



Westfield Township News

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Township Meetings: *1st Monday of the month at 7:00p.m., except when Monday is a holiday, then meetings are the 1st Tuesday following the 1st Monday!*

Renergy News

Westfield Township Trustees Serve Notice of Their Intent to Sue USEPA, Ohio EPA, Emerald Bioenergy, LLC, and Related Entities for Violations of the Clean Air Act.

On April 11, 2022, Westfield Township (in Morrow County, Ohio) provided 60 days advance notice to USEPA, Ohio EPA, Emerald Bioenergy, LLC and related entities including Renergy, Inc. that the Township believes the six (6) digestate lagoons associated with Emerald's biodigester facility at 2279 County Road 156, Cardington, Ohio are all emitting ammonia in violation of the federal Clean Air Act and the State of Ohio's air pollution laws and regulations. It is believed that this ammonia may be causing or contributing to odors that citizens of Westfield Township have been complaining of for several years.

The notice letter indicates that the Township intends to file a lawsuit in federal district court against USEPA, Ohio EPA, Emerald, and related entities on or after June 10, 2022 unless significant progress has been made toward bringing Emerald's facility and the related digestate lagoons into compliance with all applicable air pollution statutes and regulations.

The Township is hopeful that by June 10th significant progress will have been made, and that Emerald will work cooperatively and in good faith with USEPA and Ohio EPA to amicably resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

Update

On June 10, 2022, the State of Ohio Attorney General filed a complaint against Renergy Inc., et al. in Morrow County Common Pleas Court. Case 2022CV00060.

On June 17, 2022, Westfield Township Trustees filed a motion to intervene.

On June 21, 2022, Renergy entered a partial consent agreement with Ohio AG.

On June 30, 2022 Renergy filed an opposition memorandum to Westfield Township's Motion to intervene.

Township Roads

We would like to thank Ralph Miley and Randy Grimm for the outstanding work they do to keep our roads clear of snow and for trimming the weeds.

Small's Asphalt Paving Inc. will be chipping/sealing and repairing berms on TR 21, 25, 151, 157, 162 and 164.

Goodman Excavating are in progress of installing new and larger culverts on TR 25, 147 and 162.

The Morrow County roads department did a wonderful job paving CR 21, 146, and 156.

Westfield Township Website

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Township website where you can find useful information and news about our Township! Check it out at WWW.WESTFIELDTWP.ORG



Cemetery News

Flags were placed on veterans grave markers and new flags were installed on cemetery flag poles at Westfield, Baptist, Peak, Mound and Shawtown cemeteries. Thanks to Erin Barkley for her continued mowing and lawn maintenance that keep our cemeteries and Township Hall beautiful. Please remember artificial flowers and decorations are permitted from November 1 to April 1. All new grave markings need to be on a concrete footer. Plots are available in Westfield cemetery. Ask a trustee for information.

Tire Recycling Drive

When: October 22, 2022 10am-4pm

Where: Westfield Township Hall

Please help keep our community safe and beautiful by recycling your used tires. This will be a free service for residents at a cost of \$2 per tire for non-residents. Passenger tires only. Tires on rims will be accepted at a cost of \$5 per tire for residents and \$7 for non-residents. This service is provided by Westfield Township in coordination with DKMM solid waste disposal. A Township Trustee will be onsite to assist with this event.



Township Nuisance Properties

As we are all aware we have properties within our township which can be properly described as "nuisance properties" due to junk, unlicensed autos and trucks, trash, and buildings that are in a state of disrepair on the property. This situation is a detriment to our Township as it presents a health hazard and hurts your property values. We do have legal recourse that is clearly stated in the Ohio Revised Code (the general laws of Ohio) which provide a legal process for the cleaning up of these properties. We have taken action in working with the Morrow County Health Department and the Morrow County Prosecutor and we are beginning to have a positive effect on these situations. We are pleased that to date we have been able to work one-on-one with the property owners and they are working on the cleanups without having to get the court system involved. We will continue to work with the owners and provide updates as we successfully pursue action with those property owners.

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