

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
June 4, 2007
7:00 pm

Chairman, Jeff Plumer called the meeting to order @ 7:25 pm by asking those in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustees in attendance: Jeffrey Plumer, Carolyn Sims, Timothy Kratzer

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer/Clerk, Martha Evans

Ron & Marlene Oiler, Mark Goffinet, Gary & Wirtie MacPhail, Tom & Karen Micklas, Dennis Delagrange, Bruce & Rosemary Broadbridge, Jim Likely, Lee Evans, Jack Snoddy, Gary Harris.

Mark Goffinet, representing the Medina Co. Auditor's office, reported that Medina County has a very high rate of property foreclosures. The auditor's office would like individuals to know there is a hot line 888-995-HOPE that may help as an advocate.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Martha reported she spoke with Mike Lehman from the State Auditor's office concerning an audit. He will see what he can do.

Martha called the Wads. Municipal Court to see if they had any community service individuals available to clean the township hall (such as floors, windows, etc.). Trudy reported there is none available at this time.

The clerk gave Jeff the property & liability insurance renewal to go over and make any corrections before sending it on to the company. The fire levy sample resolution was given to the clerk this evening by Bill Thorne.

The township was notified that ON THE CLOCK CARE Occupational Health Services has decided to discontinue the provision random selection services but would STILL PERFORM THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING.

Jeff made a motion to choose Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital Healthy Benefits, seconded by Carolyn. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

ROADS:

Lee reported he had Lytle Construction put stone down on Buffham Rd. east of Lake Rd. because of traffic and heat. Lee has talked with Carolyn he would like to seal Ballash from Kennard south, existing Westfield Landing Rd. and Kings Creek. Fred Boreman, from the county engineer's office, has the opinion that once everything is a go for the Westfield Landing Road Extension project there will be 6 weeks advertising and awarding of bids – then it will be September. Motor Paving needs warm weather and the fall may not be warm enough. Lee reported if he can get prices to asphalt Buffham east of Lake that may be the route to take since the road is being used as a haul road for the interstate up-grade project. Ballash, Westfield Landing and Kings Creek really are not that bad. Lee feels the Buffham project may be the best this year to save the road. Tim agreed. Lee reported he has a few enclosures to do yet. He will be closing Daniels to Mudlake toward the end of the month.

Martha mentioned the affidavit that each vendor needs to sign stating that they have not given more than \$1,000 to any elected official. Bill Thorne will be sending the information on the forms that must be signed.

PARKS:

Tim reported that Ron Oiler, Pat Edington and he met last week. Pat would like to replace the present gazebo with a new and larger one. Pat is proposing a new gazebo 15 feet larger in diameter than the present gazebo. Pat also proposed the Village of Westfield Center to purchase the present gazebo. Tim replaced 3 bushes that had died during the winter and Boyerts would not stand behind them because they replaced them once. Tim and his wife, Linda, planted and watered the bushes. Tim and Lee placed the flags on the cemetery Thursday. Lee will leave the flags on until July 4, 2007. Tim commented the Memorial Day parade was a very nice parade.

FIRE:

Jack reported 54 runs for the month of May. This is the 3rd highest month. Coming events: CPR classes, Safety City for kindergarten at the high school. Chippewa Roofing looked at the existing roof on the fire house. The new squad is now at the point of having the graphics applied. Jack said "This is a good sign" hoping that the squad will be delivered the end of June.

ZONING:

Mrs. Fussi, resident in Glencrest (Bugsville) complained about grass not being cut. Gary will call Tom Jones, Park District, because the property that was purchased with grant funds by the Medina County Commissioners will be turned over to the park district. Removal of Pilot's existing fuel pricing sign that is in the right-of-way is a matter between Pilot, County Commissioners, and the State. When Speedway originally built in 1989, the site plan did not use the same bench marks as the county has on file. Super 8 Motel was advised they need to apply for a variance to operate another business from the motel such as U-Haul trailers & trucks. Trina, assistant prosecutor, has been out of the office and James Bennett has not done anything with the Zuber violation. Carolyn announced the trustees received a letter of resignation from Zoning Commission member, Wayne Brezina, due to moving. Jeff mentioned he will look at the BZA members to see if any would want to move to the zoning commission. Carolyn would like to see the alternate move to the position. Jeff replied that is not how it is always done. The Board of Zoning Appeals passed a motion 3-2 to ask the trustees to consider allocating \$5,000 matching funds for a comprehensive plan update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Westfield Landing – waiting
Westfield Terrace – Gary has not heard anything.

Carolyn moved to advance to Step #5 on the Outline as per (ORC 505.87) ordering the removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris, seconded by Tim. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

MINTUES:

APRIL 16, 2007

Tim made a motion to approve as corrected, seconded by Carolyn.

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

MAY 17, 2007 - TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

MAY 21, 2007

Tim made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Jeff.

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

Tim brought before the board that in order to be considered for a grant to help with redrafting a comprehensive plan the trustees must pass a resolution.

Tim made a motion to set aside \$5,000 to get the grant application started.

The motion dies for lack of second.

Ron mentioned even if you decide after you apply for the grant, all you have to do is write a letter to the Planning Commission and refuse the grant.

Carolyn stated in 2006 Tim and Jeff said no for a grant to redraft the comprehensive plan. The zoning commission is bogged down right now as it is.

Ron mentioned the update was a recommendation to start fresh and take small chunks at a time. There have been 66 new homes in a 5 year period.

Carolyn related the checking account is short by \$75,000 since Dec. 2006, an up coming audit to be paid for, there are penalties and fines need to be paid to IRS & Ohio Job & Family Services. This isn't the time to spend when it is not necessary.

Marlene stated a grant application could be submitted at some point if you pass a resolution to go forward even in July of next year. Then you would advertise for planners.

Jeff announced that Lucas Seltzer from Wireless Capital Partners will be attending the June 18, 2007 meeting to explain the cell tower buy out.

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

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

Carolyn made a motion to go into executive session (Personnel)@8:40 pm, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

At 9:15 pm Jeff made a motion to close executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Tim. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

No decision was made. The chairman, Jeff Plumer adjourned the regular meeting.

APPROVED September 5, 2007