

## REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

JULY 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fredrick Houston. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee William Spellman – present, Vice Chairman Robert Toman – present, and Chairman Fredrick Houston – present. The visitors were Denny Furman of The Berlin Ellsworth Ruritan and engineer Jason Young. Also present were Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Fire Chief Robert Sternburg, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Deputy Wills for security and six visitors. Western Reserve News was videotaping. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee Spellman made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2014 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: The bank balance was \$921,105.36. The state auditors are still waiting on the litigation letter from Attorney Jim Mathews.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Matt Stroney, Maintenance Supervisor, reported the old shrubs had been replaced in front of the Fire Department Building. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$287.45 for the new shrubs and mulch for the landscaping, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. There was a discussion concerning removing and replacing the blue spruce trees also. The water pressure tank was installed for the Fire hall and the water pressure is good. The generator tie-in passed the electrical inspection. Elias Lloyd, Lonesome Dove and the cemetery have been crack sealed and three township roads need to be sealed. The township purchased a cemetery mapping program called Crypt Keeper. Geeburg cemetery will be done first. Two cemetery plots were sold. Cemetery maps need copied. The mausoleum needs plaster repair done. There will be a public meeting on August 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire hall informing the public as to the new hours and operations at the Ellsworth Post Office. A cement pad, 23 x 7 ft., on the East side of the building to house the outdoor Post Office boxes, meeting the Post Offices specifications, was proposed. The Mahoning County Sheriff's day reporters program had been used for 12 times totaling 84 hours. The day reporters did crack sealing and weed whacking. The deputies had done traffic control for the crack sealing. The cattails were out of the pond. A quote for air conditioning came in and others will be sought

.ZONING REPORT: Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna reported he had issued 5 permits. Two complaints had come in. Land on Palmyra Road had been divided into two building lots.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Sternburg reported since last meeting there were 4 vehicle crashes, 2 structure fires, 1 good intent, 4 service calls, and mutual aid given and received from Berlin and Canfield, for a total of 206 fire fighter hours. The Chief discussed the EF1 tornado that struck Ellsworth. There would be strict guidelines for the Junior Firemen program with recruiting at schools and limited membership. Lordstown's chief will talk to the trustees concerning Lordstown's program. Class A foam is needed at \$1000 for eleven 5 gallon pails that will last 2 years. Also a thermal imaging camera is needed for the safety of fire fighters at a cost of \$4794.95. Monica Smith was proposed as a probationary fire fighter. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$5794.95 for the foam and camera and to accept Monica Smith as a probationary fire fighter, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Replacing E-47, a 1995 International, with a fully equipped pumper fire and rescue truck was discussed. The trustees are taking over the storage room the fire fighters had used. A new storage room will be built where the old hose dryer was. The cost of the new room will come out of the general fund.

EMS: There were 7 transports last month. The post office box renewal is \$48. Two people may be taking EMT training in August.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** TRUSTEE SPELLMAN commented on the good relationship the township has with the Sheriff. The Ohio Township News has articles on roads, healthcare, new sewage rules, IRS ruling on volunteer fire fighters and the Ohio Gas bill passed. The OTARMA More grant for \$500 was applied for to reimburse expenses for dry hydrant and reflective gear.

TRUSTEE TOMAN reported the Sheriff needs a new double sided sign at the administration building.

TRUSTEE HOUSTON reported the carpet cleaning in the fire hall will be done later. The Sheriff was thanked for all the patrols in the township.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Denny Furman of the Berlin Ellsworth Ruritan presented a check for \$580 for flag banners for the intersection of Rt 45 and Rt 224. There will be 2 American flags and 2 Ellsworth flags.

**OLD BUSINESS: LAKE UPDATE:** The cattails have been removed. Trustee Toman made a motion for Ellis Construction to spend up to \$6000 on geo tech and rocks around the perimeter of the lake, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

Trustee Spellman made a motion to rescind the motion to seek bids on the parking lot, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Evaluating the temporary employees for a wage increase was discussed. Trustee Spellman made a motion to increase the hourly rate to \$10 per hour starting the next pay period. seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

At 8:38 p.m. per ORC 121.22 Trustee Spellman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the parking lot project, seconded by Trustee Toman. The roll call vote was Trustee Spellman – yes, Trustee Toman – yes, and Chairman Houston –yes. At 8:50 p.m. Trustee Spellman made motion per ORC 121.22 to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Toman. The roll call vote was Trustee Spellman – yes, Trustee Toman – yes, and Chairman Houston – yes. Trustee Toman made a motion to hire Jason Young for \$3000 to engineer the parking lot project, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The next meeting will be August 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

At 9:00 p.m. Chairman Houston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Toman. All in favor.