

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, April 12, 2012

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Roger stated that he reviewed the draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to approve the minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, J. Presley, P. Cernava, G. Harrison, C. Meduri, C. James, B. Steiner, C. James, L. May, B. May, R. Huth, M. Klodt, C. Magno, D. Rice, F. Rodenbucher

Old Business

Roger stated that we have a few visitors this evening. Chris Meduri, legal counsel for the township, will speak on the ORC. Chris asked if there were any questions or if anyone attended the meeting a few weeks ago. There have been articles in the paper about fracking. Chris stated that townships are limited in what they can do. The 2004 General Assembly took away local authority to regulate oil and gas drilling. Townships can only do what RC allows them to do. The General Assembly would have to change the law to give back the authority to the townships. Doug asked about an article in the paper stating that there is legislation in Columbus giving power to local government. Chris has not heard anything. If they do that would be a different ballgame. It would have to be signed by the governor. He will check on it. Bob asked if a village has more control than a township. Chris stated that it does not. Sue showed Chris an article mentioning a chartered municipality which has more power. The law director in Mansfield is asking for an amendment to their charter. It will likely result in a lawsuit filed by the gas company. At that point it would be up to the Supreme Court to make that decision. Bob asked for clarification between village and township. Chris stated that it is correct that they have more power enacting and enforcing certain laws. Bob asked about village versus township, would we have a better chance of being annexed. Chris stated that a chartered municipality can annex the township. Bob wanted to make sure everyone understands that a village has more power than a township. Chris stated that once an area is incorporated it does have more power.

Roger introduced Claudia James with Visioning in Portage. Claudia explained the purpose of VIP. It began as a grassroots effort with a group of Portage County residents who wanted to take a more active role in shaping our community. Todd Peetz, of Regional Planning, suggested a comprehensive plan for the county. Volunteers, from varying backgrounds, run the program which has seven areas. It is trying to stay away from any political affiliation. VIP would like everyone to feel they are part of this program and are asking for representatives from each community to attend the meetings and bring back information to their community. The board meets every two months while each group meets as needed. Workshops are planned for April 18 and 19 to show previous plans for the county. They would like to incorporate previous information into the current planning. The workshops will take place at Maplewood Career Center at 6:30. They are hoping to apply for a grant to help with writing and distributing the plan. They may ask townships for a resolution showing support for this program. Claudia is interested to see what happens at the workshops. Dan Kolasky is the representative for Randolph Township

Mike reported the storage garage cement work has been completed. Mike suggested painting the garage behind the SC/CC. Plans are made to move the generator. We need to do some roof work before including the radio tower. There was discussion about the use of the current generator or a portable unit at the Administration Complex. There was discussion about putting the old generator on eBay or scrapping it. Mike doesn't want to hook it up and have it go bad and then we are stuck with a permanent hook up.

Sue has had several people ask about the Farmers market. Sue doesn't want to do away with it. She stated that we cannot afford to pay anyone, but need volunteers to run it. She likes to get the fresh vegetables and other items. Mike is fine with that but is at a loss as to why it cannot succeed. Sue encourages the people to set up their booth. Sue is still working on an old-fashioned picnic along with a Farmers Market. She wants it to be a fun time for gathering with our neighbors. There was discussion about when to hold the event. It was decided to hold it on July 21. Sue moved to hold the Randolph Community Day at the Middle School Park on July 21 at 4:00. Mike seconded. Discussion: Gary asked if there would be a grill for hot dogs and hamburgers. Sue thinks that could be possible. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger reminded everyone about our recycle day on May 5 at the Administration Complex from 8 - 2. It is being tied in with Solid Waste District's tire amnesty program. There is a 10 tire limit.

Roger spoke to Debbie Mettle regarding the natural gas issue. Dominion requires more natural gas coverage in the county. Debbie stated they do not aggressively pursue neighborhoods as they did in the past. She suggested that residents call and get a quote for natural gas hookup. If enough people want it they may be able to work something out. Doug spoke to Donna at Dominion and agrees with Roger's comments. If we get enough names (10-20) it would get their attention. They are interested, but want the township to do the legwork. Mike suggested that Dan get the information out by newsletter and the website. Doug stated that the cost is the lowest it has been in years. Roger suggested we get someone to come to a meeting and talk about it. Doug will look into it.

Mike stated that phase one of the cemetery stone renovation by the chapel is complete. There are a few grade differences that may need some work. Mike will get some estimates for the next meeting.

New Business

Mike and Sue have nothing at this time.

Roger stated that Randolph Hot Stove president Darrin Werbeck contacted him about the bleachers that need some repair. He asked if township can help with the supplies. Larry stated that they are used bleachers and some boards need to be replaced. Darrin also requested that the water heater be replaced in the concession stand. Roger asked for quotes for both requests for the next meeting. Mike asked about light usage for the fields. Mike wants to stick with the standard we used last year. Roger agrees. It must have met with approval since we did not hear from their attorney. Roger stated that they have a letter with the usage. Roger reiterated no more than four (4) nights, lights out at 10:30 p.m., and no weekends. Sue is concerned about the traffic, especially with parking. There was discussion about signage and additional parking. Mike asked Larry to get a quote on "No Parking" signs. Larry has some "No Parking Anytime" signs.

Sue moved to endorse the Memorial Day Parade. Roger seconded. Discussion: Roger stated the Lions are still in charge of the parade. RFD is in charge of the pancake breakfast and will help the Lions' as needed.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 50 – 61 totaling \$380,070.40 and pay warrants 33255 - 33297, EFTs 1153 - 1159, and voucher 36 totaling \$33,690.40. Roger so moved. Mike seconded.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. They have been working in the cemeteries getting them ready for the upcoming season. Larry has the paperwork for the upcoming 2012 chip and seal and stone bids. He would like to chip and seal 4.052 miles of road this year. The storage garage overhead doors are in poor shape and need to be replaced. Larry presented quotes from four vendors. Mike moved to go with H&W Door for \$1,770. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry received notification that we will not receive the grant for the dump truck. Larry was also notified by the State of Ohio regarding the state salt program. We have until May 31, 2012 to meet our 80% minimum purchase requirement. Mike stated that all townships are in the same boat. Larry stated that Christine Schwinn from the Randolph Class of 1964 requested to plant a red maple tree and install a bench at the Middle School Park. The trustees were ok with it. There was discussion about the placement. Larry reported on equipment repairs and driveway pipes. They have back-filled the low graves. Bruce has sprayed weed killer in the cemeteries and ball fields, He still needs to spray the walking tracks.

Larry stated that they have a 5x7 trailer and a water tank that is no longer being used. He asked if it can be placed on eBay. Mike stated that we have a resolution was approved at the beginning of the year to sell items that are no longer used. Larry received a request from an oil company in PA regarding oil/gas driveway permits. The current price is \$50. Larry will check on cost with other townships. Mike suggested getting a legal opinion. Dan asked if the county has charged anything.

Mike moved to advertise for stone and oil bids to be opened at the trustee meeting on May 10. Sue seconded.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Dan presented the Zoning and Trustee Assistant report. Two permits were issued. Dan presented a resolution regarding the Baker property. There was discussion about the problem. Rick spoke about the problem next to his mother's property. Sue moved to proceed with the Baker resolution regarding zoning violations. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike stated that he understood that as long as he cleaned up the property there would be no problem. There was discussion about what needs to be cleaned up.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Zoning Commission hearing was held on March 26 regarding text changes to the zoning resolution on signage and commercial truck parking. Dan stated that the trustees need to set a hearing after the ZC hearing. There was discussion on a date. Mike moved to hold a public hearing on zoning text changes on May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger presented the fire department report on Chief Lang's absence. Responses for February: EMS – 53; Fire – 6; MVC – 2; Inc – 4; Tests – 4; for a monthly total of 69 and year to date total 170. Falon McCarty has been moved from probationary status to full membership status. Matt Nichols has completed his requirements and has obtained his Advanced EMT Certification. The Easter Egg Hunt had a great showing of attendance and support. Plans continue for the Memorial Day pancake breakfast. RFD has continued training with Waterloo Road house. The CO detector in the fire station needs to be replaced at a cost of \$120 as does the digital camera in 2214 at a cost of \$150. Roger moved to replace the CO detector not to exceed \$120. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger moved to replace the digital camera in 2214 not to exceed \$150. Sue seconded. Discussion: Larry asked where they are getting one as it will be a good idea for the Road Department to have one also.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue Roger – yes.

Public Comment

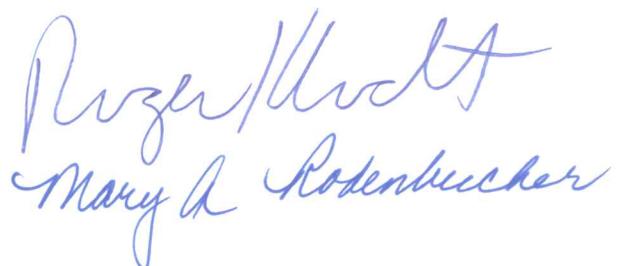
Bob stated that generator needs to be big enough for all circumstances. It will be money well spent. Bob is concerned about trucks using township roads and not county or state roads. He is concerned about trucks being used anywhere and poses a safety issue for our residents. Bob stated that our roads need to be wider to accommodate the trucks. He requested that these comments be taken into consideration at the zoning hearing regarding commercial truck parking.

Doug stated that they are drilling a well on Pontius Road. Some equipment may be sitting in Randolph Township. Roger stated that water was tested for residents on Laubert Road by Chesapeake. Mike stated that it is tested on the laterals where the lines are planned.

Gary stated that East Mfg. has agreed to help the Food Shelf with two food drives a year. They picked up a load of food and a check for \$1,050. He wanted to thank the new person who wants to help the needy in the community.

Cathy asked about the status with the property at Gypsy Wagon. Roger stated that the taxes are paid up. One neighbor does not want anything done with it. Sue stated we have been told that it will be torn down. Mike stated that when you own property you can do what you want and we (the trustees) cannot do anything.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


Roger Klott
Mary A. Rodenbuscher