

The board held a regular meeting on December 5, 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, Kenneth Johnson, Regran Saling, Jim Gorley, John Collet, Angela Schlesiona, Bucky Mowrey, Shirley & Charles Tisdale, Tanya Housdeshell, Donna Phillips, Jon Ressler, . From LTFC Mike Wilson- Chief, Ron Walsh; from NTVFD-Ted McNamara-Chief, Ben Hupp, and Tom Roberts.

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

Old Business

Lang- Has received the updated zoning resolution from county planning and will present to the zoning commission for final review.

Saling- None

Clark- When rain quits, he and Rick will put brine on salt.

New Business-

Lang- Reported receiving ltr. from ODNR re: abandoned mines and that there are none listed in Franklin Twp.

Saling- Showed cemetery lots to a couple of people, no sales as of yet.

Clark- Took a phone call from Brian Finkes re: use of cc for a concealed carry class. Needs to schedule and \$50 fee will apply. No guns at class.

The fire chiefs then presented their contracts for 2012.

Wilson reported 108 runs in Franklin Twp so far in 2011. The LTFC contract will increase by \$2,000 to \$21,000. LTFC does not bill for EMS transports and Wilson does not expect to bill.

McNamara's contract amount has not changed, it will still be \$3,500 for 2012. He reported 8 runs and 2 inspections. McNamara will send a new contract adding ORC 505.441 re: EMS billing being retained by his department. NTVFD does a soft billing, insurance will be billed but not the person receiving services if the insurance does not pay.

Heath City FD contract will be \$6,000. It was this amount in 2011, but the twp never received a copy of the contract, thus this amount was not paid in 2011, but will be paid in 2012 for a total of \$12,000. Heath which also bills for EMS transports will retain the fees and they do not soft bill and will bill the person transported if insurance does not pay.

Trustees at this time opened questions to the fire chiefs from the floor. The question of an old engine being in storage in the truck bay was addressed. Wilson says that it is a spare that can be used if something would happen to the other one. Wilson also addressed the question of not seeing weekend personnel and what they would or should be doing.

Safety Issues- None

Zoning- Inspector Long reported that she had gone to court on Nov. 22 re: Shook injunction violation. She reported that an agreement had been reached before meeting with Judge Branstool. The Shook's have until Dec. 31, 2011 to clean up their front yard, if this is not done they will each be fined \$200. If the front yard is cleaned up then they are to attend the March 19, 2012 trustee meeting to work out an agreement to begin cleaning the side yard. Long also reported calling Brad Sines re: new fence to be placed 10' from edge of road.

Public Comment- After questioning the fire chiefs the public was given the floor. David Phillips and Charles Tisdale representing the "Concerned Citizen Committee" expressed concern over the fire fund carry over and feel that the road & bridge fund needs more money than the fire fund does, which addresses their suggestion of lowering the fire levy. These residents questioned why fire fund money was spent to refurbish the building. Lang explained the fire dept. has use of these rooms for training or any other uses, such as their annual Christmas Party and that it was completely legal. Trustee Lang pledged to the committee that if, at the end of a new 2 mil 3 yr levy, there was an excessive amount of carry over, he would recommend lowering the fire millage. The following residents expressed support for the fire dept and do not want to see any reduction in services: Tonya Houdeshell, Donna Phillips, Regran Saling, and Angela Schlesiona. Jon Collet asked the trustees to compile some road expense figures to help the public understand the need for the 2 mil levies.

Fiscal Officer-Long –Reported a 50% load limit reduction on Flintridge, Blue Jay and Brownville Rds.. A reduction in dental premiums for the next 2 yrs. due to membership in the Public Employee Benefits Assoc. with a yearly savings of \$229. Gave Trustee Lang his bond to have signed by the judge that will swear him in later this month. Reported placing an order from Staples, utilizing our state coop contract. Set the records commission meeting for 6:30 PM on Dec. 19th. Read the fire resolution to put the 2 mil, 3 yr levy on the ballot March 6, 2012, which was moved by Saling, seconded by Lang, vote unanimous. The road and bridge resolution for 2 mills, 3 yrs levy was moved by Clark, seconded by Lang, vote unanimous.

Payments in the amount of \$2,292.29 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 Lang, seconded by Clark. Vote unanimous.

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

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Signatures for meeting held on Dec. 5, 2011