

The Washington Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on May 16, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Government Center, 8200 McEwen Road. President Berry opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

Year-to-Date Income/Expense Report

The Trustees have requested that a Year-to-Date Income/Expense Report be presented on a monthly basis. As of April 29, 2011, Washington Township has collected from all funds \$10,992,687.27, and has dispersed in all funds \$6,937,667.96, for a positive cash carryover of \$4,055,019.31.

PROCLAMATION: OHIO ARTS ADVOCACY DAY 2011

Mr. Berry introduced Mark Metzger. Mr. Metzger indicated that every year, a few young people are invited to the Trustee meeting to say thank you to the Trustees, staff, and residents of Washington Township for funding Town Hall Theatre and to tell them why it is important, which is what art advocacy is all about. It is also a chance to get young people involved and to ask them what it is that they value about it.

Morgan Chamberlain introduced herself as a resident of Washington Township and a fifth grade student at Cline Elementary. To her, Town Hall Theatre means friendship, compassion, love, learning and bonds between people that were once strangers, but are now best friends. She indicated that the second she stepped into Town Hall Theatre, she felt like it was where she belonged. She added that the wonderful lessons went far beyond the theater. The lessons learned help in life, too. People in plays and musicals spend over one hundred hours rehearsing, but it is all worth it to see a smile on every person's face when they leave Town Hall Theatre—coming in a stranger and leaving as a friend.

Awo Onwudiwe introduced herself as a ten-year old from Washington Township. She added that she is a fifth grade student at Weller Elementary. She stated that she loved Town Hall Theatre. It all started for her when she auditioned for Winnie the Pooh in 2009; her part was Roo. She indicated that she was all excited and was a little nervous at first; but, when she had her first rehearsal, everyone became her friend and she had a wonderful time. Because she loved Town Hall so much, she indicated that she went on and performed in four other shows. She said that she had made a million new friends and has learned to be responsible with her time. She believed that being on stage was the best part, since you get to show the audience how you can act and have fun at the same time. She added that the crew is pretty fun, too. She said that you can still have fun and feel the joy of volunteering. She summarized that Town Hall means so much to her because she can experience new things, make new friends and learn how to be responsible.

Autumn Gensheimer introduced herself as a resident of Washington Township. She is eight years old and attends Cline Elementary where she is in second grade. She stated that Town Hall Theatre is special to her because of all of the nice people that work there and all of the friends that she has made. She indicated that, when she was little, Town Hall Theatre was her favorite place to go. She and her grandma would go to almost every play. During intermission, they would always get licorice. "Yum." After the show, she would go home and try to act out the show herself. She indicated that the actors always did a good job. When she got older, she indicated that she got to be in the shows. She was small Alice in Alice in Wonderland and she is Fluffy, and a froglet and a snowflake in Honk! She stated that acting is her favorite thing to do. Her dream is to be an actress on Broadway. She indicated that she is having so much

fun at Town Hall Theatre and has learned so much about performing, she does not want it to end. She said she is already thinking about the next show.

A proclamation was read by Mrs. Young for Arts Advocacy Day to recognize the important contribution the arts make to our community. Arts Advocacy Day was observed on May 11th by the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation in Columbus, Ohio.

PRESENTATION BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Greg Brush, Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, gave a presentation on e-filing court documents. First, he showed a video that described the process and improvements made since the first court case in Montgomery County in July of 1803. It currently costs the County taxpayers over \$330,000 per year to store paper. The new process implemented by Montgomery County Clerk of Courts electronically files court pleadings and documents. This is the first Common Pleas Court in the State of Ohio to do this.

Mr. Brush indicated that he was invited to go to California, all expenses paid, to explain the program. The program has also been featured in Colorado and Las Vegas, and they are being paid to go to New Jersey in June to talk about the program. Mr. Brush announced that, because of this program, Montgomery County is up for several National awards. He indicated that after attending the Court Technology Conference last week, which was put on by the Ohio Judicial College, they have received five or six calls from courts wanting to come out and see how the program works.

Mr. Brush indicated that the program has paid for itself in only one year. With the use of this new information technology, his department is saving over \$500,000 per year in salaries alone and his paper and printing costs have plummeted. Additionally, case time has been cut by more than a week. He added that no jobs were lost because of this technology. It was all accomplished through attrition, which has allowed people to embrace it.

Mr. Paulson asked if this program was custom made or if it was out there. Mr. Brush replied that they bought pieces and were able to integrate them together with software that their programmers wrote. He indicated that you could not have one of the software providers do what Montgomery County did. He added that he is currently interviewing another programmer to take it to the next level. He said that the amount of money they could save is phenomenal and technology is cheap right now.

CENTERVILLE-WASHINGTON FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Judy Budi, President of Centerville-Washington Foundation, gave a presentation. She thanked the Trustees and citizens of Washington Township for their support. They had their annual meeting a few weeks ago and many of the Trustees attended, which they appreciated. About 12 years ago, citizens in the area decided they needed a community foundation that could actually give back to the community. From that, the Centerville-Washington Foundation was born. The discretionary funds have been used for grants to the local community; and, in 2010, they gave \$750 each to John Hole's PTO, to work on their playground; to South Suburban Coalition, that did a program for alcohol awareness for teens; to the Therapeutic Riding Institute, that supports individuals with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding; and to the Food to Go Program, which is a collaboration of many organizations in our community that help feed hungry children on the weekends, to supplement the school program. They also have the opportunity each year to recognize a community founder. Last year, Doris and Dave Ponitz were recognized for their significant contributions to the community and the community at large. Ms. Budi thanked the Trustees and citizens and presented the Trustees with their 2010 Annual Report.

Mr. Paulson stated that he applauded the Foundation and the good work that they do.

Mrs. Young congratulated them on another excellent year.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Michael Greely, 10119 Washington Church Road, asked about the proposed widening of Washington Church Road.

Ms. Lightle responded that, with the improvements along Austin Road to Yankee, the Township has been working with the County Engineer's Office for Washington Township's portion of Austin Road, from Washington Church east. There have also been conversations with Miami Township regarding improvements to Washington Church Road. She asked Mr. Wanamaker to give some highlights of where we are; however, she noted that they are very early in their discussions about the entire improvement project.

Mr. Wanamaker indicated that he and Miami Township representatives will be attending an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) meeting. They are seeking funding for the project. Mr. Wanamaker indicated that the first phase is to get some preliminary engineering costs and scope for the improvements on Washington Church Road. After that, they can submit an application for funding.

According to Mr. Wanamaker, Washington Church Road is an interesting road. The boundary between Miami Township and Washington Township is in the centerline. They have always shared the responsibilities from the north and to the south with Miami Township and he indicated that the Township has a good relationship with them.

The Township has already requested proposals from engineering firms and plans to submit an application for funding in August. Hopefully, some designs will come together and some improvements will be made in the future.

Mr. Greely asked how far down Washington Church Road the street would be widened. Mr. Wanamaker indicated that this will be addressed along with the traffic counts and all other data collected by the engineering firms. Mr. Wanamaker indicated that the road is just now seeing the impact from the Austin Boulevard Interchange. He added that Dayton Christian School recently moved in and there have been some new developments of condos. Part of the preliminary engineering is to collect the data for the traffic counts and the speed studies. This information would then be incorporated into the study. That data is not yet available, so Mr. Wanamaker indicated he could not give him specifics at this time.

Mr. Greely asked if it would make sense to reduce the speed limit if the street is widened. Mr. Wanamaker responded that this would certainly be looked at. It has been done in the past with other roads. This, along with pedestrian traffic, will be considered. Ms. Lightle added that, ultimately, the speed limit is not Washington Township's decision. It would have to be approved by ODOT. Ms. Young pointed out that there is legislation in the House right now to give townships a little more authority on those speed limits.

Mr. Greely indicated that he resides at the bottom of a dip and cars currently fly down there. He indicated that cutting his grass alongside the road is currently not fun. Reducing the speed limit would make it better. He added that widening the road would impact the yards of homes already close to the road, especially if sidewalks or bike paths are added.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Meeting Minutes

- May 2 Pre-Meeting
- May 2 Regular Meeting
- May 9 Workshop

B. Finance – A motion approving the following:

- Check Register dated May 16, 2011, in the amount of \$508,633.42, said amount having been certified and appropriated.
- Rec Refund Check Register dated May 16, 2011, in the amount of \$205.08, said amount having been certified and appropriated.
- Special Check Register dated May 12, 2011, in the amount of 11,127.17, said amount having been certified and appropriated.
- Then and Now purchases as listed below:

Uhl Agency-Commercial Policy – PO #50075 - \$18,763 (1st payment only)

Uhl Agency-Umbrella Policy – PO #50076 - \$8,162 (1st payment only)

Uhl Agency-Auto Policy – PO #50077 - \$12,643 (1st payment only)

Uhl Agency-Public Officials Policy – PO #50074 - \$28,139 (1st payment only)

Finance – A motion approving appropriation transfers attached as Exhibit A.

Finance – A motion to approve a Resolution declaring items to be surplus property, to be sold through GovDeals.

C. Fire – A motion to approve contracting with Stephen Carter Concrete, Inc. to repair and resurface designated areas at Station 44 at an approximate cost of \$19,624.

Fire – A motion to approve payment for the AED maintenance contract with Physio-Control/Medtronic in the amount of approximately \$14,905.

D. Public Works – A motion approving going to bid for the Lyons Road Sidewalk Project.

Public Works – A motion approving contracting with Pavement Technologies to apply rejuvenator to Township streets as part of the annual Pavement Maintenance Program, through the State Purchasing Program, Oaks Contract ID # 0000073449, for a total of approximately \$70,000.

Public Works – A motion approving the purchase of a replacement street sweeper from the State of Ohio Contract # 800162, Index # STS235, for the total of approximately \$169,910.

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-180

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

GENERAL

The Washington Township Trustees have been working with the City of Centerville regarding inside millage funds that are levied in the Township. Mr. Berry read the resolution in its entirety as follows:

R2011-015

RESOLUTION TO REMIT TO THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO INSIDE MILLAGE FUNDS LEVIED ON PROPERTY IN THE INCORPORATED AREA OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Washington Township ("Township") includes all but a very small portion of the City of Centerville, Ohio ("City"); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township has, in the past, financially supported the City by participating in joint projects with the City to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Township living in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Township; and,

WHEREAS, Washington Township receives money from the general levy within the 10 mill limitation ("General Levy") which is levied on real property within the incorporated and unincorporated boundaries of Washington Township and from that ten mills, the Township receives .7 mills levied on real property within the incorporated area of the Township which money is paid into the general fund of the Township and used for current expenses; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5705.05 of the Ohio Revised Code states in part that the General Levy for current expenses is to provide one general operation fund derived from taxation for which certain expenditures for current expenses may be made; and,

WHEREAS, Washington Township has adopted a limited form of home rule government pursuant to Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code to govern the unincorporated area of the Township; and,

WHEREAS, by adopting a limited form of home rule government, Washington Township may exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the Township, other than powers that are in conflict with general laws; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with its powers of local self-government, Washington Township has determined that a valid public purpose would be served by paying a portion of the General Levy with the City of Centerville collected from properties within the City of Centerville to be used by the City of Centerville for current expenses which will benefit the entire incorporated and unincorporated area of the Township;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1: The Township hereby agrees to remit to the City the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be used exclusively by the City for the payment of expenses which will benefit all residents of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Township. Under no circumstances is said sum to be used or expended by the City to financially support, offset or pay any costs or expenses related to or associated with the collection of waste within the City, the operation, maintenance and financing of Benham's Grove or the Golf Club at Yankee Trace.
- Section 2: That this Resolution takes effect at the earliest time as may be permitted by law.
- Section 3: It has been determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Washington Township concerning the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees of Washington Township and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees of Washington Township which resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that the Board approves Resolution R2011-015.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. R2011-015

RECREATION

Town Hall is requesting an additional \$6,000 to be paid to E-vent Software to manage their online ticketing system through the end of the year. The additional request is a result of increased ticket sales.

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves an additional payment of approximately \$6,000 to E-vent Software to manage the online ticketing system through the end of 2011.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-181

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lightle recognized Deputy Jeff Gray from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Lightle and Captain Osterfeld attended the Centerville Noon Optimist Lunch where there is a Kalamian award recipient each year. This year the recipient for the Sheriff's Department was Deputy Jeff Gray; and for the City, it was Officer Adam Bennett. Representing the Sheriff's Department was our new administrative sergeant, Sgt. Kurt Althouse, who said a few nice words about Jeff Gray, an exceptional deputy who goes over and beyond. Deputy Gray has the community spirit. He drops by and checks on elderly residents to make sure they are doing okay. He takes great pride in what he does. Deputy Gray has been with the Sheriff's Department since 1987 and Ms. Lightle indicated we are very glad to have him here at the Washington Township substation.

Ms. Lightle announced that this is the last Trustee meeting for our Deputy Administrator, Jo Scott. She was wished well.

Ms. Lightle also announced that the Township will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30th. Therefore, the next Trustee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2011.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Paulson stated his pride in the passage of the resolution to increase cooperation between the City of Centerville and Washington Township. This money has typically been earmarked for City projects, but he is looking forward to seeing the benefits to both residents of Centerville and Washington Township for those shared funds.

Mr. Paulson also applauded Mark Metzger and Dave Paice and everyone at Town Hall Theatre. He indicated that he and his kids always enjoy the Town Hall Theatre shows.

Mr. Paulson also stated that he was impressed by Greg Brush's work in the Clerk's Office. He stated it was impressive to take on such a monumental task and make it electronic.

Mr. Paulson added that the Trustees attended the MVRPC dinner on May 5th and he attended a fundraiser at Children's Medical Center, along with Joyce Young. He commented on what a great asset Children's Medical Center is to the community.

Mr. Paulson also wished Jo Scott well.

Mr. Berry reported that the Trustees attended the Washington-Centerville Foundation breakfast meeting on April 19th. On April 20th, Mrs. Young and Mr. Berry attended the Hithergreen Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. He reported that it was well attended and that it was a very nice event. Mr. Berry also reported that he attended the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) meeting on May 11th.

Mr. Berry then reported that he was very proud to represent Washington Township and the Board of Trustees on May 12th at the Dayton Business Journal's Under Forty recognition event where over 420 were there to recognize the Under Forty recipients. Scott Paulson was one of the recipients.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:16 P.M.

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Washington Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in an open meeting; and of any of its committees resulting in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

President

Fiscal Officer