

**WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 2007 @ 7:00 PM**

Chairman, Jeff Plumer called the meeting to order by asking those in attendance to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Trustees in attendance: Jeff Plumer, Carolyn Sims, Timothy Kratzer.

Jeff welcomed the audience and asked if anyone had anything they wanted to bring before the board. Mr. Broadbridge asked when the township sign would be installed in Creston. Carolyn replied that Lee has not had time to get them ordered. Carolyn mentioned she would like to see about 10 ordered for spares. Karen Micklas asked about the sound system. Jeff replied that would be addressed later in the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

The audit has been completed and there was a negative balance in zoning. A resolution is needed to transfer the necessary funds to zoning and another resolution to amend permanent appropriations for the year 2007.

The fiscal officer presented **RESOLUTION 2007-20 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF \$13,000 FROM GENERAL FUND TO ZONING FUND PER SECTION 5705.14-5705.16 TO MAKE AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2006**

Carolyn Sims offered the above resolution and moved the adoption of same which was duly seconded by Jeffrey Plumer.

Roll call: Carolyn Sims, aye; Jeffrey Plumer, aye; Timothy Kratzer, aye.

RESOLUTION 2007-21 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 2007.

Carolyn Sims offered the above resolution and moved the adoption of same which was duly seconded by Jeffrey Plumer.

Roll call: Carolyn Sims, aye; Jeffrey Plumer, aye; Timothy Kratzer, aye.

Tim made a motion to approve payment of the Ohio Township Association dues, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Carolyn Sims, aye; Jeffrey Plumer, aye; Timothy Kratzer, aye.

Carolyn made a motion to pay the bills as per list attached to the minutes in the clerk's office, seconded by Tim. Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye; Tim, aye.

ROADS

Carolyn mentioned that Mike Salay would like to see the township accept the new access road earlier than spring. Jeff, Carolyn, and Tim said NO, not until the drainage issue is corrected and the road is completed.

Carolyn will e-mail Mike and let him know of the board's concerns.

Lee mentioned the berming is done on Buffham Rd east of Lake to Ryan. Also the county installed wrap around guardrail at the Chippewa Creek bridge on Buffham Road. Greenwich Road is closed due to the interstate construction.

Lee will write a letter to ODOT (Mike Currier) asking for a survey of current conditions and status of Buffham Road now that the asphalt top has been completed.

Lee has been issued another permit from the game warden to get rid of the beavers that has built a dam off Garman Road. After the beaver are thinned out then Lee & Joe Lewis will go in with excavator and remove the dam before winter sets in.

Carolyn set December 17, 2007 as the meeting to name the road. Gregoire and Carrasco will be notified by invitation.

Lee has ordered 93 tons de-icing road salt and has about 150 tons in storage.

Lee suggested \$7,500 as a min. bid for the dump truck. John Miller suggested there be an appraisal. Lee will call a dealer and get some numbers.

7611 Greenwich Road

Martha reported there is \$300,000 plus liens on this property. Jeff mentioned the only way that we could get our money reimbursed would be if the large liens were dropped. Carolyn replied that the board should go forward with the public hearing and order to clean up the property.

Carolyn also said "The assistant prosecutor James Bennett said we could get our reimbursement for clean up if we attach our charges to the taxes". Jeff and Lee want to see that statement in writing before we did any clean up. An approximate cost is \$10,000-\$15,000. Carolyn will ask James Bennett since the township declared that area a hazard can the township abate the hazard.

Carolyn made a motion to hold a public hearing for the 7611 Greenwich Road property December 3, 2007 @ 6:30 pm and the trustees regular meeting to follow at 7:30 pm., seconded by Tim. Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye; Tim, aye.

Westfield Landing Lot Split

Gary presented the mylar for signature. As the discussion progressed, it was decided that Gary should get an opinion in writing from the Medina Co. Engineers and the Prosecutors office that the split was reviewed and in compliance, then the trustees will sign the split.

Sound System

Jeff received a quote from RNR to install the sound equipment in the amount of \$2,583.00 less \$100 for the cable.

Tim moved to allow the installation in the amount of \$2,483.00, discussion:

Carolyn- is creating a document with a camera immediately necessary?

MacPhail- a camera is good

Jeff-\$278 is not a big difference

Micklas-more surveillance is good

Tryon-can't see this

Likley-it will be a technology change

Tim modified his motion to state to allow RNR to install the sound system and the wiring for a camera but do not install camera, seconded by Carolyn.

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

Tim reported that Assistant Prosecutor, Bill Thorne is still working on the fire chief's contract and discipline letter.

FIRE

Jack reported 33 runs the month of October. Bills approved \$3,519.55 with year to date expenses \$67,218.48 will under budget. Life Force is telling the fire department to increase their

cost for rescue calls. Raise the \$550 to \$700 because Medicare is decreasing their reimbursement.

Carolyn asked Jack to run new numbers on the new property valuations. Carolyn set November 26, 2007 at 1:00 pm as a fire budget meeting.

Jeff would like to see the village's long range plan for the fire department.

Tim said he has seen Jack's proposal, operating budget and capital expenditure.

Martha will also call the auditor's office for the new numbers based on the new property valuations.

Martha was asked to advertise for zoning positions in The Post and The Gazette. Deadline is December 1, 2007.

Water consortium

Carolyn reiterated the changes in the water plan, which was to upgrade the Westfield Center Plant vs. building a new facility proposed on Garman Road. The sanitary engineer thought the plant should be operational in 18 months. Carolyn asked the county commissioners and Jim Troike to re-affirm the county commitment to the principles of the Southern Medina County Well Development Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff will ask Bill Thorne or Trina Devanney about the Fire Loss & Demolition Resolution that was in the Ohio Township News. Jeff feels this may be a good resolution to have in place. House Bill 9 – Certified Training for the open records act. Jeff will be attending a training class.

Hall Rental - John Miller asked if his daughter could have the rental fee for use of the township hall refunded because it was a surprise anniversary celebration for he and his wife. John Miller is a zoning commission member. Jeff stated there is an unwritten rule that employees can use the hall free of charge. Martha will issue a check to John's daughter.

Dave Robbins a Boy Scout working for his Eagle Scout Badge is designing a sign for Cloverleaf High School. It is a brick sign. Gary has already spoken with him.

Tim made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriations submitted by the fiscal officer (a list is attached to the minutes in the fiscal officer's office), seconded by Carolyn. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Carolyn made a motion to put the zoning text on the web, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Ron Oiler stated the 3 trustees need to approve anything that goes on the web. There should be a policy procedure of what, when & how things are to go to the webmaster.

Carolyn made a motion that all zoning applications and supporting documents go on line via web site at the time legal notices are published, seconded by Jeff. Roll call: Carolyn, aye; Jeff, aye; Tim, abstain.

MINUTES

October 1, 2007 Public Hearing

Westfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting
November 5, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

Tim moved to approve as corrected, seconded by Jeff.

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

October 1, 2007 Regular Meeting

Jeff moved to approved as corrected, seconded by Tim.

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

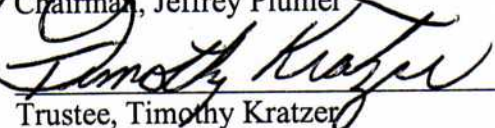
October 15, 2007

Tim made a motion to approve draft as printed

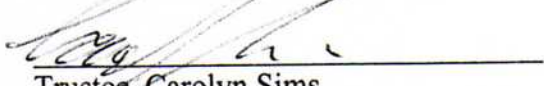
There being no further business to come before this board, meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED December 3, 2007


Chairman, Jeffrey Plumer


Trustee, Timothy Kratzer


Fiscal Officer/Clerk, Martha Evans


Trustee, Carolyn Sims