

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday August 13, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous regular meeting minutes as presented. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, C. Mangold, E. Myrla, D. Johnson, W. Eversole, D. Rice, G. Harrison, B. Sieferth, N. Raymond, G. Englehart, TJ Gano, R. Huth, L. Klodt

Old Business

Mike brought up for discussion the Beverly Bird Sanctuary. Roger spoke to some residents who still ride horses there. After some discussion it was decided to remove the light and signs and leave the rest as is. Mike stated that we need to consider repairing the parking lot between the SC/CC/TH. Mike is afraid another bad winter may require a more extensive repair. Mike does not feel that chip and seal is a good idea. Roger agrees. Mike suggested we investigate a possible loan to pave the parking lot. He has an estimate of \$30,000. There was discussion about the use and upkeep in the coming years. Mike stated that we need to protect our infrastructure. Mike feels keeping gate open keeps traffic off the parking lot. There was discussion about the gate. Sue is happy that East is a leading industrial company in Portage County but we need to do something about our parking lot being a short cut.

Roger stated that in June he brought up the discussion of the Portage County Hazmat fee. Mary presented the 2014 invoice which was paid in October. We were charged .21 per person per the census count. Roger feels that we paid our fair share of \$1,112.58.

New Business

Mike brought up a concern about the construction of the new salt shed and the baseball season parking. He is concerned that there will not be enough parking. There was discussion about where people park, how many times the lot is full and possible solutions. Mike stated that it is full about 10 times a season. Sue is concerned that some people are still not parking correctly by parking on the grass and roadside. Roger noticed that most who park there are from out of town. Erin commented that ideally a lined parking lot would help but realizes that it is not realistic. Erin also commented that Jarvis Industries always opens their parking lot for tournaments.

Roger reported on a letter sent from Jim Eskridge to all PCTA members regarding injection wells. The Commissioners voted to place a moratorium on new injection wells. Jim will make a presentation at the PCTA meeting on Saturday, August 15 and will then make a motion that we pass a resolution to request a moratorium on new injection wells in Portage County. Mike and Sue agree with the moratorium. Roger will voice our support at the meeting. Roger reported on electrical issues at the gazebo. Bob Joseph reviewed the site for the digital sign and the electrical problems. He can make the necessary repairs for \$550. Roger moved to approve the gazebo electrical repairs not to exceed \$550. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Roger read an email from NOPEC regarding a solicitor going door-to-door stating that NOPEC is no longer a valid supplier. This is not true. If resident feels they have been moved, or slammed, they should contact their electric supplier. They should receive a letter with the "new" supplier and have 7-10 days to rescind their decision. Residents who wish to report these untrue statements may do by contacting the PUCO. Sue stated that residents can choose any supplier but should have correct information to make a decision.

Sue received a call from a Waterloo Road resident who wanted to know if the trustees have any influence on getting holes patched. Roger had a conversation with the Portage County Engineer regarding an issue with our squad and pot holes. Roger will call the Engineer's office again.

Sue reported that Regional Planning has monies available for those who have homes that need to have their septic system replaced. She will get information to Mary to place on our web site. Sue stated that a scam regarding obtaining a deed for transferred property is circulating through the mail. It states that if you want your deed you need to send money to them. It is targeting new properties. Sue commented that the heroin epidemic affecting our nation. Sue has heard that 8% of those addicted cannot get off it. Sue stated that community members are welcome to attend the FedUp Rally and the Ohio CAN (Change Addiction Now) Lights of Change event to call for an end to our nation's epidemic of addiction and overdose deaths attributed to opioids (including heroin) and other prescription drugs. The event will be held on Monday, August 31 from 6-8 p.m. in front of the Kent Municipal Courthouse located at 303 E. Main Street, Kent. Local officials and community leaders will speak about the effects

of the opioid epidemic in Portage County. Information on local resources will be presented and a candlelight vigil will be held for those whom we have lost and those that are still battling this disease of addiction. Sue stated that there is discussion of forming a task force with private and public monies and efforts to get a campaign on prevention.

Mary received the second quarter Workers' Compensation Claims Reports. No injuries were reported. Mary reported that we received the OTARMA MORE grant of \$500. This grant was used to purchase safety supplies for the Road Department.

Mary received information from the Budget Commission regarding the 2016 Local Government Fund. The estimated distribution for Randolph Township is \$28,567. Mary estimated \$26,000 in our proposed 2016 Budget. She recommended that we continue with the original estimate.

Mary reported that the Budget Commission approved our proposed 2016 Budget. Mary requested a motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mike so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 162- 179 totaling \$376,149.98 and to pay warrants 36471 - 36505 and EFTs/Vouchers 320 - 346 totaling \$91,058.71. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue — yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road maintenance and mowing and ditching. Larry stated that the footer and walls have been poured on the new salt shed. We will need to asphalt the floor before any salt or cinders can be delivered. Larry received two estimates: Skibiski Asphalt - \$7,650 and H. Luli Construction -\$9,200. Mike moved to contract with Skibiski Asphalt not to exceed \$7,650. Sue seconded. Discussion: Larry stated that Skibiski Asphalt is about a week out for projects. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry reported that the work around the chapel has been completed. Some work still needs to be done once the topsoil settles. There were four funerals with a YTD total of 21.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Six permits were issued. Erin reported that the BZA approved the Portage County Agricultural Society's request to park on their new lot as well as the Trustee's request to allow the Lions Club to install a digital sign in the center of town. The next BZA will hold a hearing for two applications. The next ZC meeting will take place on August 19 at 7 p.m. in the SC, Erin has contacted Chris Meduri to send a violation letter to the property owner at 3575 Randolph Road. Erin wanted to thank Jasen Bryan for updating the website with all the information she sent to him. She stated that all ZC and BZA meeting minutes are available for the public to read. Erin has been updating the Township's Facebook page.

Roger presented the Fire Department report. Responses for July: Fire - 3; EMS - 47; MVA - 4; Incidents - 5 for a monthly total of 59 and a YTD total of 373. Chief Lang reported on membership, training, public relations, and maintenance. RFD had one new member join as a probationary member and another probationary member was voted on as a full member. Chief Lang requested four members to attend Basic EMT School this fall. The total cost is \$1,020 per member. Chief Lang requested the trustees to appropriate \$4,080 for this school. All four members have signed training reimbursement contracts. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. Discussion: Roger commented that it is standard procedure for members to sign a three year commitment form or repay the cost of the class. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. :

Sue met with Chief Lang regarding the strategic plan for the fair. The Sheriff's Office has reviewed it and approved the plan. The strategic plan, which is 27 pages, has been in service since 2012. Sue stated that Ryan Shackelford, EM A director, will be presenting information on reverse 911 at the PCTA meeting. Sue explained the emergency message system which will be sent to cell phones. Sue stated that it is good pricing for the technology for the whole county. ;

Public Comment

Doug commented on the septic system update. He stated that state law requires those who pump septic systems must submit a report. He was informed that a new system could cost between \$5,000 and \$25,000. He also spoke to someone who pumped tanks and there is no place in Portage County to get rid of the waste. It must be taken to

Stark County. Sue commented that it is all very interesting. Sue explained the septic system test process. It all depends on who is performing the test and when it takes place. Doug stated that he received guidelines from the Health Department. There was discussion on the various systems. Sue stated that she had a meeting with Sen. Eklund's aide and explained the situation in Portage County. She feels Sen. Eklund will try to resolve some of these issues.

Walt asked if cars can park on the grass where the house used to be at the Administration Complex. Mike stated that people are parking there. Larry suggested placing a barrier around the well. Sue received a call about the intercom system.

Gary commended the RFD for their professionalism on a recent emergency he encountered. Gary reported that the Food Shelf is doing well. On August 19 two of our Commissioners will tour the Food Shelf facility. The Commissioners are looking to see if they can do anything to help all the food shelters in the area. The Food Shelf will begin sending out letters for donations of turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Rick asked about the requirement that a septic system must be pumped. Sue stated that there is no requirement but a full report must be submitted. Rick stated that other counties require various tests. Doug commented that the cost to get a tank pumped has gone sky high; \$195 per tank. Rick asked about the price of new septic systems. Sue stated that the price is between \$8,000 and \$30,000 depending on the type of system. The old aeration system installed after 2008 are not good and cost \$10,000 - \$12,000 to replace. Doug stated that the installer must be a certified contractor. There was discussion about sewer versus septic systems. Walt asked if the sewer system is at capacity. Mike stated that is way under. Walt asked if the sewer system could be extended and the septic systems waste be disposed at the sewer facility. Mike commented that Water Resources did not want to extend it. He is not sure about septic system disposal. Walt commented that he has no issues with his sewer system.

Nancy commented that the new fence at Hillside Cemetery does not fit with the old theme. She asked if the LCA could plant English ivy around the fences. The Trustees were in favor of the request.

With no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer