

# WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2012  
7:00 pm

Trustee Harris opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm by asking those in attendance to please stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees present: James Likley, Gary Harris, and Ronald Oiler.

Judge McIlvaine from the Wadsworth Municipal Court gave his annual report.

Guests were welcomed

## FIRE

The fire chief was not present and Trustee Likley did not have anything to report.

## CEMETERY & PARK

Trustee Oiler is waiting on another quote for a new sign at the cemetery.

## ROADS

- Lee Evans reviewed the estimate that Lytle Construction (copy is attached) submitted for possible chip & seal Garman, North and South Leroy Road \$16,830, Motor Pave Deerfield and Fox Hollow Drive \$78,422.30. Lee explained Deerfield and Fox Hollow is over \$45,000 so it must be sent to the county engineer to have it bid. Last fall Lee and Trustee Oiler could see that Deerfield and Fox Hollow was going to be in need of repair. After discussion, **Trustee Oiler made a motion to send the information to the Medina County Engineer to have the Deerfield and Fox Hollow project prepared for bid, Trustee Likley seconded the motion. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye.** Lee stated that since we have not had much of a winter, he has saved on salt and he possibly might be able to do the other chip and sealing. Trustee Oiler had prepared a letter in response to the Westfield Farms Homeowners Association notifying them of the trustees' decision to motor pave Deerfield and Fox Hollow Drive. Trustee Oiler asked if the board approved of the letter. Trustee Harris and Likley gave their approval to mail the letter.
- Baker Sand is re-locating White Road again. John Baker is working with the county to make sure the roads are at county specifications. Lee and Trustee Oiler have also been informed with the relocation.

## ZONING

Matt Witmer, zoning inspector reporting:

- Lot Split for Tom Ferrebee on Friendsville was approved by Matt. All issues have been addressed. 1. Pond filled in 2. Letter from Health Department approving the run-off from the septic system that goes on to the other property. This was approved by giving the easement for the run-off. The trustees signed the lot split.
- Matt has set a date to meet the CSX police to determine if the railroad ties are on CSX property at the Lesiak property on Seville Rd
- Idle Aire presented an application but there were quite a few things that need corrected.

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- Had a complaint about the North Star Recovery trucks that are parked at the old truck wash. They are renting space to park those trucks so at the very least a conditional use would need to be secured. North Star was very prompt in returning his calls. This company is environmental clean-up. They could be there 6 months or gone tomorrow and back again in 6 months. North Star will do whatever needs to be done.
- Public Hearing for a text amendment proposed by Truck Stops of America March 27, 2012
- BZA hearing for a conditional use permit submitted by Truck Stops of America March 29, 2012

### FISCAL OFFICER

- ✓ Bills to be paid in the amount of \$7,283.83. **Trustee Likley made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Likley, aye; Harris, aye**
- ✓ Fund Status      Investment      \$517,581.76      Checking      \$409,356.73
- ✓ Trustee Likley asked if the fiscal officer had any additional information concerning the collection of the real estate taxes from the annexation of a portion of Westfield Township to Creston. Trustee Likley related it warrants attention to get the process moving along. Trustee Likley offered to assist.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ❖ MOWING BID

1. **Trustee Harris made a motion to award the bid to Creative Touch Landscaping** as the prices are very reasonable. Trustee Likley attempted to contact several bidders to have an understanding of equipment available. 2 years ago we contracted with a provider that could not repair his equipment about half way through the season and was not in financial situation to make the necessary repairs; therefore we had to guarantee sufficient funding to warrant another provider to finish the season. I caution not only just the price but we have the responsibility of looking at comparable service. Chad Minor owner of Creative Touch Landscaping was present and asked if he could keep the equipment in operation. Chad stated he had the ability to repair or replace if needed. **Trustee Oiler seconded the motion.** Trustee Likley made the comment that Creative Touch did come in as a low bidder. **Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.**

#### ❖ Trustee Likley:

2. Does the cleaning service that was hired have liability insurance and bonded? Fiscal officer, answered, yes.
3. MVL Tax- where does it stand. Trustee Oiler stated he is waiting on a resolution from Bill Thorne.
4. Has the Gloria Glens contract been signed and received by the township? Fiscal Officer answered, no. Trustee Likley will give the fiscal officer or mayor a call.

### NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Flooding on Garman Road last year. Trustee Likley reporting: Muskingum Watershed was pursuing an application to clear streams of debris. Forwarded application process to the township. Trustee Likley spoke with Boris Slogar of Muskingum Watershed and the application process has just been finalized and he forwarded that to trustees for review. This is a debris

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removal program. It warrants a review and what commitment the township may want to take. The county maybe a supporting entity but not funding. The little creek is Little Killbuck that near the township and county line. Matt Witmer related that a new property owner in that area has hired Joe Lewis Excavating to clear the creek that runs through his property. Trustee Likley stated ideally the landowner should keep the creeks free of debris.

- ❖ Trustee Likley reporting: Westfield Center is looking to have a farmers market during the summer on possibly a Wed. or Thurs. from 9am to 1pm in the Westfield Township Park in the center of the village. Trustee Likley gave Nancy Powell, Councilwoman our park permit to be completed.
- ❖ Trustee Likley reporting: Westfield Insurance and Village of Westfield Center has informally asking for Westfield Township's support to petition to ODOT to extend the left turning lane and a traffic signal at the intersection of Leroy Rd. and US224. **Trustee Likley made a motion of support along with Village of Westfield Center and the Westfield Insurance for a traffic signal and the extension of the west bound left turning lane at the intersection of N. Leroy Road and US 224, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye.** Trustee Likley commented that it could also benefit the fire department at that intersection. Trustee Likley will prepare the letter of support.
- ❖ Trustee Likley announced and reminded the board and audience of the Westfield Center Memorial Day parade May 28<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 11:00 am at the new park entrance on N. Leroy Road.
- ❖ Gates and Lights at the Buffham Road railroad crossing- Trustee Oiler spoke with Pat Geissman about the funding for the Buffham Road railroad crossing. Pat had asked for more funding for the township's portion and it was turned down. Pat is still going to apply for a grant in July for the township.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 27, 2012	Zoning Commission	Public Hearing for proposed text amendment by TA	7:30pm
March 29, 2012	BZA	Public Hearing for conditional use permit for TA	7:30pm
April 2, 2012	Trustees	Regular Meeting	7:00pm
April 10, 2012	Zoning Commission	Regular Meeting	7:30pm

No public comment, **Trustee Oiler made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Harris.**

**Unanimous**

**APPROVED APRIL 2, 2012**