

# Westfield Township Board of Trustees

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Regular Meeting  
June 2, 2014

Likley opens the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye.

## **Comments from the floor:**

Matt Witmer- 5606 Buffham Road- Shared with the trustees that the Lesiak property (that was previously sited as a zoning violation) has been moving items across the street to a neighbor's house.

Mary Beth Gunther- Medina County Auditor's Office announced to the trustees that she will be attending township meetings and that the Township Association will be holding a meeting in the future regarding tax budgets and levies for the public.

Kent Patterson from the Village of Westfield discussed the proposed resolution to limit the use of "engine brakes" east of Leroy Road on Rt. 224. The trustees had previously discussed expanding the area to include other areas in the township. The Village of Westfield would like the trustees to move forward with the proposed resolution at this time. Kent and ODOT will help the trustees access the areas of concern at a later date. Likley mentioned that upon his review of the ORC 3513.221, he could not find the sections E and H that Attorney Hutson provided in the document. Kent assured the trustees that the ORC was correct and the language was in other legal documents.

During further discussion, Schmidt asked Kent about the cost to the Village regarding the signs and how would the violations for using engine brakes be issued. Kent said the Village agreed to pay the full cost of \$1,000.00 and ODOT will maintain and put up the signs and that the Sheriff's Department or Highway Patrol would have to witness the violation.

***Likley makes a motion to accept the proposed resolution 2014-21 to support the Village to limit the use of Engine Brakes on 224, east of Leroy Road; seconded by Thombs.***

***Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.***

**A copy of the resolution was signed by the Westfield Township Trustees and the Fiscal Officer and given to Mr. Patterson. Another copy is on file with the township.**

Mr. Patterson also touched base with the Sheriff's Department regarding the vehicle at the Pilot parking lot. Pilot didn't have any concerns with this motorhome since it was a truck driver who stayed there until his next run.

## **Fiscal Officer's Report:**

- Payments and warrants in the total amount of \$17,597.74.
- Fund status in the amount of \$684,590.17.

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The trustees inquired about final payment of the CSX Transportation Project on Buffham Road and the project was not to exceed \$11,809.00. The fiscal officer estimated the cost to the township was approximately \$6,854.74 (6% of the budget) and the project ran under budget. The total cost of the project was \$110,699.89 (\$86,123.11 under budget).

- Circle Lawn Care – the fiscal officer had to void check # 15166 in the amount of \$175.00 and check # 15171 in the amount of \$315.00 (duplicate payment).
- Payments and warrants reflect this change and the new amount is \$16,792.74.

***Likley makes a motion to pay the bills as corrected in the total amount of \$16,792.74; seconded by Schmidt.***

***Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.***

OPERS- Each member of the BZA and Zoning Commission must contact OPERS personally to switch their reimbursement payments. Kathy Zweifel will communicate with all of the members regarding this change in OPERS funding.

Homeland Security Forms- have been filled out by the Zoning Commission and BZA.

***Likley makes a motion to approve the May 19, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected; seconded by Schmidt.***

***Roll call: Thombs- aye, Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.***

***Likley makes a motion to approve the May 21, 2014 Special Meeting minutes for the Trustees and WFRD as corrected; seconded by Thombs.***

**Discussion:** A copy of the Special Meeting minutes (and all other minutes that involve both WFRD and township) will be on file with the township and the WFRD.

***Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.***

**Road Report: Trustee Thombs gave the roads' report**

- Buffham Road curve upgrade is completed and the Issue 1 money is depleted at this time. (Issue 1 is a state fund for road improvements.)
- Total fund status for roads is \$306,250.00. Carry over is estimated \$127,535.00.
- Estimated road expenses: Ballash Road culvert- \$12,000; road shimming- \$30,000; salt- \$20,000.
- Road bids with the county are due by June 16, 2014.
- Thombs mentioned that he requested Lee to mow the back side of the ditches particularly along farm fields to help reduce weeds in the fields. We maintain 21 miles of roads and mowing each side of road equals 42 miles. Part time help may be needed.

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- Ballash Road headwall should be completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.

## Cemetery and Parks:

Planters are in the circle.

## Zoning Report:

- 7552 Seville Road (James Lesiak): during the final inspection the property appears to be in compliance with "court order". However, two new violations have appeared: 1.) train rail car in front yard and 2) two semi-trailers are being used for storage. Checking with Tom Karas regarding this matter. Anonymous complaints have been received regarding Lesiak property being moved to a neighbor's property. ZI Sims has checked on the property and Lesiak has said they were not his in the first place and are under new ownership. ZI Sims has issued a verbal zoning violation regarding the semi-trailer storage and will follow up in writing in 30 days if they are not removed.
- Greenwich Road Storage has a recorded Plot for the Lot Combo and they have received their site-plan application back. ZI Sims is waiting to hear back from Mr. Riley regarding any variances that he may have to pursue.
- North Coast Soccer- Left two messages for Mike Sweeney but he may be out of the country. Bill Thorne will attempt to contact him.
- The Comp Plan has been received from Mark Majewski and copies will be made this week to distribute to all of the boards.
- Kratzer Lawsuit- Case #14CIV 0173 (2506 BZA Appeal) The Prosecutors' Office filed their brief in response to Kratzer's legal brief. Case #13 CIV 0971- nothing new.
- Permit issued to 8155 Ryan Road to Mr. LaGorga for a pole barn.
- ZI Sims will look into a new overlay map of the FEMA flood plains and provide new updated maps for the boards.
- Zoning laptop sent to Tom Wagner (internal hardware issue) waiting for part.

## Old Business:

Driving Policy Amended: The Westfield Township will keep all information private and will not sell/transfer any employee information.

*Likley makes a motion to amend the Westfield Township Driving Policy by adding the employee information will be kept private and not for sale or transferred to another party; seconded by Thombs.*

Discussion: Driving Policy will begin on June 2, 2014 and void the original date of April 21, 2014.

Roll call: *Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye, Thombs- aye.* The motion passes.

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Fire Contract- the trustees have not yet received any correspondence back from the Village of Westfield.

Website Update- Trustee Schmidt would still like to see the township's webpage updated after reviewing numerous other township websites. Likley does not want to commit additional money to this project but encourages Schmidt to make any changes he would like. Also, there may be a resident willing to help since she has offered her expertise in the past. Schmidt will contact Karen Miklas regarding how she may be willing to help.

## New Business:

Life Insurance- Fiscal Officer is dealing with the Anthem Policy for the fire chief and the road supervisor and talking with OTARMA regarding the property and liability insurance that will have to be updated/ renewed in August.

## Announcements:

Porter will not be available to do the meeting minutes on June 16<sup>th</sup> due to her son leaving for the Air Force. Porter also announced that she would not be able to continue as Trustee Meeting Secretary after August but would continue as Zoning Secretary for the township.

June 10, 2014 @ 7:30 PM Zoning Commission meeting

June 16, 2014 @ 6:30 PM WFRD meeting

June 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM Trustee regular meeting

June 19, 2014 Sunshine Training

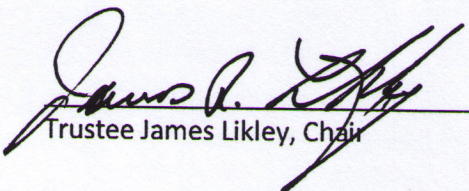
June 24, 2014- Zoning Workshop- Shemo Case and the Supreme Court @6:30 PM at the Medina Library

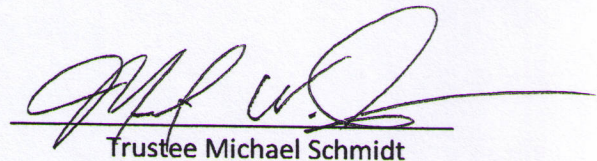
***Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM; seconded by Schmidt.***

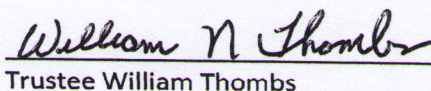
Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

Date Approved: 6-16-14

  
Trustee James Likley, Chair

  
Trustee Michael Schmidt

  
Trustee William Thombs

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