

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
December 2, 2013
7:00 pm

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

Trustees present: Likley, Harris, and Oiler. Fiscal officer Sandra Tryon and assistant fiscal officer Martha Evans also present.

Guests were welcomed.

- ✓ Auditor's representative, Lisa Nichols had the following announcements
 1. Dog tags are now on sale until January 31, 2014. There is a new online link that you can purchase the tags. It is new and a few glitches need to be worked out but you can still purchase them at the various locations or go to the office in Medina. They have available one-year, three year or lifetime tags.
- ✓ The winners of the 4th grade essay "Top Dog" contest will be reading their essay tomorrow and receiving their prizes.
- ✓ A reminder that anyone over 65 years of age may apply for the homestead exemption until December 31, 2013 under the grandfathered rules. In 2014 another qualification will be a limit of \$30,000 annual income.

CEMETERY AND PARK Trustee Oiler did not have anything to report

ROADS

Lee Evans reporting:

- Spoke to Andy from the Medina County Engineer's office concerning the cul-de-sac on Seville Road. On the drawing it is an offset cul-de-sac (the same as the park put in at the end of Westfield Landing Road).
- I haven't heard any additional information about the Issue I culvert replacement on Kennard Road. I have had some tree clearing done, which will be reimbursed with the complete project. I have gained the easement from the Ludwig's on the north side of the ditch at no cost to the township. The south side easement will get signed. The property owner was in the hospital. The start date may be at the end of July 2014 but not sure yet. Trustee Likley asked what size constitutes a bridge. Lee answered anything over 10 feet. This culvert right now is a 4' concrete culvert and will be replaced by a 55 inch.
- It was mentioned that we have another invoice from the Ohio Railroad Commission for some preliminary work being done to prepare for gates and lights at the Buffham Road Crossing in the amount \$1,937. Lee will look at the paper work tomorrow. Sandra mentioned it is in her office for his review.

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- The township hosted an informational meeting with ODOT two weeks ago after a traffic study was done this year on the US 224 corridor from Vandemark Road east to N. Leroy Road due to the many accidents at the cross overs. There were many questions and suggestions
 1. Add and make turn lanes longer
 2. It was mentioned the reason there is so much traffic on Vandemark Rd. is because there is not a ramp off St. Rt. 83 to get on to US 224.
 3. Possibly change the timing at the Friendsville Rd. light to lengthen the time to release school traffic.
- Lee mentioned the Medina Co. Highway Engineer, Mike Salay was present as well as Westfield Fire & Rescue, Westfield Center Police, Westfield Co. representative, Westfield Township, and Cloverleaf Schools. Neither Lodi nor Harrisville Township attended.
- ODOT's representative will take all the suggestions and comments and analyze them to see if they are warranted versus the cost.

ZONING

Matt reporting: (report attached to minutes in the fiscal officers office)

- ❖ Issued 3 permits
- ❖ Lesiak, no further information, still in a holding pattern with the court
- ❖ Just received e-mail from North Coast Soccer with information for a variance. Trustee Likley asked if the site plan was approved. Matt answered yes a few months ago. The variance may possibly include: trees and parking.
- ❖ Railroad museum was established in 1984 with a future visitor's center by the driveway. They have asked to move the visitor's center to the east end of the property and add another driveway there.
- ❖ The BZA hearing for Idle Air conditional use and variance was granted 11-25-2013

FISCAL OFFICEER

- Bills in the amount of \$12,877.71 were presented. **Trustee Likley made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye.**
- Fund Status: Checking \$425,233.87 Investment \$301,503.62
- Correspondence: The American Tower lease or contract will be sold to Crown Castle International. Trustee Oiler asked how this affects our contract. Trustee Likley stated we still have our lease and contract but I haven't looked at this closely. Trustee Likley will call and speak with someone concerning this notification.
- The fiscal officer asked the trustees to make a decision on the employee health insurance as it is up for renewal. At the last trustees meeting Bob Lamm from Associated Underwrites gave the trustees information and the board tabled the decision until this evening. **Trustee Likley made a motion to maintain the same plan Plus 15100 that is presently in place, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Roll call: Harris, aye; Likley, aye; Oiler, aye**

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NOVEMBER 18, 2013 meeting minutes

Trustee Oiler made a motion to accept the November 18, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Trustee Harris. Roll call: Likley, aye; Harris, aye; Oiler, aye.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Likley will get in touch with the Web Master Don Krowleski and get his invoice for the year
- **Trustee Harris made a motion to have the year-end meeting December 30, 2013 at 4:45 pm, seconded by Trustee Likley. Roll call: Oiler, aye; Harris, aye; Likley, aye**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 10, 2013	Zoning Commission	Regular Meeting	7:30 pm
December 16, 2013	Trustees	Public Hearing (HC & driveways)	6:00 pm
December 16, 2013	Trustees	Regular Meeting	7:00 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no further business to come before this board, **Trustee Harris made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Oiler. Unanimous**

Approved December 16, 2013