before they can have a campground. The Medina County Dept of Health also will regulate if they use it for recreation or if they use for a place of worship because of the amount of people they have there they must have the correct facilities. Morningstar may re-think what they want to do. No BZA meeting set.

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OLD BUSINESS

- 7611 Greenwich Rd. foreclosure sale was held March 10, 2011 and the property sold for \$28,000. It will take 3-4 months for the transfer to occur and another month for the township to receive their check of approximately \$8,751.64. There is nothing else for us to do.
- Medina County had a population increase of 14% since 2000 and the average construction cost of new homes has decreased by 13.5%. New home construction is now at \$200,888. Decrease in population in Westfield Township of 2.8% (report of statistics is available in the fiscal officers office)
- Trustee Likley reported he contacted Judge McIlvaine's office and spoke with Sharon Ray concerning using the court's community service program (an e-mail is hereto attached). Trustee Likley stated we can take a community service individual out and drop them off to clean up an area of the roadside and go back in an hour or two to pick them up. Sharon's office will be coordinating that with Lee Evans hopefully in the near future. The goal is to use this man power to clean all road sides before it is time to mow. We also have the Sheriff's department that will help with some of the larger items. Near the Mudlake railroad bridge there did not seem to be large items, just trash along the road. A discussion concerning safety vests and other safety equipment.
- Trustee Likley communicated with county commissioners regarding West Salem's pursuit of a municipal well field in the area (copy is an attachment to the minutes) in summary "Mr. Likley asked that available communication and information between Medina County Commissioners, other agencies and departments to West Salem's Village Council be shared with the Westfield Township Board of Trustees".

ANNOUNCEMENT

Trustee Public Hearing for text and map amendment Monday, March 28, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

Zoning Commission Workshop-Tuesday March 29, 2011 @ 7:30 pm (regarding comprehensive plan)

Trustees regular meeting-Monday April 4, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

Zoning Commission regular meeting-Tuesday April 12, 2011 @ 7:30 pm

Trustee Oiler made the statement that if any resident has any concern regarding your property or other concerns may approach the trustees after the meeting has been adjourned.

Trustee Harris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Trustee Harris. Unanimous

Approved 4-18-2011