

**Florence Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
12-7-2016 8pm**

The Florence Township Trustees held a regular meeting at the Florence Township Office Complex located at 11011 Chapel St., Wakeman, Ohio.

The meeting was opened with the pledge.

Trustees present: Orville Sayler, Skip Halliwell and John Krumwiede

MOTION: Orville made the motion and it was seconded by Skip to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Roll call: all 'ayes. Minutes approved.

Dates to remember:

Bicentennial Meeting Jan. 10th. at 7

Winter OTA Conference is Jan. 25th – 28th.

Erie County Engineer annual meeting Dec. 8th.

Erie County Township Association meeting Dec. 8th

Reminder Fireman Dependents Fund meeting needs to be held by Jan. 31st.

New Business

Liquor permits are set to expire within the township. Any objections to renewal must be made by Feb. 1st. No objections were raised.

Year End Meeting

MOTION: Orville made the motion and it was seconded by Skip to set the Year end meeting for Dec. 28th at 8pm and to cancel the regular meeting on Jan. 4th. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION 29-2016

Northern Ohio Water Representative

MOTION: John made the motion and it was seconded by Skip to reappoint Orville to another 5 year term to the Northern Ohio Water Board. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

**Special Guest Lisa Beursken, Erie County Recycling and Jim Skora , GT Environmental Inc
Curbside Update**

Lisa discussed the upcoming county wide curbside service beginning in January. Jim Skora will be writing the bid documents. She explained that at this point without a contract, your provider can raise their price anytime. A contract would lock in prices for the life of the contract (3-5 yrs.). It would also allow for services such as once a month bulk items. The timetable for the bid would be April/May. Mr. Skora will prepare a formal resolution to include Florence Township in the bid partnership (with Vermilion twp). You will not be required to participate in curbside recycling and can still haul to the landfill on your own if you so choose.

A resident stated "residents do not want curbside recycling and don't want to pay for it because it was free before" and should have asked residents if they wanted curbside.

Please note: There seems to be some miss information about the recycling drop off location. Recycling is mandated by the EPA for counties, not townships. The drop off site at the township garage was operated by the county, not the township. The township only allowed the county to use our property as a drop off location. The site would have been removed by the county when the curbside agreement goes into effect January 1, 2017. If you have questions please call Lisa at Erie County Recycling at (419) 433-7303 ext. 2304 or your service provider.

Fire

Chief reports Amanda Morrissette does not have the time availability and requests to be removed from the fire department roster. The township thanks her for her service.

Fire Truck

Pricing and specs for the proposed truck purchase are in process. Price will be under \$500,000.

Chief Rennie reports the fire department has improved it's fire rating with the Insurance Service Organization (I.S.O.) and that is quiet an accomplishment for a township of our size. A better rating may or may not reduce resident's insurance premiums. Residents can call your insurance provider to see if a better rating would provide any benefits regarding your policy.

Vermilion River Ambulance District

Special Guest Don Daniels, *Vermilion River Ambulance District*

Mr. Daniels reported a meeting between the Vermilion River Ambulance District and Citizens Ambulance the night before. Due to executive session, he could not elaborate many details but did say the district entered into a 90 day contract with the ambulance service pending further review, finances being one of the issues. They will continue to review services and decide how to proceed.

Cemetery

Cheryl reports the Engineer is creating a map for an unmapped section of the Florence township cemetery. The map will be added to the cemetery software.

Resident Estelle Truscott stated some of the headstones in the old section were leaning. Tom Murray has seen the stones and believes the foundations need to be replaced but will need warmer weather in the spring to perform the work as the ground is frozen.

Skip stated maybe the boy scouts would be interested in cleaning some of the old stones as a service project.

Tom reported he will replace light fixtures/bulbs on the salt barn.

Zoning

Resident Paul Hale feels the new zoning laws the township adopted (in 2015) has limited the usage of his property and as a result has devalued his property. He wants to know that the new zoning laws are protecting the township from. Was there an issue that instigated the change?

There was also discussion that some houses on St. Rt. 113 are in violation of the new zoning and it should be changed back to the previous zoning regulations. The next zoning commission meeting is on Jan 11th.

There were complaints about the Junk yard in Florence. There is currently an investigation with the Ohio BMW and the fire marshal.

MOTION: Skip made the motion and it was seconded by Orville to adjourn the regular meeting. Roll call: all 'ayes. Meeting adjourned.

General	MLV	Gasoline Tax	Road & Bridge	Cemetery	Fire	Fire Levy
190,912.91	10,947.37	26,781.15	38,055.50	21,299.40	44,957.68	170,720.71