

The Franklin Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 27, 2017 at 6 p.m. Trustee Callahan, Trustee Morris, Trustee Ruppert, Fiscal Officer Fromeyer, Administrator Stivers, Road Superintendent Rose and Cemetery Superintendent Bishop were all in attendance.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8 meeting.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion,

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Mr. Morris - Yes

Motion passed.

Visitors: None

Old Business:

Mrs. Stivers stated that the pool agreement has now been changed to meet all of the Trustee's specifications. Mrs. Callahan asked where the pool repairs stood. Mr. Morris, who serves on the pool board, stated that the pool repairs were vetoed by the Township. Mr. Ruppert said that Mrs. Stivers had sent all of the board an email previously with a proposed budget that she and Mr. Lewis had worked on together. Mr. Fromeyer reminded the board that a \$40,000 bill still needed to be paid for 2016 pool operation. Mrs. Callahan questioned why the bill was \$40,000. Mr. Morris stated that when he questioned why the 2016 bill was so high that the discussion then turned to the needed repairs and that after the pool committee learned that Franklin Township wasn't going to help with the repairs that all meetings had been cancelled. Mr. Ruppert said that he understood Mrs. Stivers's email to state that the City was going to take care of covering all of the repairs and that the issue at hand was simply the pool contract, not the budget. Mrs. Callahan asked if there would be a way to decrease the cost of the pool? Mr. Morris said that the reason that they were doing the repairs was to make it more appealing to improve business that comes in. Mr. Ruppert pointed out that this is only a year to year agreement. Mrs. Callahan said she would like to wait until they know more about the changes that are coming to the pool. Mr. Morris agreed. Mr. Ruppert said that he is satisfied with the agreement but if the other Trustees wanted to wait we could. Mr. Ruppert suggested that Mr. Morris and Mrs. Stivers try to get a pool meeting scheduled. Mr. Morris said he was concerned that our annual pool bill will continue to grow because there are many more repairs needed. Mr. Ruppert said he understood, but that each year the Trustees have to approve the budget that Mrs. Stivers & Mr. Lewis present. So repairs couldn't be made unless they were approved in the budget.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve Resolution No. 01-03222017 entering the township into a contract with the Warren County Engineer's Office for the purpose of purchasing road salt.

Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris - Yes

Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers said that we had discussed a GoFund Me account in the past for the purpose of accepting donations for the cemeteries and parks but it had just kind of been forgotten. She recently had a use for it and asked that the Trustees consider it. Mrs. Callahan asked if we could legally do this. Mrs. Stivers said she had previously spoken with Roger Sorey who, at the time was with the WC Prosecutor's Office and that he did not see a problem with it. Mrs. Callahan asked if we were a non-profit. Mrs. Stivers said that we are not a 501(c)(3) but we do have a tax exemption status. Mrs. Callahan said she thought we had to have a special board. Mrs. Stivers said that we had previously asked that exact question and that it did not make a difference. Mrs. Stivers will forward the email chain from the Prosecutor's office to the Board.

The Serving Seniors Grant was discussed. Mrs. Stivers stated that she'd like to see that tabled and discussed in Appropriations. The Trustees agreed.

Mrs. Stivers stated that she had applied for a 2018 ODOT Specialized Transportation grant to obtain a new handicapped accessible vehicle for our senior programs. A 2017 awardee has backed out and so the grant administrator contacted Mrs. Stivers to offer the vehicle to Franklin Township. Franklin Township would be responsible for a local match of roughly \$10,000. Mr. Ruppert suggested we discuss this in the appropriations meeting. Everyone agreed.

The Middletown- Franklin Township Bridge was discussed. Mr. Morris had contacted Mrs. Stivers to schedule a meeting regarding this project. Mrs. Stivers said that it was her understanding that in March of 2016 the board had agreed to have all meetings regarding this bridge as public meetings. Mrs. Stivers did not want to act against the majority's wishes. Mr. Morris said since he is the WC Regional Planning Commission Representative that he should be able to have these meetings, that it's just a planning meeting. Mr. Ruppert said his recollection was that it was an efficiency issue and that Mrs. Stivers was told to take point and if a trustee was needed then the representative to the WC Regional Planning Commission should be contacted. Mr. Morris suggested that since he's on the WCRPC board and the staff at WCRPC often call him with their ideas that he should handle this. Mr. Ruppert said that if Mr. Morris wanted to take point that he had no objections. Mrs. Stivers said she didn't care one way or the other, she just wants to know how to proceed. At this time Mr. Morris will take point on this particular project.

Purchasing an ATV and an E Tool was discussed. A LOEB grant had been awarded to Franklin Township for such items. Chief Bishop would like to spend those funds. The Trustees stated that they had no objection to the purchase.

The installation of time clocks was briefly discussed. Mrs. Stivers presented the board with several quotes. The issue was tabled.

The pool budget was briefly discussed and tabled,

Road Report:

Mr. Rose said all the tractors and mowers are being prepared for the summer. Park preparations are being made and the road crew will be busy in the coming weeks with ditch clean outs.

Cemetery Report:

Mr. Bishop reported on how many funerals that Woodhill had seen. They are now mowing.

Mrs. Stivers stated that the Woodhill Cemetery Committee is doing a butterfly release as a fundraiser for Mother's Day. Information is forthcoming.

Mrs. Stivers also reminded the board that the Woodhill Cemetery Committee is doing a headstone cleaning clinic on April 23, 2017 from 2pm - 5pm. Mr. Ruppert said it would be nice if we could get the stones around the gates cleaned.

A historical tour of the cemetery is also being planned.

Fire Report:

Chief Bishop said the fire department had been very busy. They are also doing annual maintenance.

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Stivers stated that she had spoken with the WC Prosecutor's Office regarding Mrs. Callahan's question about if we are a department or if we are a district. Mr. Anderson gave Mrs. Stivers some things to research and Mrs. Stivers is working on that.

Mrs. Stivers said that the Board had discussed the Spectrum contract previously. Mrs. Stivers stated that our fire stations did not have complimentary service before Spectrum took over and that nothing will change.

Mrs. Stivers stated that she had updated the employment application and that added our new logo. It should appear on our website soon.

After speaking with Stacey Castle, our webmaster, Mrs. Stivers has learned that we will soon have to re-design our website due to the quantity of information on it.

Mrs. Stivers followed up on Mrs. Callahan's request to speak with the County officials about re-locating the Warren County Fairgrounds. Martin Russell, Warren County Office of Economic Development indicated that as the President of the Board that Mrs. Callahan would have to present him with a proposal to build a comparable facility in the township, as well as a proposal to fill the property that would then be vacant in Lebanon. Mr. Morris suggested that WCRPC could push the idea since Warren County already owns the land.

Tire recycling will be the week of May 15th. Our annual community recycling will be that Saturday, May 20th. Mrs. Stivers indicated that she'll have to authorize some overtime, but that's our only expected expense.

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the payment listing as presented by the fiscal officer totaling \$82,909.98 and dated March 27, 2017.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mr. Morris - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the payment listing as presented by the fiscal officer totaling \$7500.00 and dated March 22, 2017 for the Deardoff Senior Center.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mr. Morris - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - No

Motion passed.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the remaining fiscal reports.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mr. Morris - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the amended official certificate.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mr. Morris - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Comments by Individual Board Members - None

Mr. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris - Yes


Mr. Ruppert - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Motion passed.


Beth Callahan, President


Brian Morris, Vice President


Ronald Ruppert, Trustee


Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer