

REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2014

The August 13, 2014 meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees was called to order at 7:01 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. Also present were Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Fire Chief Robert Sternburg, EMS Director Brian O’Neil, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, and seven visitors. Western Reserve News was videotaping. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no additions to the agenda.

MINUTES: Trustee Spellman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: The bank balance was \$920,935.79. Trustee Toman made a motion to approve an additional \$779.10 on the pond project for the catch basin, frame and grate. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. Chairman Houston reported the audit was in Columbus and it may be months before the auditors meet with the Ellsworth officials.

MAINTENANCE: Matt Stroney, Maintenance Supervisor, reported the crack sealing of the roads was completed in Ellsworth and currently working with Berlin. The drain pipe issue on Rolling Hills has been repaired. There was one burial in Ellsworth and two in Berlin. Armstrong Cable replaced the modem at the Fire Station. The pond clean out project is completed. The grass seeding will be done in house. A rock hound will be needed. The pond pump for the Fire Department was installed and to be tested the following week as the water level is back up. A concrete pad, 23 ft. by 7 ft. with an eight inch base, six inches of concrete, and rebar per the Post Office specifications., will be laid on the East side of the Maintenance building to accommodate the outdoor mailboxes. The cost is approximately \$750 to \$850. The Sheriff was thanked for the continued help with traffic control. Three cases of copier paper and a mouse for the Maintenance laptop will be purchased. Chairman Houston suggested getting prices on a new pressure/steam washer to be shared by Maintenance and the Fire Department.

ZONING: Wayne Sarna, Zoning Inspector, reported since the last meeting he had issued a permit for a single family dwelling on Palmyra Rd, a single family dwelling at Diehl Lake, and three temporary sign permits. Mr. Sarna reported the pool at 9739 W. Hill had been drained, and the grass cut. The Health Department will be following up later this month. There have been various verbal complaints about the Sportsman Club by Bailey Rd. A letter was sent to the Health Department concerning 11728 Diehl Rd. where there was dumping and open burning going on. Trustee Spellman made a motion to reimburse Mr. Sarna \$25.66 for toner, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Sternburg reported since the last meeting there were 1 structure fire, 2 vehicle crashes, 1 good intent call, 1 false alarm and 13 EMS calls with 7 EMS transports for a total of 290 fire fighter hours. Chief Sternburg explained the ISO rating is known as PPC (Public Protection Class) to the insurance companies. All insurance companies get this information. Trustee Spellman made a motion to renew the fire program used for state reports, to send Tom Toporcer to Incident Command class, and Joe Toporcer to Inspector Class for a total of \$1400.00, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

EMS: Brian O’Neil, EMS Director, reported there were 13 medical calls and 7 transports since the last meeting. Lane’s covered 3 of the calls. Trustee Toman made a motion for \$507.59 for supplies and the Verizon bill, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. Mr. O’Neil will look into the price

of computers for the EMS, front desk and a laptop for the squad. A laptop, with a modem, maybe available through Verizon. This will also be looked into.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: TRUSTEE SPELLMAN: The fair display will be painted antique blue with a copper top. The trustees will meet on August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to work on the pictures and display. The port-a-john contract is finished for this year. OTARMA has not given a definite answer on the Junior Fire Fighter program. Lordstown's Fire Chief can be invited to speak on their program. The final draft of the land Use plan should be available in October or November of 2014.

TRUSTEE TOMAN: Bids for air conditioning at the fire hall are coming in. Options for the sign at the administration building are also being looked into. The pond is filling up slowly. The life insurance had been cancelled and Trustee Toman is working on this. Frank Gates sent a letter saying the township would no longer be eligible for group rates due to our Workers' Comp claims. Karen Grittie, Fiscal Officer, explained the franchise fee check was received from Armstrong Cable, because she replied to the Armstrong letter asking if the township wanted to continue to receive the franchise fees.

CHAIRMAN HOUSTON: Chairman Houston reported the old fire hose dryer should be scrapped. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$750 for the construction of a new storage room for the Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Chairman Houston said the pond project turned out well and thanked Greg Ellis for his part in the project.

Trustee Toman presented to Chief Sternburg the updated Ellsworth Fire Chiefs plaque.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Houston reported at the Post Office meeting on August 12, 2014 it was announced as of September 30, 2014 the new hours would be 12:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The post office boxes will be located on the East side of the building on a cement pad. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$1600.00 for the cement and supplies for the pad, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Any extra cement can be poured in the trench by the EMS door. Bill Anderson of the Post Office will inspect the project. A discussion concerning liability, weather conditions and safety of the residents ensued. Chairman Houston was looking into a three sided shelter to be placed over the boxes. More to come on this.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The next regular meeting will be held on September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

At 8:53 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.