

January 20, 2014 at the Township Community Center

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on January 20, 2014. Trustee Corman called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call – Mr. King, yea; Mrs. Corman, yea; and Mr. Brown, yea

Regular Meeting Agenda:

*Trustee Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18 and the December 16, 2013 Regular meetings, and the January 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting.

Motion seconded by Trustee Corman.

Mr. King, yea; Mrs. Corman, yea; and Mr. Brown, yea

*Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the invoices. Motion seconded by Trustee King.

Mr. King, yea; Mrs. Corman, yea; and Mr. Brown, yea

Sheriff's Report:

Sgt. William Crock summarized the written reports and presented them to the trustees. Burglaries and break-ins in the township have slowed since arrests that were made last month. The Sergeant thanked Don and Josh of the Public Works Department for the good job in keeping the roads cleared of snow. There were no questions from the trustees or the public.

Public Presentations:

Bill Grafe, Energy Alliances, made a presentation regarding possible Gas and Electric aggregation in Whitewater Township. He explained the process of Aggregation and how Energy Alliances could help with that process. There was an extended Q&A with the trustees, and the consensus of the trustees was to take no action at this time.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report: Fire Chief Scott Schorsch presented the Fire Department report. He thanked Paul Ziegler for his service and welcomed Doug King to the Board.

Run totals for December 2013: EMS – 70; Patients – 72; Fire – 26; MVA – 11

Chief Schorsch reported on repairs made to Engine 3. AC Mike Siefke has been appointed as Committee Chair for Command 400. The Chief reported on the 2013 live fire training. Kristy Heidi is now an EMS instructor.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Don Anderson presented the Department report, and he summarized current projects of the Department. They have completed drainage and restoration work on the paper street, Wamsley Ave. The installation of the geothermal HVAC system at the Center is near completion. Mechanical repairs totaling ~\$2800 was needed on the 2005 F-250. The annual inventory is near completion. Don met with Bob Moore, Ohio EPA, and Mr. Moore suggested deactivating the Elizabethtown water system and decrease testing to annually.

Trustee Corman asked if a sign could be erected on SR-128 to warn of the rough pavement, and Chief Schorsch suggested lowering the speed limit in those rough areas. Trustee Corman informed that Hamilton County is considering a 25 mph speed limit on the Lawrenceburg Road S-turn, the site of a recent fatal accident.

Community Center: Melissa McCabe presented the Community Center report. She welcomed Trustee Doug King to the board. Attendance in December 2013 was 448. Melissa reported that the AA group was planning to move from the Miamitown Hall for their meetings. Melissa informed the trustees that she will be on jury duty for 2 weeks.

Sewer / Water District Report: The next meeting of the Sewer District is January 28th, 2014. A recent change in the Ohio Revised Code now allows township trustees to serve on sec. 6119 boards, so Trustee King will not be required to resign from the Sewer / Water Board.

Old Business:

Trustee Brown reported that he has received calls regarding a proposed new compost facility on SR-128 near the Off-Road Center. He said that permitting comes from Hamilton County Health Department and Soil & Water Department, and the Township has no say in the decision.

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Old Business, cont.:

Trustee Brown met with Mr. Schultz regarding his Elizabethtown building. Trustee Brown suggested that the Township buy the property, but Mr. Schultz would not agree.

*Trustee Brown made a motion to declare the Schultz property to be a nuisance. Motion seconded by Trustee Corman.

Mr. King, yea; Mrs. Corman, yea; and Mr. Brown, yea

New Business:

Trustee Brown received a complaint regarding graffiti on a garage on SR-50 and asked Don Anderson to contact the owner. Brown voiced his reservations about gas and electric aggregation, but said he would look into it.

Trustee Corman said she would like to have a Fire Capital Committee meeting in the coming weeks.

Trustee Brown made a motion to approve **Resolution #2014-10, "*Annual Appropriation Resolution*". Motion seconded by Trustee King.

Mr. King, yea; Mrs. Corman, yea; and Mr. Brown, yea

Trustee Corman gave an update on the WestJAD status, and also gave an update of the S.A.F.E. Program.

Public Comment: No comments from the public.

Board Comments:

Trustee Corman and Trustee Brown each welcomed Trustee King to the board.

Adjournment:

*Trustee Brown made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Trustee Corman seconded the motion.

Mr. King, yea; Mrs. Corman, yea; and Mr. Brown, yea

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

