

Westfield Township Board of Trustees

December 19, 2016
Regular Meeting

Trustee Schmidt called the meeting to order. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley-aye.

Comments from the floor

Meeting minutes to be approved- December 5, 2016 meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Road Report- L. Evans salted roads

Cemetery Report- nothing at this time

Zoning Report

- December 14, 2016 ZC meeting cancelled- Majewski could not make it
- January 16, 2016- ZC meeting
- BZA applications will be reviewed and meetings will be after the first of the year
- Job Evaluations-Porter signed a copy for her records. ZI Sims evaluation will be completed before the end of the year.

Fire Station Report

- ✓ Thombs sent statement of ‘Expenses for Station Construction’ to the Trustees
- ✓ Thombs provided estimated cost of Community Building to the Trustees (estimated cost \$4,538,369.55 from DS Architect) and Reimbursements in the amount of \$158,372.40 for a grand total of \$4,696,741.95.
- ✓ Mary Beth will get estimated mileage to the Trustees first of the year after the resolution is passed and provide the Trustees the total amount (principal and interest for taxable evaluation)
- ✓ Thombs contacted Rebecca Princehorn and discussed how to submit a resolution asking for levy mileage information (4.5 million, 4.7 million and 5 million to build for 25 and 30 years at a 5% interest rate) and provide Princehorn the signed resolutions prior to January 1st. Trustees will provide multiple scenarios. Thombs will get packet to Princehorn with resolution
- ✓ Federal Reserve interest rates look to be 5%

Old Business

Cell Tower- Thorne has contacted Likley regarding the Verizon Contract (expansion of use and additional equipment) and the \$500.00 per month and the recommendation to the Trustees should be to proceed with a motion.

Likley makes a motion to proceed with the addendum and lease agreement with Verizon to pay an additional \$500.00 and the increase agreement per year; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Likley- aye, Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye.

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Discussion: Thorne's secretary will write up the addendum to be signed by Trustees and the American Cell Tower contract will be coming (\$30,000 signing bonus added and payment of property taxes are the responsibility of American Cell Tower). M. Evans also was concerned that the previous tax bill was not reimbursed back to the Township.

No new hall rentals for this year.

New Business

- Brownfield Grant- nothing new
- Judge Collier letter received- Thorne to talk with Lorain County Prosecutor's Office to inquire about BZA legal counsel
- 2017 Calendar of Trustee meetings attached to minutes

Schmidt makes a motion to accept the 2017 Calendar of Trustee Meetings as proposed; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Thombs-aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.

Certificate (\$195, 450.83) 12- month CD is coming due) current interest is .04%

Likley makes a motion to continue the 12 month CD roll over; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.

Announcements

December 31, 2016 special meeting at 9:15 AM

Trustees' Meeting- January 3, 2017 -regular meeting at 7:00 PM

Fiscal Officer's Report

Bills in the amount of \$22,154.49

Schmidt makes a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,154.49 as submitted; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Likley- aye, Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes

Temporary Appropriations will be at the December 31st meeting.

Fund Status in the amount of \$439,318.19

Census Information in the Gazette: Median household income for Westfield Township is \$79,505.00 and the Village is \$74,702.00.

Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM; seconded by Thombs. All said aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

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Date approved: January 3, 2017

Trustee Michael Schmidt, Chair

Trustee James Likley

Trustee William Thombs