

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
END OF 2006 MEETING

**ORIGINAL**

DECEMBER 29, 2006

1:00 PM

Chairman, Tim Kratzer, opened the meeting.

**Trustees in attendance: Tim Kratzer, Carolyn Sims, Jeff Plumer**  
Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans in attendance and recording the minutes.

Other guests: Fire Chief, Jack Snoddy; Residents Ron & Marlene Oiler.

Tim reported that he had signed a letter to Anthem Ins. Co. removing Kelly Gregoire as contact person and adding Martha Evans to be contact person. He also signed the termination form deleting Kelly Gregoire from the health & life ins. coverage as of 12-31-2006.

Jeff commented on the Orchard Tree report that was received. This is the kind of report he has been looking for.

Carolyn questioned Martha about the outstanding checks. Martha replied that the December bank statement has not been received and it will take some time to locate all the documents that will be needed to reconcile. Martha assured the trustees that she will get this done but there are more pressing issues to get resolved at this point in time.

**FIRE REPORT:**

Jack reported the squad is ordered at a cost of \$126,113. Delivery late March or April 2007. All major items are in this price. Jack explained he has encumbered \$5,000-\$6,000 for pagers. He has spent to date \$85,000 of his budget, leaving about \$30,000 to carryover to next year for the air packs that came in higher than expected.

The committee did not discuss the renewal of the fire levy yet.

Jack is sending a letter with Kevin Rych when he attends the Gloria Glens council meeting Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 asking if they would contribute toward the air packs.

Carolyn asked Jack if the Christmas lights would be down in 1 or 2 days after the new year. He assured her they would be down. Carolyn asked where the lights would be stored. Jack indicated it would be at the township building.

**CEMETERY:**

Carolyn would like to up grade the gate at the cemetery in the spring. Jeff would like to get prices on posts or bumper blocks instead of fence in front of the parking spaces at the cemetery.

**Carolyn made a motion to ask Lee to calculate how many handicapped spaces are needed and get an estimate on the cost of blue handicapped bumpers and white bumpers (if possible) since the stripping is white - if possible no yellow bumpers, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.**

### **ZONING:**

Jeff related that Bill Thorne advised that as long as a gas well is abandoned and is noted on the Mylar, the township will not be responsible.

Bill Thorne did not like the zoning language concerning real estate signs and would not be workable and would ultimately problematic.

**Carolyn made a motion to ask Gary to see if the signs from Greenwich to Buffham on Lake Road were in compliance. Motion died for lack of second.**

Jeff reminded Carolyn that a motion is not needed that she would just have to ask Gary to provide a report whether the signs were in or out of compliance.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Jeff e-mailed the Web Master about the counter - has not received a reply.

Jeff spoke with Rick about the fence around the fuel tanks. There is some difference in size. Jeff will ask Bill Thorne about smoking in the gazebo. Jack related that the village wants the entire park a NO SMOKING AREA.

Ask Lee to order signs "NO SMOKING" with ORC section printed and place the cigarette receptacles 60' away from the entrances.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Trustees compensation for 2007.**

**Tim made a motion to keep the trustees compensation on an equal monthly salary for the year 2007, seconded by Carolyn.**

**Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.**

#### **Date for 2007 Organizational meeting:**

Tim would like to see Tuesdays as regular meeting nights at 7:00 pm

**Tim made a motion to hold the 2007 Organizational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 pm, motion seconded by Jeff.**

Discussion was lengthy. Carolyn would like to see the meetings held on Wed. because of personal family activities. Carolyn thought the attendance was good on Wed., and the Village has their

meetings on Tuesdays as well as the school board.

Jeff didn't think there was anymore guests on Wed., possibly less.

**Jeff rescinded his second to the motion above. Motion died for lack of second.**

Jeff mentioned that Carolyn knew the meetings were on Tuesdays when she ran for trustee.

Tim, the meetings are at the desecration of the board.

The above discussion is just a recap - absolutely not word for word

**Tim made a motion to hold the 2007 Organizational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 pm, Jeff seconded the motion.**

**Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

**Tim made a motion to retain Lee Evans at the current rate of pay until the organizational meeting in January, seconded by Carolyn**

**Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

**Carolyn made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Jeff.**

**Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

The board returned to the table from executive session.

Tim stated the board discussed the assistant clerk's position and the funding but no decision was made.

Carolyn announced she has set up a meeting with Bill Thorne, Mike Salay, the Broadbridges, and the Grubiss' for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 3:00 pm

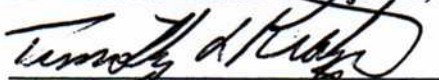
Jeff agreed on one condition: that was to come to agreement with the Grubiss' to get this matter settled and off the agenda.

**Jeff made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Carolyn.**

**Roll call: Tim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye.**

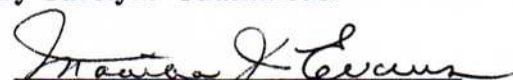
Carolyn made comment that there was a meeting Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Westfield Elementary School concerning Westfield Water.

**Jeff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn. Unanimous.**

  
Chairman, Timothy Kratzer

  
Carolyn Sims, Trustee

  
Jeffrey Plummer, Trustee

  
Clerk, Martha Evans