

Allen Township Trustees

October 5, 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 September 7, 2010 were read and approved as read.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of bills (warrants 3643 - 3667) totaling \$24,904.77. Recker moved to pay these bills. The motion was seconded by Huffman. Roll call - all yes.

Kandy Smith was in attendance to get a progress report on the TR-108 drainage outlet repairs. Chris Long is still working with Cindy Land on preparing the required easements.

Several residents (Andy Smith and others) were in attendance to voice concerns regarding the truck traffic around the Home Depot rapid distribution center (RDC). Apparently there have been numerous trucks missing the delivery entrance on TR-114 who then turn north off of SR-613 on to TR-142. Once on TR-142 these trucks attempt to turn into or turn around in the Home Depot employee parking lot. At times these trucks attempt to continue north on TR-142 and circle the block and then get into trouble at other intersections north of the RDC. Also there are times when trucks backup at the delivery entrance waiting to clear the security gate and park out on and along TR-114 causing congestion for through traffic. The trustees have been in contact with Jason Fox and John Turrentine of Home Depot regarding these issues. A meeting with Mr. Turrentine, who is the Senior Logistics Engineer for the Van Buren RDC, will be scheduled to address all of these traffic concerns.

Fire Chief Hickman advised he has had conversations with the Findlay Water Department regarding last month's accusations of the ATFD filling swimming pools with water from fire hydrants. He advised them that the ATFD has not filled any swimming pools. An apology was given by the Findlay Water Department for taking action without having all of the facts.

Fire Chief Hickman also advised that the fall hydrant flushing will commence next week and that he has completed the BWC training that is required by Allen Township to remain in the BWC discount pool.

The Fiscal Officer provided the trustees with copies of a letter dated 9/20/2010 from the Hancock County Health Department to Ricky Lytle regarding the condition of a Home and Property located at 3874 CR 220. This letter was in response to the trustees filing of a formal complaint last month as to the condition of this location near the RR tracks in Mortimer. The Trustees had received complaints from township residents regarding the garbage in the front yard and the lack of windows in the house. The Health Department has given Mr. Lytle until 10/4/2010 to abate the situation or legal action will be taken. At the time of the meeting it was reported that the trash at this location was being removed and repairs being made to the structure.

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.

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.

Huffman moved that an estimate from Boes Brothers be accepted to purchase and install 300' of 36" pipe along TR-14 for \$10,800.00 which will replace the existing outlet tile at that location. Flanagan seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Flanagan advised that the Trustees met with George Martin of PUCO Division of Rail Roads to discuss the RR Grade Crossing Survey for TR-222. It was agreed that gates will not be necessary at this location due to it being the old entrance to the Hancock County Landfill. The majority of traffic to the landfill no comes off of TR-140. In addition the rail crossing at TR-109 was discussed and an application for the installation of gates at that location will be forthcoming.

Flanagan advised that he was contacted by Bruce Stevens, attorney for Charles Finsel regarding the catch basin on TR-230. Flanagan explained the Trustee's position on the catch basin to Mr. Stevens.

Recker moved that an estimate of \$5,400.00 from Kalida Truck be accept to purchase a new V snow plow for the service truck. Huffman seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be November 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved,

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

Kevin P. Flanagan, Chairman