

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The September 11, 2013 meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees was called to order at 7:01 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 Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Battalion Chief Tom Powel of the Ellsworth Fire Department, Matt Stroney of Maintenance, Cyndee Fisher of Quest Advantage Billing, Deputy Russo for security and 20 visitors. Western Reserve News was videotaping. Additions to the agenda were: Jim Tripp asked to speak under old business; Fire Corp was added under the Fire department report, and an executive session to discuss health care and personnel. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank balance was \$964,362.19. The estimated revenue for 2014 was due at the Mahoning County Auditor's office by September 16, 2013. Trustee Morrison made a motion to accept the estimated revenue for 2014, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Correspondence: Matt Stroney was given the EPA pre application for our public water system.

MAINTENANCE: Matt Stroney thanked Mr. Butch Householder for the 9/11 flag given to the township. Mr. Stroney also gave copies of the agreement with Lane Funeral Home for usage of the mausoleum, purchases of the crypt in 2012, purchase of crypt #95 on September 5, 2013, and the receipt for materials for risers. Lane Funeral Home requested cemetery deeds for crypts #93, 94, and 95. An estimate for AM Door to replace the Zoning Office door was too high. A mower was repaired by D&S Mowers with parts from Do Cut. The yearly plan for fertilizing was presented: Jeff Williams will spray the weeds, donating the labor. Mr. Stroney will apply the dry fertilizer. The road crack sealing project with Berlin is on hold until the machine is repaired. All the flags are down and stored. The Canfield Fair display will need repaired. The water samples were taken to the Board of Health. D&R Water had been consulted about the pond pump project at the fire station. The bay light at the fire station was replaced. During the recent power outage, it was discovered the maintenance building is not connected to the generator. There was not water to the fire station. Trustee Morrison suggested asking Paul Hendricks about an extra circuit on the generator for the maintenance building. Trustee Morrison made a motion for the fertilizer and the mower repair for \$1037.37, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor.

ZONING REPORT: The Zoning Inspector, Rick Durkin was absent. Chairman Spellman reported the new copier is in the zoning office. 18 calls were received, 6 permits were in review, and copies of the zoning minutes since 1969 were requested by the zoning commission. The office hours on September 19, 2013 were changed. Mr. Durkin was to be asked about Saturday hours.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Aaron Byers, a fire fighter, reported the fire department was at the Canfield Fair. The fire department will attend the open house on October 6, 2013 at Baird Brother's and have a community table. Chief Sternburg returned from the 911 ceremony at Austintown 911 Park. One good intent call, 8 emergency medicals, 2 motor vehicles, 3 transports, 1 civilian injured non fire related, one civilian death non fire related, with 92 fire fighter hours. Sebring dispatch will be putting in a CAD system for phone pages. We will be asked to pay a onetime fee of \$400 to \$500. The ladder will be tested on September 26, 2013. The fire trucks will be taken to Blue Beacon truck wash for detailing. Bryan Moracco will be attending MCCTC for Fire Fighter I training, costing \$1290. The charger on E41 needed replaced 4 valves on E47 need rebuilt. Trustee Morrison made a motion for \$2730, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor.

EMS REPORT: Cyndee Fisher from Quest Advantage Billing advised the sooner the reports are in the faster the money comes in. There are time limits for insurance. The EMS chart information and attached documents should be done within one week. An air card for the computer in the squad would cost \$40 per month. This would help in completing the charts, but the face page and signature sheet still have to be scanned and attached to the charts. A mobile scanner may be used. Ms. Fisher stated one person needs to be in charge to ensure the charts are completed and the scanned documents are attached. Trustee Morrison made a motion for the air card at \$39.99 per month, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. Trustee Morrison made a motion to rescind the motion to hire Ken Hernan as the EMS secretary, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor. A Fire Corp member commented on Trustee Morrison's article in the Round Up, reporting the rescue as a "drill". Trustee Morrison apologized for the mistake. Trustee Spellman again said he would give the money for nourishment for the fire fighters, and not to use the people's money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Morrison attended the MCTA meeting at Canfield Fair grounds and it was reported the state revenue was going down and the solid waste budget was affected. It was suggested to work with neighboring townships to save money, which Ellsworth has been doing, Lou Vega of the Green Team said their money is being cut back, so we will receive less also. Trustee Lewis looked through healthcare packet for new plan. Chairman Spellman stated due to the budget cuts the testing tributaries and streams may be cut. The Chair reminded the county Ellsworth has two old landfills that were of the water going to the closed with the old standards. Testing of the wells nearby must be continued as the run off goes directly in Meander Reservoir. Information on distressed homes was discussed. The Chair will speak to the Sanitary District about expanding the sewer past the fire department. The Historical Society would like to upgrade the Canfield Fair display. Western Reserve Baseball organization will come to the next meeting to discuss usage of the fields, including port-a-johns. Trustee Morrison made a motion for \$320.00 for dirt to build up the baseball fields, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning Consultant/Oxbow Proposal: The zoning commission looked at consultants to finish the zoning regulations, including a land use plan and comprehensive zoning. The proposal is a cost of \$100 per hours, totaling \$12,000 to \$15,000. Trustee Lewis state a committee demographic of our area is needed in this project. Trustee Morrison made a motion to hire Oxbow to work on the zoning regulations and a mini land use plane no to exceed \$12,000 without further review, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor.

Jim Tripp spoke on the township being sued. Mr. Tripp ended by asking Trustee Lewis to step down. The trustees responded they were not to speak about the lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS: Health Insurance: Trustee Lewis made a motion to keep the same plan, seconded by trustee Morrison. All in favor. An executive session will be held after For The Good of The Order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting will be on October 9, 2013

At 9:05 pm Trustee Morrison made a motion per ORC 121.22 to go into executive session to discuss personnel and health care, seconded by Trustee Lewis. Roll call was taken: Trustee Lewis yes, Trustee Morrison yes, and Chairman Spellman yes. At 9:50 pm Trustee Morrison made a motion per ORC 121.22 to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Lewis. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Lewis yes, Trustee Morrison yes and Chairman Spellman yes. Mr. Morrison made a motion for Matt Stroney to work flex time 32 to 40 hours per week, seconded by Trustee Lewis. All in favor.

At 10:15 pm Trustee Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by the Chair. All in favor.