

Allen Township Trustees

October 4, 2011

The Allen Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Township Center with all members present. The minutes of September 6, 2011 were read and approved as read.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of bills (warrants 4013 – 4040) totaling \$24,388.52. Recker moved to pay these bills. The motion was seconded by Huffman. Roll call - all yes.

The Trustees presented and discussed their respective monthly road inspections. The documented observations were reviewed with action plans being developed where appropriate and noted on the inspection forms.

Flanagan advised that Boes Brothers Excavating is scheduled to start the TR-108 drainage outlet replacement project by the end of the week.

Huffman advised that the new Sportsplex Lease which expired 9/30/2011 has been executed.

Nick Moser was in attendance to discuss a drainage issue along the front of his property on TR-218. After heavy rains, water is accumulating on the road creating a safety issue. This same issue was discussed back in August 2000. At that time, the cost to install an outlet to the south was approximately \$27,000. The project died due to a lack of interest by all 7 of the residents contributing to the 27 acre watershed. After much discussion, the Trustees advised Nick that he should contact the 7 residents and see if they would willfully participate in a group drainage project to rectify this problem.

Fire Chief Hickman advised that Firehouse #1 sustained storm damage on 9/10/2011 when a gust of wind moved the south wall causing it to bow outward. OTARMA's 3rd party adjuster has been out to look at the damage. Mr. Riddle will have a structural engineer come out to look at the damage. Hickman also advised that fire hydrant flushing will start this week and that the IAMresponding.com system is up and functioning.

The Ricky Lytle property at 3874 CR 220 (near the RR tracks in Mortimer) has been deemed unfit for human habitation by the Hancock County Health Department. KC Collet of the Hancock County Prosecutor's office has advised that there are a couple of legal methods available to having the building raised if the owner chooses not to address all of the issues. One is to have the Health Department proceed with the appropriate notifications and have the building raised. However, the Health Department does not have any funds available to follow through with the work. The second is to have the Township proceed with the appropriate notifications and have the building raised with the costs being levied against the property. The Trustees decided to have the Health Department handle the notifications and potentially fund the raising costs on their behalf. Estimates to have the building raised and the property cleaned up will be obtained by the next meeting.

Matt Stacy was in attendance to present a proposal to rent the 15.5 acres of farm ground north of the Allen Township Center for \$1,500 per year for the 2012 and 2013 farming seasons. Huffman moved to accept the offer. Recker seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes. The Fiscal Officer will provide Matt with an acceptance letter.

Resident Greg Wolford was in attendance to request the Trustees approval to upgrade the landscaping at the entrance to the Sportsplex baseball fields. His son Thomas Wolford, a boy scout, would like to do this as an Eagle project. A landscape drawing was provided to the Trustees for their review with a total estimated cost of \$3,500 for plant materials. They have already raised \$2,900 toward the project. Recker moved that the Township pay for the five trees in the plan not to exceed \$1,400. Huffman seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Flanagan advised that he received a call on 9/14/11 from Greg Bochrath, a licensed civil engineer who resides in Putnam county, regarding the catch basin on TR230 along Charles Finsel's property. Mr. Finsel had requested Mr. Bochrath to contact Flanagan regarding the history of drainage in this area.

Huffman advised that he received a call from Pat Baird regarding a request to remove a tree in the cemetery near their burial plots. The Trustees discussed the issue and determined that the healthy tree would not be removed at this time.

Schimmoller advised of an up-coming Government Leadership Academy that is being sponsored by the Community Foundation. The ten week course is to encourage, support and promote good government through a curriculum geared toward leadership and decision making skills as it relates to interaction in the public and private sectors. The cost of tuition for the academy is \$250 per person. Flanagan moved that Allen Township pay for the tuition for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer if they wish to attend. Huffman seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

The next regular meeting will be November 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved,

Mark J. Schimmoller, Fiscal Officer
(Proper notice given by publishing & posting)

Kevin P. Flanagan, Chairman