

Westfield Township Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2013

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

Trustees present: Ronald Oiler, Gary Harris, James Likley and Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans. Other guests: Ken Beckman, resident and Gayle Foster from The Post.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Trustee Harris reported a smokey fire was reported on the Lesiak property by a neighbor. The fire department was called and the fire was put out. The items burning was not just wood, the EPA will investigate.
- Trustee Likley stated a complaint will be filed with the EPA

CEMETERY & PARK Trustee Oiler reporting:

- Lee has had to call Chad Minor 3 times because the whole cemetery has not been mowed or taken care of properly. Trustee Oiler called right after Lee called and his call was not returned but with 12 hours the grass was mowed. Trustee Oiler asked the board if he had to call the 4th time could he send a letter asking for Chad Minor's resignation if there is not response to calls. Trustee Likley's response: In midseason it is difficult to get someone as you recall we had to do that one time and the person that took over wanted a guarantee that he would do the mowing the next season to justify him paying for liability insurance. Remind him that every year we put the bid out and if his lack of service and quality of service is not up to our standards he may not be considered. I (Likley) would not send the letter. Trustee Likley also related that in the past he has suggested that the township purchase their own mower, trailer, truck and other tools needed to do the job and have the maintenance man do the mowing that the township could save enough in 2-3 years to pay for the mower. Trustee Harris reminded the board that the maintenance supervisor would need a part-time person to do the job as the maintenance supervisor does not have the time to do that with all the other duties. Fiscal Officer reminded the board that they must keep part-time personnel less than 29 hours and the expense of salary, Medicare, OPERS and workers comp must be taken into consideration.

ROADS Trustee Oiler reporting:

- ❖ Lee has been mowing
- ❖ The Peterbilt truck dump bed is off and now the truck chassis is being sandblasted and painted. All the hydraulic lines and wiring have been replaced prior to taking it to the sandblaster.

ZONING Trustee Harris reporting

- Zoning inspector is on vacation – no report
- The zoning commission will meet with Wm. L. Thorne June 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm to discuss the as built site plan for North Coast Soccer

FISCAL OFFICER

- ✓ Bills in the amount of \$18,341.74 were presented. **Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Trustee Oiler.**
- ✓ The fund status, cash summary by fund and appropriations status was given to the trustees
- ✓ Correspondence:
 - 1) A letter from Baker Sand, Inc. thanking the township for their business over the last 40 years. They are selling off their inventory and will not be loading customers after **July 1, 2013.**
 - 2) Bat reported as positive for rabies from Lake Road near Gloria Glens in Westfield Twp.
 - 3) Trustee Likley sent an e-mail to the assistant prosecutor asking if the township has the ability to levy a fine for repeat open burn complaints. No decision

MINUTES – June 3, 2013 **Trustee Oiler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**

OLD BUSINESS

- ✚ Verizon Wireless – The site plan was given to each trustee and Trustee Likley reported it is very close to agreeing on a contract. **Trustee Likley made a motion to move forward with the contract with Verizon Wireless Lease, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Oiler, aye; Likley, aye.** Trustee Likley will communicate the boards’ decision to Mr. Ron Ferguson.
- ✚ American Tower Extended Lease – Trustee Likley reported there has not been any communication from American Tower to Assistant Prosecutor, David Folk.
- ✚ Barking Dog issue – Trustee Harris had given each trustee 3 resolutions from 3 townships to review at the last meeting. After discussion on the language this board would like to see **Trustee Harris made a motion to use Montville’s language with deleting Section 1.E and removing “other than provided in Section 1.E” from Section 6.A, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Likley, no; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.** The fiscal officer asked Trustee Likley if he would relate why he voted no for the record. Trustee Likley stated he had a concern that the township is basically rural and agricultural and possibly this kind of resolution would be more appropriate for the suburban residential zones than the township as a whole. The fiscal officer will prepare a **DRAFT** resolution.
- ✚ Fiscal Officer Position – Trustee Likley spoke with the lone applicant, Kimberly Craig Sunday evening to explain why he suggested the board wait until after the deadline for filing a petition to run for the unexpired term of the fiscal officer or if there is more than one running for the position the board will wait and let the voters decide who will be their next fiscal officer. If in

fact Ms. Craig files a petition with the Board of Election and she is the only one, she could begin learning the job after the deadline in August.

- ✚ Section 125 Resolution 2013-13 – The draft resolution as prepared by Core Documents had typo's and was not in our format. Trustee Likley asked the fiscal officer to retype the resolution with the following motion. **Trustee Likley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-13 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IRS SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN making the necessary corrections and retype the resolution, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Likley reported that he attended the Medina County Commissioners gas aggregation meeting that is similar to the electric aggregation possibly to bring lower gas prices to the area consumers. Information gathered by Trustee Likley is in the fiscal officers' office for resident review.
- A discussion relating to topics that may be requested to be on the agenda. They must be to the chairman by Thursday. If an item needs to be discussed after the agenda has been printed and on the web site and a resident that has requested to be notified of a certain topic, it will be brought up but then tabled until the resident can be notified.
- Trustee Harris brought up that there was a misprint in The Post last week by stating that 2 trustees were mentioned instead of all 3 trustees relating to the Sunshine Law. The reporter asked if he wanted a correction/retraction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 18, 2013	BZA Continuance of Kratzer Use Variance	7:30 pm
June 20, 2013	WFRD Special Meeting with Bill Thorne to discuss the fire contract between the Westfield Fire & Rescue District and Village of Westfield Center	4:00 pm
June 25, 2013	Zoning Commission with Bill Thorne – North Coast Soccer as built Site plan	7:30 pm
July 1, 2014	Fire District Regular Meeting	6:30 pm
July 1, 2013	Trustees Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
July 9, 2013	Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Highway Commercial with Regular Meeting to follow	7:30 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Sturdevant

- a) Heather asked if a correction needs to go through the whole process of changing the zoning resolution or can the correction be made as a typo. The trustees suggested asking Bill Thorne. The correction is in Local Commercial Article III Section 305.2.b,c,d. referring to gasoline filling

stations, automotive repair and auto washes subject to subsection 606.22 (refers to cemeteries).

- b) As a resident living in the country, I believe the barking dog resolution should be limited to the Suburban District. I am uncomfortable with the way it is a blanket for the whole township. It sounds a bit hasty with just one resident complaining. Just food for thought.

- c) Ken Beckman resident Greenwich Road. Ken asked the trustees if they knew who would be responsible for repairing an abandon gas well that possibly may be leaking. The grass is turning brown around the pipe. Two trustees will help in locating the possible gas company that had capped the well and instructed Ken to possibly go online and do some research also.

There being no further business to come before the board, **Trustee Harris moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Unanimous**

Approved July 1, 2013