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Roll Call: Powell - yes Smith - yes Euler - yes. Motion approved. The Audit Committee approved the bank statements and financial reports for October, 2017.

State Representative Theresa Gavarone came to introduce herself and give a legislative update. A constituent call from Walbridge has two15 twins. One son is an Autistic individual with higher abilities that is able to drive. The constituent was concerned about her son's safety if he got pulled over due to his communication disability. The legislation addresses all communication disabilities such as autism, Parkinson's, deafness, and diabetes. If an officer approaches a car and someone is not behaving appropriately, the officer may feel threatened, could think your defiant or impaired. The Communication Disability Bill would allow someone to get doctor's approval and take to the BMV to get registered on the database. The once registered, when an officer runs their plates it would ping a communication disability, so the officer is aware prior to interaction which in turn would be safer. This bill has already passed the House. Theresa Gavarone asked if anyone had any questions. Powell asked about the Opioid issue and what her thoughts are on it. Theresa thinks there needs to be prevention and more education on the issue. There is a bill they are working on to increase the level of offense on drug dealers within a certain radius of the rehab facilities. Powell asked about the prevention through the prescription drug abuse. Theresa stated there are new rules going into effect on prescription drug limits not being allowed to be prescribed for certain number of days. Powell suggested letting the patient know that the prescription being offered is an addictive drug, or prescribing a non-addictive drug in its place. She is not aware of anything in place at this time but they are working on greater prevention. Powell stated that there were 370 applications for Medical Marijuana in the state but none in Wood County. Powell made Theresa aware of some Townships having Resolutions in place that Medical Marijuana is not allowed. Powell checked on the CALV, we are two thirds residential and one third commercial/agricultural. Some Townships will increase their revenues and some will decrease. What are your thoughts on local government and funding being cut. Theresa stated they have been working on local government issues, they are working on a bond bank bill which will enable local governments to borrow money at a lower interest rate for permanent improvement projects. Theresa would like to know how the Township turns out with the new calculated CAUV. An audience participant stated hospitals are judged on 5 or 6 criteria from their patients and one is pain management as a vital statistic. He was in the hospital for 5 days and every time a nurse came in, they asked him if he would like more pain medicine. He could of took as much as he wanted. Theresa stated we would certainly want to look into hospitals more. Prevention is key, there are alternatives to pain medications which should be used more often. Smith asked if practices are taken place at Schools. Theresa asked the students in the audience if the opioids was ever discussed. The students stated there was an after school program but it was not mandatory. Theresa asked if it was covered in Health Class. The students stated yes. Mr. Helberg stated the education is to light. He has experienced this issue first hand in his family. There is a drug that is non-addictive that treats the pain but does not allow you to use. He told students in the audience don't think you can handle the drug because it just takes once and you get hooked. Euler asked Theresa about the operating costs at the State level or the current fiscal status. Theresa stated we passed a conservative budget and they do have a rainy day fund. She asked Euler to email her and she could give him the current numbers.

Roland Southard thanked Todd for the continual leaf pickup. Roland asked Todd if he fixed the spot on the side of the road near lot 121 and lot 122. Todd stated not yet. Roland asked about where we stand on the sewer estimate. Todd has the estimate and gave it to the Trustee's. Trustee's decided to discuss this estimate to see if the Township will cover some of the cost. This will be discussed at the WOTR January 28, 2017 Meeting at 7 p.m. at Otsego Park. Kristel will post this meeting since all trustees will be in attendance and make a decision. Roland asked about the Speed Limit signs. Todd stated we are still waiting on the signs from the grant. Roland asked Todd about where we are at with the survey points. Todd stated he didn’t know, last he heard was when he gave Roland Andrea’s phone number from Gerken. Smith stated he would call Andrea from Gerken to get an answer on the survey points. He thinks the survey company should have the latitude and longitude on record. Roland asked about the guardrails in Williamsburg. Euler stated Rich Hertzfeld from the County should have the information next meeting or January meeting on the guardrails.
Scott Welch had a discussion with Smith about Tuller Road (Western End) and Rangeline. Smith learned that the County has decided to install a permanent bridge because it would cost just as much to install a temporary bridge. Scott has previously requested a portion to be vacated since there is no through traffic. Scott stated now the County is proposing to spend a lot of money when there is no through traffic on the road. He is asking for the Townships to sit down and discuss this issue with the County to get a better understanding on what they are going to do and what options there are. Smith stated Joan said they would install the bridge one-year prior of the re-decking of the other bridge. Smith stated he would contact Joan to schedule a meeting.

Rick Vollmar gave some information to the Trustees of issues that residents brought up when he was petitioning for office.

Todd stated Tom Euler is asking for a Bore permit for Liberty High Rd. He gave the permit to the Trustees, they signed and approved the permit. Todd gave Trustee’s price to remove log jams in Togany Creek. Smith made a motion Powell seconded to award T.E. Price the contract for $3,920 for Togany Creek log jam removal. Roll Call: Powell - yes Smith – yes Euler – yes. Motion approved.

Todd discussed 2 catch basin proposals and one tile proposal (under Togany Rd near the Legion) from T.E. Price. Powell made a motion Smith seconded to award T.E. Price the 3 proposals. Roll Call: Powell - yes Smith – yes Euler – yes. Motion approved.

Todd stated the window was replaced with the new safety glass in the front door. He talked to Matt Kubacki about the flooring, he said he wouldn’t be able to get to that until mid-December. Todd told him that would not be a good time. Matt Kubacki said he would do the floor first thing in Spring 2018. Todd called about the Peds to store everything in while the floor is done. Cost is $110 month to rent and $80 an hour to pick up and take back. We can buy one for $2350. Todd stated because of the cost, this is a lot cheaper than building a barn, he knows it has been discussed to be put in zoning. Euler stated he talked to Mike Androvich, they should be meeting within the next month or two to discuss. Todd told the Trustee’s that he hit a headstone in the cemetery it was Georgia marble cost $7,895. He called Joe from Insurance Company, and insurance will cover it, Joe just needs the invoice from Maumee Valley. At the end of the month they will be taking pumpers down to do testing. Received a letter stating we did not get grant for the air compressor. He will start to get pricing on air compressor. Powell asked Todd if the Fire Department was going to lose anyone due to not being trained. Todd stated he just sent an email to Gage to return his equipment but hasn’t heard back. Nate Keifer is moving but may stay with the Department. First Responders refresher course got rescheduled. Powell stated there were tree’s needing cut back on Rangeline Road and Todd already took care of it. Euler asked if Todd did a drive around with Doug and Steve Burkhardt’s, Todd stated they rescheduled but should be next week. Powell asked if there were any plans for the benches, picnic tables or trash cans at the ball park. Powell would like to empty the trash cans and put the picnic tables/benches under the shelter house for the winter. Todd stated we did get the doors replaced at the ball park but still need to paint them. Powell stated Plain Township’s levy passed. The discussion is to take the levy proceeds and divide by four. We should make a formal decision on this at some point. The estimated total revenue from this is $90,000. Fire Department Dependency Meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2017 at 7 pm in the Township Building. Powell stated there are pot holes on the road on Long Judson between Rangeline and Rt. 235. Todd stated he has already fixed them. Euler stated there is couple starting on Scott Road also. Powell stated at the Fire Meeting the other night, when the fireman go on ambulance runs they are not in turnout gear. It was discussed to get uniform jackets with reflective for these runs. They cost roughly $100, thought we could pay for part of them. Todd suggested the $500 Safer Grant could be used towards it. Smith stated there are some signs on Scott Road and Tuller Road, that need moved back for large equipment to turn in or out of. Also there is a catch basin that is really low by Tuller and Rt. 235. Todd thought it might be an ODOT catch basin, the stop sign is ODOT’s. Smith talked to Chad about unlicensed trailer and truck on River Road. Chad knows about it, would like to discuss this at next meeting. Smith stated we need to find a replacement for Les Euler for the Zoning Board of Appeals. We should first ask the alternates to fill the seat and go from there. Smith asked Mr. Helberg if he would be interested in the position. Mr. Helberg told maybe, he would talk to Smith about it. Euler stated on Cross Creek between Togany and Togany Creek Road there is a swale and basin there that when we get a lot of rain, the water is going across the road into Digby’s yard. Does that need to be jetted out or do we need to put something around it to catch the water. Todd has put stone on the backside but he would look at it. Euler told Todd, Bruce Weymer has a catch basin in front of his drive on the south side breaking down. Todd will look at it.

Powell gave October 2017 Financial Report. Wood County Auditor said the way the millage is set up for the Township our outside millage dollar amount is fixed, it’s the inside mileage that will change.

Rick Vollmar stated there was discussion on the tile off Rangeline in and around Scott Road. It was washing out the bank and the galvanized tile is rotting out. What was decided on that. We need to see if its part Township’s responsibility or the farmers. Todd will put some dye in the catch basin’s around to see if they lead to it.

Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.