

# **SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **Meeting Minutes**

04/21/2014

**CHAIRMAN Alan Kohta** called to order the regular meeting of the **SHEFFIELD TWP. TRUSTEES** at **7PM** on **04/21/2014** at the **SHEFFIELD FIRE DEPT.**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were present: ALAN KOHTA, WANDA & ROY CUSANO, ELLEN WEIR, TROY VANEK, NATALIE SHAUBERGER, KEN KISTER, MARK DEGAN, DAVE KRAY, CLAUDE KOBERNIK, BRUCE TURNER, ETHAN VANCE, JOE JANSON, DALE HAYES, DENNIS LEMPONEN, NEIL STEWART, DEAN BOWERS, DON DIETZ, MARGARET ARTHUR, RICHARD WILCOX, TIM & DONNA WOOD, CAROL STYZEJ, MICHELLE PRICE, STEPHANIE GLOTZBECKER, JON GLOTZBECKER, STACY KANACK, APRIL URCH, JIM WRIGHT, MARILYN WRIGHT AND DAWN DIETZ.

**Alan stated our meetings are audio recorded.**

A motion was made to accept The April 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Ken made a motion, Troy 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor.

Warrants 4042-4048 in the amount of \$1151.49 were paid.  
Receipts in the amount of \$7922.07 were deposited.  
EFT payroll amounts for \$1412.48 were paid  
ANDOVER ONLINE LOADER PAYMENT \$17200.00

### **I. OPEN BUSINESS**

- 1. Waterline tap in fee.**
- 2. Table Kingsville Fire Dept. Compensation Letter**
- 3. Speed limit**
- 4. Volunteer Fire Dept. Pay**
- 5. Benetka Bridge Mowing**

### **III OPEN ISSUES**

- a) Dean (zoning dept.) stated he has received a few calls on land and surveying and permits. He requested we post on our website the address to Kingsville Public Library for inquires on zoning text. He said our website is elementary.
- b) Mark (road dept.) stated he will be tail gaiting stone.
- c) April (resident) stated she has around 100 signatures regarding concern for us going with Jefferson Rescue for rescue services. Alan asked about the people who were signing the petition what kind of details was given. She gave a letter as to what information was given. Don Dietz asked what is the benefit to the township regarding Jefferson Rescue, Alan explained coverage would be 24hr 7 days a week, they run paramedic squads also, when we get toned out, they also get toned out and would have a squad on their way vs now we get toned out, drive to station, get in the squad and drive to call. Alan asked how many active EMTS are there in our township, Dave said 4. Alan said we rely on other depts. often and we are spending time waiting to go. Alan spoke with Jefferson Rescue; they said our EMTS can ride on the squad with them. They also said they would train with Sheffield Vol. F.D. Jefferson Rescue also can transfer control to Sheffield Vol. F.D. if they deem appropriate. A resident complement our fire dept. and their hard work. Also a resident asked why we don't pay someone to man our station. The trustees said it would be too expensive. Kenny said for 12 hrs. a day 5 days a week the cost is \$80,000 for Kingsville Fire Dept. to man their station. He said Kingsville F. D. proposed

weekend only coverage for Sheffield Twp. for 6 months, 5am to 5pm for \$7285.00. Ken explained why we inquired from Jefferson Rescue to cover our township. Troy stated they went to Jefferson Rescue to look at all the options before they went to Kingsville F.D. for coverage. Kingsville F.D. cannot provide this coverage for this cost per Neil. The cost for Jefferson Rescue to cover 24 hrs. 7 days a week is \$15,000. Dean inquired about the time for Jefferson Rescue to get to the furthers part of Sheffield Twp. takes 41min. Kenny said he map quested the furthers distance is 15.13 miles. Dean also asked who is backing up Jefferson Rescue. Kenny said we still would have mutual aid with other townships. Kenny said the cost of \$20.00 for ambulance billing from Jefferson Rescue for each household is optional to the residents.

- d) Mr. Hayes (resident) stated he went through the call records for last year. 162 days the fire dept. had a vehicle on the road. 326 vehicles out. 57 ambulance runs in Sheffield Twp. 16 had to be assisted because no EMTS. Mr. Hayes said he was amazed at the dedication, he said there is still a need for our fire dept. and ambulance whether we are full time with someone else or not. Kenny said it would be nice to strengthen our dept., and work together with Jefferson Rescue. He said he is 50/50 on his decision for Jefferson Rescue. A resident stated she expects our trustees to put the information in front of the residents so they are aware. She felt the residents were back-doored. Troy said we should have had a public meeting. A resident asked why do we not just cover night time. Troy said because Jefferson Rescue said they were covering a good part of the night calls and was not interested in the night calls and wanted 24 hr. coverage. Mr. Hayes said the main (3) responders are Barb, Claude and Bruce. He would like to hear from them - Barb stated she feels it would destroy the fire dept. she said why should they spend their gas and time and Jefferson Rescue comes along and transports patient. She feels stay as it is. Claude states it is nothing but a benefit to our township he would be disappointed if we don't go to Jefferson Rescue. Alan stated when he ran the first time for trustee he wanted to look into EMS coverage because he felt it was not adequate, he inquired from South Central Ambulance and Jefferson Rescue. Jefferson Rescue proposed a contract that got voted down. Alan stated he went to meetings with Kingsville, Sheffield and Plymouth – he felt we needed to start small – he felt the chiefs could not get along. Alan feels we need to give up a little to get to the next step. We only have 2-3 active EMTs. He feels this is bettering the dept., and the service to our people.
- e) Natalie Shauberger (resident & zoning board) went over changes to zoning text. She would like if trustees would like changes to text, to come to the zoning meeting and could explain why they would like the changes.
- f) Dave (Fire Chief) stated it has never been about the money- he said we were going to pay our dept. per call. Dave said he has been a chief for 27 yrs. he said he has always done his best. Dave feels going with Jefferson Rescue will be detrimental to his man power because of the lack of call they will go on. He feels we should not outsource our primary care to Jefferson Rescue. Ken asked Dave why he has changed his mind on going with Jefferson Rescue, Dave said he changed his mind because Jefferson Rescue will be providing primary care. Dave recommends cooler heads before we sign with Jefferson Rescue. He also has been talking with Neil from Kingsville Fire Dept.
- g) Barb (fire dept.) is concerned about Jefferson Rescue taking the calls because they have a paramedic squad and if we don't transfer the patient then we don't get to bill the patient Jefferson Rescue does. She said we have a fund that our ambulance billing goes into for a future ambulance. Barb said the freezer quit in the fire hall. The trustees said this is a grey area because the freezer is used for fundraising.
- h) There was conversation regarding Jefferson Rescue coming in to train and work with Sheffield Twp. The fire dept. would like to meet with Jefferson Rescue and ask questions.
- i) Tim & Donna Wood (resident) had a complaint about a neighbors barking dog and trash. Alan to contact owner of property.
- j) Troy (trustee) asked Dawn to put clean-up day on-line. Troy also would like it put on fire dept. sign. Troy asked Dawn about Waste Mgmt. She said we are

still in contract until Feb 2014, they did lower bill to \$78.21. The trustees agreed to stay with Waste Mgmt. for trash pickup. Troy drove roads, they look ok – Maple Rd. still has issues – Mark is taking care of the issues. Troy said he has been working on the Ambulance issues for hours, He feels this is an issue we need to move forward with and work with our dept. as well. He said if we get anything better with Kingsville Fire Dept. – we can cancel this contract in 30 days. Ken wants language in the contract stating if we cancel the contract we get reimbursed for months un-used and have contract a 6 months at a time. Ken feels we need to have Jefferson Rescue meet with Trustees and EMTS to answer questions – in a public meeting forum. Ken to meet with Jefferson Rescue regarding contract and meeting date with our township. Alan asked to set the date for a Special meeting April 29 or May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

- k) Ken (trustee) asked Dawn to email employee manual. Resident called on VanSlyke drive – pipe blocked – Kenny clean it out. Michael Cummings called he would like to see a place that was ditched before, so he can see what it looks like. Kenny spoke with Neroy Carter – he will start making payments. Ken sent letter to prosecutor regarding paying for banquet – they suggested sending question to auditor. Dawn suggested having a meeting with the prosecutor on the classification on the fire dept. Dawn gave articles of incorporation to trustees. Dawn to contact prosecutor on dates available.
- l) Alan (chairman) asked Dawn to check address of the fire dept. in phone book. Went to county meeting – recycle bin may start up in Sept. County has set up a land bank on vacant and taxes owed on property. The county would like a buyer lined up before they acquire the property. Ken said Nosse property is coming up for sale. Alan asked about setting up dates for drug screening. Alan spoke with a resident on Maple Rd. he said if we are doing ditching he would take some dirt. Alan said on May 12 there is a sunshine law class at Lakeland Community College. May 10<sup>th</sup> is clean-up day.  
**Alan made a motion to use Penn Ohio Corp for clean-up day, ( 2 ) 40yr roll-off container, (1) 80 yr. roll-off metal container. \$65.00 deliv/\$260.00 per hall \$50.00/ton - \$100.00 per hall for metal, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor Resolution # 34**
- m) A resident asked on Maple Rd. asked for a speed limit sign or slow child at play sign.
- n) Dawn (fiscal officer) gave trustees checks and correspondence. Dawn told Maurer’s Mowing the trustees were ok with their contract and emailed them on mowing the Covered Bridge. (2) Cemetery deeds were given for signature.

Alan stated he is personally not trying to destroy the dept., he feels that the trustees are willing to work together and he hopes the fire dept. will also work together and find a solution that makes everyone happy and is best for the community.

## **II. ADJOURNMENT**

Kenny made motion to adjourn the meeting, Troy 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, 10:25pm  
Minutes submitted by Dawn Dietz (fiscal officer), I hereby certify there are sufficient funds in the depository to pay the above warrants.

**X**  
\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by: Alan Kohta

