

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, May 23, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting 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, D. Rice, J. Presley, C. Mangold, C. Doak, N. Engle, G. Harrison, V. McKay

Old Business

Roger stated that Sue asked Cathy Doak to attend to present some information on oil/gas drilling. Cathy shared a short presentation on oil/gas drilling easement documents. Most people assume all the documents contain the same language from the verbal conversations they had but the letters are drastically different. Cathy commented that no one reads the easement documents nor do they understand it. Most property owners cannot afford the attorney fees to review the documents. Cathy gave examples of some of the differences between conversations/letters and easement document. Cathy stated we need creative ideas to educate our residents. Sue stated in her job she hears from many people about problems they are having selling property with the signed easement documents. Sue is not telling people what to do, but feels she needs to advise people to know what they are signing. We cannot believe everything the “nice” people are telling them.

Mike moved to approve and support the efforts of the Lions Club for the Memorial Day Parade. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Mike reported on the proposal with Sarchione regarding the fence. The proposal is to remove the guardrail and paint yellow lines to mark our property with the agreement that the cars do not step over the line. Lines will also be placed on the west part of lane. Mike suggested that it be painted to look like a highway. This will help with heavy traffic days such as voting day. Mike would also like to paint a box in the area for the car carrier. Roger agrees. It has become a safety issue versus a township property use. Sue stated that they have always unloaded cars but it is just busier now. Roger commented that they have the same problem at Wise’s. Mike feels Sarchione will be in agreement. Mike also feels they should pay for the striping. Sue does not want it to cost the township anything. Mike moved to remove the guardrail if Sarchione abides with the terms of the proposal. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mike asked if we heard anything about the library agreement. Dan thought the library trustees were meeting this week. Roger would like to see the same agreement extended with the library paying the utilities and the township maintains the building.

Sue presented the new banners to be placed around the township. Sue reported on the meeting she attended about injection wells at Wingfoot Park on May 30. Sue commented that it does not matter what the trustees think, but the residents need to know what they are doing before signing any important documents.

Roger asked Dan about the trash can lids. Dan stated the cost is \$90 each. Dan suggested gathering all the lids and using them at the ball park. Roger spoke about the recycle center and dumping trash. Roger is concerned about incurring the expense of trying to catch them and not having the authority to enforce anything or the ability to prosecute.

New Business

Mike and Roger have nothing at this time.

Sue explained a problem she encountered with the closing of a home. The problem is with the change from residential to commercial property and the ability to replace a structure that is destroyed beyond the control of the owner, of equal or better condition than the original non-conforming structure. Sue spoke to Todd Peetz and the zoning codes needs to be reworded. Randolph Township will work with any resident who may encounter this problem. Sue spoke to Chris Meduri who stated that it has to go through the process. Sue read the zoning change proposal. Mike and Roger suggested that Dan present the proposal to the Zoning Commission for review. Newt asked if it affected the entire township. Sue stated it is only certain areas. Roger explained it is residential houses in commercial areas.

Mary presented the 2012 Annual Report from the Portage County Sherriff’s Office and the results from the

May 7 Primary/Special Election. Mary reported that the trash dumpster at the Administration Building is filling up quickly due to increased trash at the recycle center. We currently have trash pick-up twice a month, but may want to consider having it changed to once a week. Roger asked Dan to check the cost on a larger dumpster or increase the number of pick-ups and go with the least expensive.

Mary reported that she received the 2014 budget forms. She suggested they have the 2014 budget hearing on June 27 to allow enough time to return it to the Budget Commission. Mike moved to hold the Budget Hearing on June 27 at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to immediately follow. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary placed copies of the April bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. Mary asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the April bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to submit a budget and appropriation amendment in the amount of \$104,912.16 for the fire department grant. Sue so moved to file the amended certificate. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 81 – 91 totaling \$9,580.20 and pay warrants 34413 – 34452, and EFT/vouchers 107 – 116 totaling \$45,364.83. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road, property, and cemetery maintenance. A new gas line was installed from the road to the new garage. Larry recommended having a contractor run a new line from the meter to the junction of the new garage/old garage line. Mike asked Larry to get some quotes for next meeting. Larry reported that two dumpsters of tires and one dumpster of steel were filled on scrap day. Larry ordered the new enter/exit signs and No Parking signs which should be here next week. There was one funeral for a YTD total of 10. Larry received a call from the foreman working on 224 stating that work will begin the Wednesday after Memorial Day for four months.

Dan presented the Administrative Assistant report. No permits were issued. Dan has been working on the township picnic, Memorial Day parade preparation, and the library contract. Dan will send the zoning proposal information to the zoning members for the next meeting on June 24. Mike asked about the issue on Laubert Road. Dan asked when they want to review the property. Mike suggested after Memorial Day.

Public Comment

Virginia asked that in light of the tornado in Oklahoma if there is any way to alert residents about bad weather. Roger reported that we looked into various emergency alerts but it is costly at \$10,000 per year. Unless we can find money we cannot do it. Virginia heard of another county where two townships were going to split the cost after the grant. Mike agrees but the problem is when the grant runs out. There was discussion about various options. Roger will look into it again. Newt commented on the review of the notification system at the university with the cost coming down.

Newt commended Cathy for great presentation and asked if there are any outreach programs to educate the residents on these problems. Mike is not sure of the cost of a mass mailing of township letter and asked Dan to get an estimate. Newt thought a group of people could promote the information. Sue stated that many people listen to the meeting online and wanted to have Cathy make this presentation. Mike does not want canvassing since many people are uncomfortable to have a stranger come to their door.

Carol thanked the Trustees for the display cases. Roger stated that Mike is looking for a taller case for uniforms. Mike received an artifact to donate ~ a full beer bottle from the White Rooster that went through the fire. Carol has a 1927 Randolph High School graduation announcement.

Doug has information that the Health Department hired new part-time man who worked for the EPA. He called him about water testing. They will do a bacteria check for \$60. Doug also received a breakdown for different tiers for water testing for fracking areas. He was advised to get the water tested as insurance to show the well

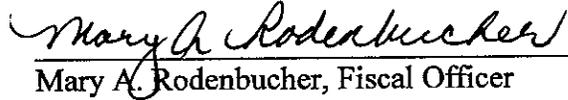
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was ok. Doug explained the process he heard about from the Ohio Department of Health to disinfect the well. There was discussion about the reasons for disinfecting wells and water pipes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Roger Klodt, Chairman



Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer