

CLAY TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 20, 2017

The regular meeting of Clay Township Trustees was called to order by Trustee President Steve Woolf at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was observed for our police, fire, roadway workers and our military here and abroad that are defending and taking care of the community.

Roll call: Mr. Winner, present, Mr. Woolf, present Mr. Vore, present

Trustee Vore moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2017 trustee meeting, seconded by Trustee Winner.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes

Woolf – Yes

Vore – Yes

Hearing from the Public:

Mary Meyers, Mayor of Verona, wanted to share a concern if there is a change in coverage by the three fire departments in the township as a result of the recent fire response study done by the Ohio Fire Chief Association (OFCA). Mayor Meyers shared that if the coverage area was reduced for the Verona Fire Department, that would increase the financial burden on the Village in providing quality service to the Township and residents they service. The Trustees indicated that a copy of the study would be sent to each Fire District and the plan would be worked on together for the best fire/EMS service to all residents.

Cheryl Crabtree, Mayor of Phillipsburg, also requested a copy of the study as well. Mayor Crabtree informed the Trustees that State Route 49 is being closed for 60 days starting 2/27/17 for construction so police and related services to the area could plan accordingly. Trustee Woolf inquired if the Village of Phillipsburg would consider being the host of the "Keep Clay Clean" recycling day at the park/community center as it would be centrally located and the location would have a better traffic flow for the residents. She will present the request to the council and would like a representative from Clay Township to be at the meeting. Trustee Woolf will attend. After general discussion on SR 49 road work, Trustee Vore with check with Chief VanGundy to see what can be done to coordinate the traffic that will be detoured during the road closure starting 2/27/17.

Sam Cox, Township resident on Kimmel Road and in the City of Clayton shared a concern on possible changes in fire/EMS coverage as a result in the recent OFCA study. Mr. Cox inquired if the study included the service of the closest fire station In the City of Clayton. The Trustees indicated that they were unaware of the City of Clayton's coverage to some of the Township's residents. Trustee Vore indicated that the City of Clayton will be contacted to determine which Clay Township residents their station covered. Trustee Woolf indicated that the survey did not include the Clayton fire station. The study specified a review of coverage by the Brookville, Phillipsburg and Verona fire/EMS departments. Mr. Cox asked about how the coverage that the Clayton provides will affect him and residents around him. The Trustees indicated that they were not aware of Clayton being the first responder to these residents. Trustee Woolf indicated that Clayton had not been in the mix for to receive any of levy funds and we will look into the situation to be sure these residents are included in our planning. This is an issue that should have been address when Clayton became a city. We will work accordingly.

Department Reports:

Police –Chief VanGundy was not present due to a holiday and there was nothing to report.

Road & Cemetery – Superintendent Maleski was not present due to a holiday and there was nothing to report.

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer Brown was not present due to a holiday. Trustee Vore indicated that the Zoning Department is working on a proposal for the recent medical marijuana legislation.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Limbert indicated that the January information had been distributed to the Trustees last week and would entertain any questions. There were none.

Fiscal Officer Limbert reported that the UAN computer became inoperable Saturday and the State Auditor's office was closed over the weekend and Monday due to the holiday. The warrants, purchase orders, blanket certificates and other items could not be processed for the Township's meeting. Fiscal Officer Limbert will work with the State Auditor's office (UAN) to bring the system back up. However, a list of warrants to be paid through

February 20, 2017 was presented for approval with any related Purchase Orders/Blanket Certificates. When the system is back up and running, these items will be processed and presented to the Trustees for signatures. Trustee Woolf moved to approve to pay the warrants as presented with any necessary purchase orders/blank certificate. Trustee Winner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes

Woolf – Yes

Vore – Yes

Unfinished Business:

Trustee Vore presented Resolution 2017-007 for the approval of hiring Chad Norman for extended part-time police position effective March 6, 2017 and moved to accept the resolution. Trustee Winner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes

Woolf – Yes

Vore – Yes

Trustee Vore presented Resolution 2017-008 for the purchase of a new replacement cruiser audio/video system for our vehicle #76. Trustee Woolf moved to accept Resolution 2017-008 and to put the old equipment on govdeals.com if it still has value to sale. Trustee Winner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes

Woolf – Yes

Vore – Yes

New Business:

Fiscal Officer Limbert reported that he had received the Montgomery County Engineer Clay Township Roadway Statement for 33.485 miles that required certification for 2016. Trustee Woolf indicated that this information was critical in determining the county monies received through our various Road Funds. Trustee Woolf moved to accept the certification. Trustee Winner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes

Woolf – Yes

Vore – Yes

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Winner gave an update on the striping on Pleasant Plain Road that was recently done on the Issue II project. We are having issues with the striping staying on and we are

working the Walls Bros to correct the situation. Walls Bros. will be coming back to re-stripe the road later on this spring when the weather is permitting along with some additional that is needed at no additional cost to the Township.

Trustee Vore update on an e-mail request on information from a company in California for information for all of Clay Township's employees. This appears to be suspicious and has been forwarded to Jonathan Jetter, Montgomery County Prosecuting Office. Trustee Vore is waiting on response from Mr. Jetter.

Trustee Vore also inquired from Mr. Jetter as to how our Personnel Files should be organized to provide proper information when requests are received from the public to be in compliance with maintaining our employee's privacy especially with having police officers. Mr Jetter will provide us guidance on the handling of public requests for employee information as well as organizing the Personnel Files to facilitate proper information provided.

Trustee Vore also reported that a question on overtime for our 1500 hour employees has been forwarded to Mr. Jetter and he is waiting for response as well for proper documentation.

Trustee Woolf gave an update of updating our website. He had a meeting with the department heads to determine items needed and desired on a Township website. He is working on a RFP for the update based upon everyone's feedback. We do have a Flash Page at this point in time.

Trustee Woolf reported he attended the MCOTA meeting Thursday and the topic was Township funding by the State. The Governor is proposing a different formula for distributing monies to Townships. The allocation would be by "capacity" to tax its residents, which is yet to be defined. It is projected that 70% of the Ohio Townships would increase a small amount and 30% would experience a drop based upon their "capacity." More will be coming out on this.

Mayor Crabtree wanted to thank the Clay Township Police for being more visible in the Verona area after expressing her concern with suspect activity that had been occurring around the Verona area.

Trustee Vore moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Winner seconded the motion.

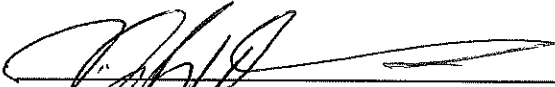
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Winner – Yes

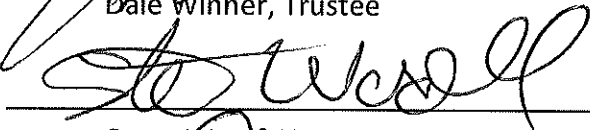
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Vore – Yes

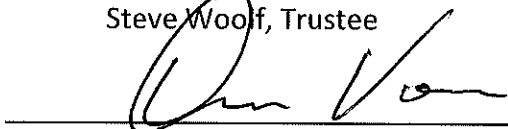
Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.



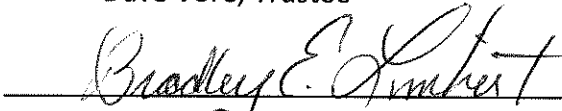
Dale Winner, Trustee



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Bradley E. Kimbert, Fiscal Officer