

The board held a regular meeting on November 7, 2011 at the township building. At 7 PM, Jay Clark- President called the meeting to order. The following also were present: Trustees-Dave Lang, Jeremy Saling, Fiscal Officer-Molly Long, Road Worker Rick Johnson and the following residents: David Phillips, Charles Tisdale, Shirley Tisdale, Julie Murphy, Drew Laymon, Kenneth Johnson, John Wyne, Melissa Wyne, Ron Duda, Regran Saling, Jim Gorley, Jon Ressler & John Collet.

The Fiscal Officer read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved by the Board as read.

### **Old Business**

Lang- Reported that Mid Ohio Paving finished Dodds & Panhandle Roads. The broken road on Dodds caused by logging trucks was repaired and Chace will advise Lang of that repair cost. Lang will then contact the owner of the property as to what he owes the township. Also reported that the County Commissioners will meet tomorrow to turn the roads in Linnridge Meadow over to the township.

Saling- Reported receiving 3 levy calls.

Clark- Questioned Rick if there would be any more mowing done this year as there were places on Fairview & Sandhollow that needed mowed. Rick said the mower was blocked in the truck bay, but he would get it out.

### **New Business-**

Lang- Talked to Mike Wilson who indicated that all fire chiefs planned to attend our Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to present contracts for 2012.

Saling- Brought up the fact that the new walk behind mower was not needed as the zero turn could get everywhere. Lang made a motion to sell the walk behind mower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Saling, vote unanimous. Trustees discussed contacting Flackers where the mower was purchased to see if they could sell it for the township. Reported that there are lights in the community rooms that need ballast and that the freezer is not working. Saling will open the building @ 5:30 AM tomorrow for voting and Lang will close. Brought copies of the Prosecutor's opinion re: EMS billing for all trustees.

Clark- Stated that the salt left over from last year has dried out and needs to be re-wetted. Offered a tank for brine water to re-wet. Took a call from Mr. Zuene re: new fencing on Fairmont. Clark advised to keep any new fence behind the poles along the road.

**Safety Issues-** Trustees discussed the need for chains for the squad. Cost is approximately \$2000 and will need to be ordered. Saling made a motion to purchase the chains and have Rick order, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Clark, vote unanimous.

**Zoning-** Inspector Long reported that she issued a zoning permit to Borings on Fairmont for a garage and that she and Lang did an inspection of the Shook property in regards to their zoning violation. Pam Shook requested a delay in the court date which is Nov. 22. After discussion, trustees felt that 1 year was more than enough time for this issue to be resolved and said no extension of time will be granted for the court date.

**Public Comment-** David Phillips and Charles Tisdale informed trustees that they had formed a group "Franklin Township Concerned Citizens" to defeat the road and fire levies on the ballot tomorrow. They went door to door and paid for a flyer in the bag. This group is opposed to the levies being

continuous, instead of 3 years, they fear that the current trustees will be long gone but the levies will still be here. Mr. Tisdale questioned who had paid for the levy signs and why they said renewal instead of replacement, which is the ballot language. Trustee Lang presented the bill for the signs that was billed to him and that he had used the wrong word when ordering the signs, which were all taken down and fixed. Trustees explained why they felt continuous levies were needed; to save the township election expenses every 3 years which is approximately \$1300 in odd years and \$450 in even years; that there was no new money; that the township will lose state funding in the next 2 years and that we don't ever see the need for these levies going away. Mrs. Tisdale questioned why the minutes were not posted on the website. Trustee Saling stated that we were working with Miami University to get the website up and running at no expense to the township. Several residents questioned the lack of communicating information to the residents and suggested that the twp. look elsewhere to have a website created. Phillips questioned why the fund balances were no longer listed in the newsletter. Saling explained that it did not give a true picture of finances, just a current balance in the different funds. Lang referred any financial requests to the Fiscal Officer. Jon Ressler and John Collet felt that they should have been more proactive by attending meetings to be informed about decisions such as these levies. Trustee Saling stated that if the levies are back on the ballot, he hopes that this group will do as much to support them, as they did to try to defeat them. He was assured that we could count on them for support. Mrs. Tisdale asked the trustees to address the issue of outside furnaces that give off a great amount of smoke, which has permeated her house. She has contacted the EPA, local officials and the manufacturer of these furnaces. She states that the smoke stakes need to be 15' tall to carry the smoke away, but the one next to her is only 2'. The smoke entering her house has aggravated her asthma to the point of hospitalization. She feels that zoning should address this issue. Lang advised that he would check with county planning as to any regulations and assistance for wording in the zoning resolution, and that this issue would need to be brought to the attention of the township zoning board. He advised that a new zoning book was almost complete after 5 years of review but that a new article could be added but stated it would take time. Rick Johnson brought up the subject of fire contracts. He feels that the township needs to approach Madison Twp. re: coverage they could provide. He is 4 miles from Madison but 11 miles from Licking. There is also the issue that Licking Twp and Madison don't bill for EMS services but Heath and National Trails do bill. Trustees will review the EMS billing opinion from the prosecutor.

**Fiscal Officer-Long** – Reported that the 2010 census listed 2118 residents in Franklin Township and also that the bonds for Lang and the F.O. had been received and will be signed at swearing in.

Payments in the amount of \$9,409.24 were made and there are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the bills as presented, Molly Long, Fiscal Officer.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Saling, seconded by Lang. Vote unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clark, seconded by Lang. Vote unanimous.

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Signatures for meeting held on Nov.7, 2011