

Allen Township Trustees

August 3, 2010

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 July 6, 2010 were read and approved as read.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of bills (warrants 3584 - 3613) totaling \$39,509.59. Huffman moved to pay these bills. The motion was seconded by Recker. Roll call - all yes.

The Fiscal Officer advised that Allen Township's hearing with the Hancock County Budget Commission will be 8/24/10 at 3:50 p.m. in the Lower Floor Jury Deliberation Room #1 at the Hancock County Court House.

Don Bertke with Asphalt Systems Inc. was in attendance to discuss the topic of road surface sealing with the Trustees. Don explained the products they offer and the benefits of same. The Trustees took no action.

The Fiscal Officer advised that the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has passed a new rule that requires all public employers in the 1/1/2010 Group Rating Program who had a claim within the two preceding calendar years to attend two hours of safety training during the policy year. Due to Allen Township having one or more claims in 2008 - 2009 they are required to attend two hours of safety training by 12/31/10 to meet the BWC requirement. The Trustees assigned Chief Hickman to fulfill this requirement for Allen Township.

The Fiscal Officer advised that an auction was held at the Allen Township Center on 7/24/2010 to liquidate a 1975 Diamond Reo Pumper, 1993 Ford Fire Equipment Truck and a 1999 Moritz International Two Axle Flatbed Trailer with Flanagan and Huffman in attendance. There were four prospective bidders at the auction in addition to a handful of firemen. The trailer was sold for \$5,000. The 1993 Ford Fire Equipment Truck was sold for \$1,000. The 1975 Diamond Reo Pumper was not sold at the highest bid of \$400.

A Resolution regarding the Sale of Public Property No Longer Needed By the Allen Township Board of Trustees with an estimated value less than \$2,500 was presented by the Fiscal Officer for the 1975 Diamond Reo Pumper. Huffman moved for the adoption of the resolution. Recker seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes. This Resolution supersedes the previous one declaring the truck worth more than \$2,500.

Recker presented a bid proposal from The Shelly Company to pave the parking lot at the Allen Township Center for \$26,650.00 by 9/30/2010. Recker moved that the bid be accepted and paid out of the General Fund. Huffman seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes. Recker presented a bid proposal from the Shelly Company to repave the parking area around the Road Maintenance Building for \$29,520.00 by 9/30/2010. Recker moved that the bid be accepted and paid out of the Road & Bridge Fund. Huffman seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Huffman advised of a complaint of garbage at the house next to the Railroad tracks in Mortimer. Huffman moved that the Trustees file a formal complaint with the Hancock County Health Department. Flanagan seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes. Huffman advised that he is still researching potential solutions for the TR-108 CSX rail road crossing with respect to resident Mandy Vermillion's safety concern regarding the TR-108 rail road crossing.

Kandy Smith was in attendance to get a progress report on the TR-108 drainage outlet repairs. Flanagan spoke with Chris Long of the Hancock County Engineer's Office yesterday and due to a heavy work load nothing has been done on this project over the past month.

Fire Chief Hickman advised that two firemen have completed drivers training classes that will allow them to train other firemen on safe driving practices.

Kelly Shroll, Allen Township resident and Blanchard Valley Hospital employee, was in attendance to discuss the issue of potentially merging the Findlay Health Department with the Hancock County Health Department that will be discussed at the Hancock County Township Association meeting on 8/4/2010. She asked for the Trustees opinions on the topic and their reasoning for not supporting a merger. Kelly shared her views on the topic from the perspective of someone who works on a daily basis with both agencies.

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.

Ash tree removal along Allen Township Roads was discussed. Flanagan provided individual estimates from Lewis Tree and Stump Removal for clearing the ash trees in various sections of township road ROW totaling \$6,290. Recker move to accept all of the estimates with Huffman seconding the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m. The next regular meeting will be September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved,

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

Kevin P. Flanagan, Chairman