

MAY 8, 2013

- 1. Call to Order-Roll Call**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Minutes**
- 4. Fiscal Report**
 - A. Financial Statement**
- 5. Maintenance Report**
- 6. Zoning Report**
- 7. Fire Department Report**
- 8. EMS Report**
- 9. Committee Report**
- 10. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Hold Harmless Claus**
 - B. Possible Paving Repairs of High Traffic Area of Elias Lloyd Rd.**
- 11. New Business**
 - A. MCTA Dinner Date**
- 12. Announcements**
 - A. Next Meeting June 12, 2013**
- 13. For The Good of The Order**
- 14. Adjournment**

APRIL 10, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The April 10, 2013 Ellsworth Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Laura Lewis – present, Trustee Curtis Morrison – present, and Chairman William Spellman – present. Also present were Karen Grittle Fiscal Officer, Robert Sternburg Fire Chief, Matt Stroney Maintenance Facilitator, Bob Russo for security, and 9 visitors. Western Reserve News was videotaping. Chairman Spellman explained the Zoning Inspector, Rick Durkin, was absent due to the passing of his sister Rosemary Durkin, who was one of the first women in Mahoning County politics. She loved Ellsworth and living here. As we come up to the Memorial Day celebration we know the young and the old make it special. Mr. Bartholomew made a written request to speak during the zoning part of the agenda. Trustee Morrison will speak about healthcare under unfinished business. Another agreement on resource officer for school was received from Karen Gaglione of the Prosecutor's office. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Morrison. All in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: The bank balance was \$930,840.12. A thank you card was received from Angela Gatto thanking the fire department for their help with her brother Russell Marshal who was seriously injured in a farm accident on March 23, 2013. To update the EMS billing: only 3 charts are incomplete as of today. Completed charts will be verified for EMS payroll. Fiscal Officer Karen Grittle again brought up the \$200 that was charged for decks, and porches for the new home on Palmyra Rd. At the time of the issuance there were no fees for such structures. Trustee Morrison made a motion to return \$200 to Modern Builders, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Office supplies are needed for Maintenance and the fiscal office.

MAINTENANCE: Matt Stroney is the new maintenance facilitator. Matt Stroney listed the following items to be done immediately: water filter in Town Hall, dusk to dawn light eye on North side of fire station, cannot find information on Town Hall oil furnace filter or when changed, Topsoil and grass seed for cemetery, head on trimmer is stripped and will cost \$110. Jeff Williams suggested getting a new trailer for the two mowers and purchasing regular trimmers. The ones we have now are for trimming brush. Tim Ramsey suggests buying Tonanka trimmers from Greenford tractor Sales which have a seven year warranty. Trustee Morrison told Matt Stroney to email the trustees after looking at Greenford Sales. Jeff Williams said the ethanol in the gas is eating the parts of the equipment. The cost to put sides on the trailer is \$350. Trustee Morrison suggested looking at a larger trailer that would be safer. Chairman Spellman said we need to look at a piece of equipment to do what needs done. Chairman Spellman will bring specs on the trailer and three tractors he has looked into. Trustee Lewis felt the trailer issue needed addressed now as it was grass cutting time. Trustee Morrison said to check the tire on the trailer also. Matt Stroney continues with his list of needs: painting supplies, oil dry or kitty litter for oil spills, fill valves on some toilets need changed, hand tools such as shovels, black top and cement patch, cone water cups, vice, work bench, hand tools, tool cabinet. Trustee Morrison asked if tools could be locked in the office. Matt Stroney said a remote door control was found in the truck. The third bay has an opener on it. Trustee Morrison asked if there was an opener and remote control on the middle door. There is an opener, but no remote. Matt Stroney has no idea of the cost for a remote, but he will have a price for the May meeting. Matt Stroney said there was a push mower in the cemetery garage that does not work. Jon Behe has been using his own mower. A hand mower is needed for the cemetery that will go between the grave stones. Trustee Morrison said to get the cost of the mower. Matt continued with the mausoleum chairs are looking bad. Matt suggested a back hoe with a front loader for the cemetery. Chairman Spellman said any purchase of a back hoe will come with a safety program. Matt Stroney called Lou Vega from Recycling to dispose of the old batteries. There is also old paint and electronics in the trailer. The trailer is in poor condition. Trustee Morrison made a motion to purchase the safety items, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Chairman Spellman discussed a weather proof bulletin board in the recycling area. Chairman Spellman said notices could be displayed there and put in the RoundUp. Matt reported the radiator in the dump truck was leaking antifreeze and the truck was taken to Peterbilt. The fan blade broke and punctured the radiator. Matt Stroney spoke to a Ford representative who gave \$800 towards the bill. The battery was also going so a battery was purchased from Denney's Auto Parts. Trustee Lewis asked the Fiscal Officer to explain what National Highway Safety said about the fan issue. The Fiscal Officer said the clutch stops on the fan and the blade breaks. A new fan being installed is the remedy. Ellsworth and Berlin townships have been working together on the burials. Trustee Morrison said the extra dirt from the burials was being dumped in the back of the cemetery. Since it is now cleaned up, any extra dirt is being dumped at the VFW. Paint samples for the fire hall are in various places on the walls. A color needs to be chosen. The sheriff deputy will be parking a car in the maintenance garage. The sheriff will help with traffic while the flags are put up. The caution tape was taken off the playground equipment. A "Keep Off" sign may help. There is lots of trash after the baseball games. Baseball is to put out the trash cans. The street sign on Rolling Hills will be replaced with another sign. New street signs will be purchased at a later date. There are 8 "No Littering" signs and the placement has to be decided. One litter sign can be on Berlin Station Rd. One piece of slate is missing on the Town Hall. Trustee Morrison will help with the slate replacement. Matt Stroney will call Nagy to get a price. An electronic marquee sign for the Town Hall may cost \$3000 to \$5000. Chairman Spellman felt the sign could be discussed in May. During the cleanup of the township buildings, lots of old papers, signs and an old safe were found. Chairman Spellman reported Matt Stroney is setup at Allied Locks for township locks and keys. Trustee Morrison suggested Matt Stroney call Lou Vega about the weatherproof bulletin board for the recycling area. The hazmat trailer will be looked at. Trustee Morrison said 3 shovels, a rake, and quality tools with a lifetime guarantee need to be purchased. Motion to purchase 50 ft. air compressor hose, 500 watt flood light, dusk to dawn photo eye, water filter, oil filter, topsoil, grass seed, cleaning supplies, \$300 on new trimmer, shop rags, oil dry, fill valves, paper towels, cone cups, \$50 for shovels and rakes, hydraulic cement, Rolling Hills sign, paint for fire hall, \$200 for

kitchen hood cleaning, was made by Trustee Morrison and seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Next meeting ORC 507.11 will be looked into. Trustee Lewis thanked Matt Stroney for his detail in doing the job,

ZONING: There was no report due to the absence of Zoning Inspector Rick Durkin. Mr. Lynn Bartholomew, owner of Monarc Disposal, asked to speak at this time. Mr. Bartholomew handed files to the trustees and fiscal officer. Mr. Bartholomew said the Fiscal Officer and Trustee Lewis filed a complaint against him. Mr. Bartholomew said he did not know Trustee Morrison until tonight and he met Chairman Spellman last week. Mr. Bartholomew read a time line of his property. Mr. Bartholomew felt the procedure was done out of line. Mr. Bartholomew felt he should have been personally approached. Mr. Bartholomew said whoever took the pictures trespassed on his property or the adjoining property owned by Rich Allison. Karen Grittie, Fiscal Officer, said she passed his location two times a day and noticed the pile of trash in the back was growing. The Ellsworth Zoning said if you are sorting trash it must be within an enclosed structure. It is not to be out in the open. Mr. Durkin's sister was in the hospital so the Health department was called. The Health Department told Karen Grittie after talking to Mr. Bartholomew, it was a zoning issue. Karen Grittie continued she was told to follow up at the zoning office, which she did. You are in very close proximity to Meander watershed. Every stream in this township is marked. We had had a lot of rain that week and that trash was not going anywhere. The Fiscal Officer asked when taking frozen trash out of one dumpster, why not put it into another one? Mr. Bartholomew said they were two different types of debris. There is a \$15 dumping fee, plus an additional \$75 fee to rake out the frozen debris. Angelo Italiano of the Health Department told Karen Grittie he told Mr. Bartholomew to get it off the ground as soon as possible. Mr. Bartholomew countered Angelo Italiano told him he understood what he was doing and to scrape it out and get it off the ground as soon as you can. Mr. Bartholomew added he only had 15 tires and you are allowed to have up to 100 tires as long as they are covered, which he did not know. The tires are now covered. The tires are for loading equipment on a low boy trailer. Mr. Bartholomew said he could go around and find other tire in the township and the fiscal officer said I agree with you 1000%, you could go around this town and find a lot of violations. Mr. Bartholomew said he doesn't think he should be above anyone else in this township. Trustee Spellman asked if he was cited for the tire and dumping and Mr. Bartholomew said yes. Trustee Morrison asked if the Fiscal Officer sent the materials to the Board of Health as an official or a citizen. The Fiscal Officer said when she called as a citizen the Health Department said Mr. Bartholomew said he was allowed by zoning to sort trash. Then the complaint had to come from a township official, so the Fiscal Officer filed the complaint. Chairman Spellman asked the Fiscal Officer if the Zoning Inspector was not an official? Karen Grittie replied, "Yes and the Zoning Inspector was not available due to his sister's sickness". Karen Grittie talked to the Zoning Inspector as soon as he was in his office. Fiscal Officer, Karen Grittie, stated the Health Department complaint was closed and Mr. Bartholomew agreed. Chairman Spellman expressed how he felt, as he was at the Zoning Commission meeting when the discussion of addressing your business, Mr. Bartholomew, came up and what you had brought before them. The Zoning Commission board went back and forth in discussion and Chairman Spellman felt they got it right. It is the Zoning Inspector's role to do enforcement. Rick Durkin negotiated more than half of the complaints to turn them into a win win situation. Trustee Morrison said he could appreciate breaking down a load, as a tire will reject the load. Mr. Bartholomew said he cut the grass on the lot next to him as he got tired of looking at the grass. Mr. Bartholomew stated he has spent a lot of money there and didn't want to keep spending money if every time he turns around he has to watch his back. Mr. Bartholomew offered shovels and weed whackers to the township that he has taken out of dumpsters. Matt Stroney commented he would be down.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Since the last meeting there has been 1 structure fire, giving mutual aid to Berlin, 6 crashes, 1 good intent, 5 emergency medical and gave and received mutual aid to Berlin. There were a total of 117 fire fighter hours. The Ellsworth Fire Department put on the annual 4-H symposium at MCCTC. The big push with ISO is to have 13,000 gallons of water and 20 fire fighters at each fire. The accountability tags need upgraded. Ellsworth has 1 tag while the other departments have 2 tags. The tags are given to the engineer as a fire fighter leaves a truck. The tag has the fire fighter's helmet number and the department from. Everyone else has a two tag system. The second tag is given at the entry way where the fire fighter enters the structure. If a fire fighter is lost in a fire, this system tells where to look for the fire fighter. When coming out of the fire, the fire fighter is given the tag to go to rehab. This system documents the fire activities. Large structure fires are the easiest to lose a fire fighter in. The training grant for 2012 was received. Trustee Morrison made a motion for \$642.52 for 58 accountability tags, 3 accountability boards, 3 apparatus crew tags, 2 printer cartridges, and chain saw additive, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Trustee Lewis presented the Top Responder plaque. Ken Hernan was the top responder in 2012. The plaque will be presented at the fire fighter banquet next year.

EMS: Chief Sternburg reported the charts are updated.

CRIME WATCH: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS: TRUSTEE MORRISON: Jeff Williams, of Western Reserve Landscaping, has fertilized the ball fields. The township purchased the fertilizer and Mr. Williams donated his time. Lesko had the best price and an account was set up. Chairman Spellman commented this is not the first year Mr. Williams has done this. Trustee Morrison reported Healthcare America is the best price for health insurance. Trustee Morrison made a motion to continue with Healthcare America for 1 year, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Chairman Spellman added the deductibles were \$1000 each and \$3000 per family.

TRUSTEE LEWIS talked to Ms. Hively who is looking for sewer tie in money. Trustee Lewis also called on the Planet Aid box in the gas station lot which is blocking your sight to leave the driveway. The gas card for the Fire Department has been secured. Trustee Lewis called on the EM Cap for Workers Compensation. A maintenance worker or a trustee can attend the one required class. The OTATMA grant for fire department safety

equipment has been sent in. The Green Team grant for the rubber mulch at the playground has been signed. Dave Williams Associates in Alliance will be notified concerning the playground. Trustee Lewis had an enquiry from the web site concerning someone who may be buried in Ellsworth Cemetery. Trustee Lewis attended the zoning consultant meeting with John Conglose, which went very well. Trustee Lewis reported Bailey Rd. will be closed as of April 15, 2013 for repairs. Chairman Spellman commented that Ms. Hively purchased a home that the condition of the septic was not disclosed. Hopefully there is some help for her.

CHAIRMAN SPELLMAN: The damage on Elias Lloyd Rd. where the fire trucks enter the lot is extensive. Trustee Morrison will help to get 3 quotes on this repair. This will encompass 60 ft. in from the entrance of Elias Lloyd Rd. and where the trucks go in with the mails and roll offs, the shoulder is broken down. All can bring in quotes. Chairman Spellman will present his top 10 list, which will need to be prioritized as to need. Ellsworth will be hosting the Mahoning County Commissioners' meeting on May 8 at 6 pm in the Town Hall. Also on May 2, 2013 at 7 pm the Building Doctor will be conducting a meeting in Ellsworth Town Hall. The Building Doctor works with the Ohio Historical Society to restore buildings. "Established in 1883" needs to be put on the front of the Town Hall. Chairman Spellman said we need to be ready for Memorial Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The trustees have all reviewed the Solid Waste Manual and attended their meetings. Chairman Spellman said Ellsworth was well represented at the meetings, and concerned with the cuts in the budget as far as the landfills in Ellsworth. Trustee Lewis made a resolution:

WE, THE TRUSTEES OF ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP, BY A MAJORITY VOTE, HAVING REVIEWED THE DRAFT UPDATE POLICY AS HEREBY DIRECTED APPROVE THE DRAFT UPDATE AND DIRECT A COPY OF THE UPDATE IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED TO THE MAHONING COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. Move by trustee Lewis, and seconded by Chairman Spellman. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: The Maintenance department budget will be deferred. On the gas card for the Fire Department there is no limit. The mileage on the truck and the department pin must be used. The Fiscal Officer said she was called by Maintenance concerning a \$50 limit on the Gulf station card. There is a limit if used outside only. If you go into the station, there is no limit. Trustee Morrison reported last month (March 2013) a memorandum was signed for the school resource officer. Trustee Morrison reported if funding for the school resource officer is received from any other source, the township will receive a refund. The resource officer can leave for local emergencies. Trustee Morrison said the trustee had to sign the new agreement. Trustee Lewis commented the school board is okay with how this is written. It states the Sheriff has sole discretion on choosing the resource office. What if there is a problem, should the school have a say as to who the officer is? Officer Russo said there is extensive training to be the resource officer. Chairman Spellman said he felt the school should have included the townships in the discussions so questions such as these could be answered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our next trustee meeting will be on May 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The Mahoning Commissioners will meet in The Ellsworth Town Hall at 6:00 pm on May 8, 2013.

Trustee Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm, seconded by Trustee Morrison. All in favor