

Westfield Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting
January 19, 2015

Likley calls the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye, Thombs- aye.

Comments from the floor- none

Fiscal Officer's Report

- Payments in the amount of \$32,687.05
Custom Composition was approved at the January 5, 2015 meeting in the amount of \$428.78 and only the second half of the payment in the amount of \$459.00 should be reflected in this payment amount so the true amount is \$32,258.30
Discussion: Not all of BZA or ZC members are on this report because they get paid quarterly. John Miller and Keith Simmer are up to date with their payments. Sue Brewer's pay keeps coming back as not paid. Zweifel will look into this. Hall refunds are also reflected in these payments.

Likley makes a motion to pay the bills as corrected in the amount of \$32,258.30; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Likley- aye, Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.

- Fund status in the amount of \$506,174.82 and \$322,589.57 is in the checking. The checking amount includes the 2 CDs.
- Emergency Sirens amount of \$125,000.00 is in the fund status.
- Appropriation document provided to the trustees.
- Correspondence- Letter from Al Schrader regarding the status of the case the court filings.
- Updated roster has been completed.

Minutes to be approved

Likley makes a motion to approve the January 5, 2015 meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.

Schmidt makes a motion to approve the January 6, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Likley. Roll call: All members said aye. The motion passes.

Schmidt makes a motion to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Likley. Roll call: All members said aye. The motion passes.

Road Report

- Sign Scanner- Lafayette has contacted Evans and they have approved the purchase at their last meeting. Westfield Township's amount will be \$6,071.00. The total order is approximately \$11,142.00 and this includes (2) 5 year contract, 2 power supplies, and 2 holsters for the portable scanners. The Fiscal Officer will make a line item for this purchase. Tabled until next meeting.

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- Job description- Thombs will attend a workshop at the upcoming conference on the topic of reviewing and writing job descriptions.

Cemetery and Park

There has been a burial this past weekend.

Zoning Report

- ✓ Zoning Commission changed their meeting date to the 4th Wednesday of the month and at 7:00 PM. Next meeting will be January 28, 2015.
- ✓ The ZC approved the Text and Natural Hazards Map. Trustees have received Zoning Text and Map packets (Article III, 302 B.) so they can move forward with their Public Hearing. Public Hearing will be on February 2, 2015 @ 7:00 PM prior to the trustee's regular meeting.
- ✓ Joseph Doty is the new chair.
- ✓ BZA approved Morning Star Farm's request for a 5 year Conditional Use on January 12, 2015 at their public hearing.

Old Business:

Hall Rental Agreement- Schmidt would like the numbers to match on the information sheet and the application. Application should also include the arrival and departure times and contact name and phone number. A map on the back of the application will be used to show the condition of the hall prior to the set-up of the hall. Rates for residents will be \$100.00 and non-resident will be \$150.00.

Health Department nothing to report at this time.

Emergency Sirens' bid package- received back from Assistant Prosecutor Thorne. Likley met with Thorne and requested that the bid package had a break-down of the individual siren costs. Bid and Performance bonds were included in this bid package. The townships will be responsible for the cost of maintaining their sirens and the permits needed. Schmidt would like the contractors to be aware of the height requirements and any other specifications for these units. Lowest and best bid will be approved.

Likley will clarify that the software capabilities are understood by the contractors. Industry standards will also apply to the bidding process. Likley will make a call to the company regarding the standards for operation of sirens and communicate with Thorne on the necessary changes.

Likley will send out letters to the potential siren locations so they are able to review.

New Business

County Solid Waste Facility- Thombs would like the township to support this service by offering the town hall property as being a recycling bin location. A contractor will pick up garbage daily and keep the area neat and clean. An advantage to the residents would be the 24 hour availability. Cons would be the accumulation of non- recyclable materials (trash) being left on the township property.

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Thombs makes a motion to approve the 2 recycling bins that will be used for recycling solid waste. The bins will be placed on the east side of the town hall property and the trustees may cancel at any time; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Schmidt- no, Likley- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.

Thombs would like the board not to meet on National Holidays in the future if possible.

Thombs attended the Farm Bureau meeting along with approximately 50 farmers. The meeting discussed crop yields and government subsidies for the next 5 years. Thombs was impressed with this process.

Schmidt made a motion to accept the position of State Legislative Liaison for the trustees; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.

- Schmidt discussed Senate Bill 243 which will appropriate \$10 million dollars back to Ohio Townships. \$5 million dollars will be based on road miles per township (Westfield Township has 21 miles) and the other \$5 million dollars will be appropriated evenly by the County Auditor's office in the amount of \$3,822.00 per township.

Announcements

ZC regular meeting- January 28, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

WFRD regular meeting- February 2, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Zoning Text and Natural Hazards Map Public Hearing- February 2, 2015 @ 7:00 PM


Trustee's regular meeting immediately following public hearing on February 2, 2015.

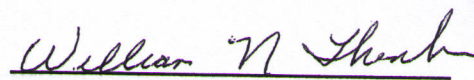
Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: all said aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

Date approved: 2-2-15


Trustee James Likley, Chair


Trustee William Thombs


Trustee Michael Schmidt