

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

The November 12, 2014 regular 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 13 visitors. Western Reserve News was videotaping. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:** The Land use Policy was added to New Business.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie reported the bank balance was \$915,327.74. The Audit is still in Columbus. The Ohio Edison bill for the Town Hall has a zero balance, which Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie explained. When the electrical service at the maintenance and Fire Department buildings was combined, a credit balance existed, which Ohio Edison applied to the Town Hall bill. Karen Grittie reported Trick or Trunk was the best yet. Thanks to all who attended, came in costume, and decorated your cars. Hopefully next year will be bigger and better.

**MAINTENANCE:** Matt Stroney, Maintenance Supervisor, reported there were 1 burial in Berlin, 2 burials in Ellsworth, 1 cremation, and 2 tombstones over 100 years old were repaired. Lane Funeral Home did access the crypt. The boilers were inspected and passed. The cost for the cover for the post office box area is from \$3,800.00 to \$41,000.00. The trustees will continue to look into the post office box cover project. The zero turn mowers are old and in need of repair or replacement. Quotes on new mowers were obtained for gasoline, 60 inch zero turn. The rear discharge was considered for the cemetery. The decision will be made closer to spring, after more information is given to the trustees. The cost to repair the pressure washer is \$275.00 and a new pressure washer with hot and cold water will cost \$480 to \$949. Trustee Spellman made a motion to spend up to \$1000 on a pressure washer with hot and cold water, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. A snow blower at Do Cut is \$299.99. Trustee Spellman made a motion to purchase the snow blower from Do Cut for \$299.99, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Spellman made a motion to purchase a walk behind spreader for calcium chloride, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. The air conditioning project at the Fire Department building is 60% completed. The trustees thanked Matt Stroney for using his personal snow blower and spreader.

**ZONING:** Wayne Sarna, Zoning Inspector, reported since the last meeting the following have been issued: a permit for a 16 x 32 pole barn as an Ag exemption, and the permit for 8522 Palmyra Rd. was amended for less square footage with no fee. The new owner of the property on Rt 45 where the home burned down inquired about a building permit, for which plans are needed. A letter was sent concerning the home on Elk Rd., which showed some improvement. A letter was also sent concerning the school bus on Western Reserve Rd. Wayne Sarna will be meeting with the manager of the sportsman’s club at Palmyra Rd. concerning the shooting. The laser printer uses a lot of toner. Jake Williams from the county will be called to set up the other printer. The zone changes from the zoning board will be reviewed in order to update the zoning map. Trustee Toman made a motion for Wayne Sarna to spend up to \$30 on printer toner, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Robert Sternburg reported since the last meeting there were 14 medical calls, 1 vehicle fire, 3 vehicle crashes, 1 brush fire, 1 good intent, 5 service calls, 8 EMS transports for a total of 345 fire fighter hours. Erika Goddard and Shannon Blosser received a \$300 grant for fire prevention to purchase smoke detectors, which fire fighters can install for residents. Trustee Spellman commented if additional money is needed, the trustees should

consider meeting the cost. Chief Sternburg suggested adding a line item to the budget for fire prevention. Trustee Spellman made a motion to purchase smoke detectors, and CO2 detectors with an additional \$300, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Toman made a motion to purchase a training dummy, operating supplies, battery charger for repair for L-48 for a total of \$1698.99, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

EMS: Brian O'Neil reported there were 8 EMS transports. Trustee Spellman made a motion for up to \$2000 for new tires and routine maintenance on the squad, and \$50 for IV solution, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Chairman Houston requested that in the EMS report the billing include the number of run reports completed for billing and the number waiting to be completed. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$2500 for safety coats, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor. Chief Sternburg requested a meeting with the trustees and the Fire Department officers one hour before the December Trustee meeting. The Fiscal Officer will place an announcement in The Vindicator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: TRUSTEE SPELLMAN thanked Lordstown for helping Ellsworth with salt storage for the last 5 or 6 years, and we may use them again next year. The Mahoning County Engineers have fixed some road berms. HEAP applications for heating cost assistance are available at the Post Office inside and out at the mailboxes. TRUSTEE TOMAN reported he had spoken to Farmers' bank concerning different investments. A copy of the October 2014 meeting minutes will be forwarded to him. A meeting with Orwell gas was held and there has been no further response. CHAIRMAN HOUSTON reported work on the zoning record room is continuing.

OLD BUSINESS: Jason Young researched the paving material for the parking lot at the maintenance and Fire department buildings, which will not work on our project. Trustee Spellman made a motion to pay Jason Young's invoice for \$1,500 for the research, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor.

SICK LEAVE AND PERSONAL LEAVE POLICIES: The new policies were signed by the trustees.

NEW BUSINESS: SNOW REMOVAL AND SALT: Jeff Williams will be plowing snow. Jeff Williams also purchased 40 tons of salt for the township and is storing it. An invoice will be sent to the township.

LAND USE POLICY: The Land Use Policy was turned over to the trustees by the Zoning Board. The trustees can accept, modify, or reject the Land Use Policy. Chairman Houston stated a public meeting(s) must be held. Chairman Houston explained the Land use Plan does not affect any zoning as of now. Trustee Spellman suggested the public meeting(s) be held in January or February.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meetings will be held on December 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the Fire Department and at 7:00 p.m. for the regular trustee meeting.

At 8:34 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Toman. The vote was all in favor,