

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, August 28, 2014

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes as well as the Special Meeting minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, G. Stauffer, D. Rice, V. Kline, B. Doherty, J. Zuccaro

Sue welcomed the guests attending the meeting. She introduced Vicki Kline. Vicki stated that is running for Portage County Commissioner, She is currently the Portage County Treasurer. She presented information about paying property taxes in monthly payments instead of twice a year. This is a great help for senior citizens. Vicki stated that she has over 30 years of budget and finance experience. She is a certified CPA and MBA as well as a certified Financial Planner and Specialist. She expressed why she is the best candidate for the position. She works well with other county departments and has good people skills. She is willing to sit down with people to help them understand tax dollars. As Portage County Treasurer she is a member of the Budget Commission and understands how budgets affect the various entities. Vicki commented that she has collected over seven million dollars in delinquent taxes by working with the taxpayer. She is aggressive in collecting delinquent taxes because it is not fair to others who pay on time.

Sue introduced Becky Doherty. Becky is running for Judge of the Common Pleas Court. Becky has been a prosecutor for more than 21 years. Her background is in trial litigation. With her experience she brings a wealth of knowledge and the ability to work in the trial setting. .Becky has worked in Summit and Mahoning County and has dealt with the worst of the worst cases. She has tried over 200 cases. Her main goal is bring awareness of drug and mental health courts. Becky wants to work to get these people out of jail and work to have resources not using with legal system. We have great resources and she knows how successful diversion courts can be. The best part is that it will not be a cost to county. By working as a team we can salvage a person's reputation. Those who succeed in the program do not have a felony record. Becky also recognized that heroin is an epidemic in the county. Meth and heroin are killing people in our communities. She feels we need to provide at minimum the opportunity to go through a program to help a person become a productive citizen. Becky is passionate about the law and the positive things the courts can do for the community.

Sue introduced Jim Zuccaro. Jim is our OTARMA representative. Jim stated that Randolph Township has been in the OTARMA program since 1993. By working with the Fiscal Officer they have been able to stabilize contributions year to year. It is a strong program for the township. The contributions fluctuate slightly due to payroll, expenditures, and property. Based on our history we will be receiving a refund of \$921.22. Jim explained the various coverages for the township. All townships have a three million dollar liability with no aggregates. Randolph Township has an outstanding claim history. Mike asked what is showing across the state for claims. Jim reported that there are few large liability claims. He provided a few examples of the claims. Jim stated there is a new member on the OTARMA Board. He also stated that if anyone is interested in being on the board to let him know. There are a few things to make the program stronger. The current policy does not include earthquake or flood coverage. This was not an option in the past. Sue requested Jim to get a cost estimate for these coverages.

Old Business

Roger read a letter from ODOT regarding the request for crosswalks at 224. Two studies, on two different days, resulted in no pedestrians crossing 224 or 44. Based on these studies there is no need for a crosswalk at this time. Mike asked Roger to keep the letter for future reference

New Business

Mary completed the OTARMA renewal information and received our renewal rate of \$12,000. Roger moved to renew our policy with OTARMA. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary received information regarding our health insurance renewal. The lowest rate is still with MMO with a 12.8% increase. The new monthly premium will be \$6,610.01. Michelle Crockett, our Burnham & Flower representative, is still working with MMO to obtain a rate relief. Mary recommended we stay with MMO. Mike moved to accept the MMO renewal rate. Roger seconded. Discussion: Roger commented that while it seems like a lot of money it less that it was when he was first elected. Sue commended Mary for a good job in reviewing information and recommending cost saving measures. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike — yes; Sue - yes.

Mary reported that she attended the PCTA meeting on August 16. The hot topic was the ODOT salt bid. Senator John Eklund and Representative Kathleen Clyde wrote a letter on behalf of Portage County to Governor Kasich to resolve the road salt crisis.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 185-195 totaling \$140,628.71 and pay warrants 35640- 35693 and EFT/vouchers 251 - 268 totaling \$133,065.34. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road and equipment maintenance. Larry reported that he and Mary worked on the email requesting a lower salt estimate for the ODOT salt bid. Larry stated there was a conference call today which explained the main reason for the lack of salt is no one has any salt stockpiled. Many entities took advantage of the summer fill. The conference call stated that Ashtabula County will be getting their salt from Chile. Sue asked Larry to review the salt cost last year to this year. Larry stated the state bid last year was \$27.50 per ton and this year it is \$108 per ton. The most we paid in the past was \$42 per ton. We lowered the estimate from 750 tons to 400 tons. We must purchase 90%. Larry has ordered cinders. He reported that the Road Department will go back to mixing salt and cinders. He plans to only use salt for intersections, hills, and curves. The conference call stated that 10 counties have not received a bid. Various people have approached the salt companies but cannot get any information. Mike feels the State of Ohio could intervene and demand that they supply salt to all entities. Larry spoke to Morton and Cargill and both are working at maximum capacity to keep up. Nothing has been resolved yet. There is a possibility that it will be rebid. Those that opted out may not have any salt options. Roger asked if we know for sure that our revised estimate was accepted. Larry commented that he does not know yet. Most townships have reduced their estimate. Roger commented the real problem is if they do not accept our revision we will be required to purchase quite a bit more. Mike feels if there is no salt to sell they cannot require the purchase. ODOT recommended trying to get all salt under roof. Larry stated the summer program was \$40 per ton. Doug commented that many drivers do not want to haul salt. Sue feels plowing is all that is needed with better cars and front wheel drive. Gabe asked how well sand works. Larry works well especially in Pennsylvania. Larry does not like to use grit as it builds up in intersections.

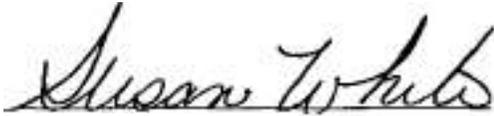
Larry reported that the road mower is worse after the repair. Larry received a quote from Southeastern for a new mower. They are on the state bid program. They would give us \$30,000 trade in as it sits. Larry stated that if we purchase a new mower with the trade in there would be no payment for one year from the delivery of the mower. Mike feels it would be advantageous to pursue as trade in is the value of the tractor. Mike feels the payment plan could work in budget. Mike commented that in talking with other dealerships it was only a matter of time for this problem would occur. Mike moved to investigate the purchase of a new Alamo mower with a New Holland tractor, with a trade in not lower than \$30,000, on state bid. Roger seconded. Discussion: Doug asked which tractor. Larry stated the road mower. Sue explained that Mike knows how long it takes to repair and how much to fix. It upsets her that we do not use local people for repairs. She understands that some people will always complain but she is tired of costing the township money because of people complaining. Mike made a last attempt to communicate with the owner about the repair. Roger feels we are getting a great value for the age of the tractor. Mike feels it is prudent to investigate. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry spoke to two other repair shops, with both stating that with the amount of the bill it should have come back fixed. Sue stated that anyone is capable of making a mistake but expects them to back their work. Roger stated they are not willing to fix their mistake. Mike stated that they wanted us to pay the original bill and the additional cost of parts to repair the tractor. The trustees were in agreement that was not an option as we are nearing the value of tractor. Mike discussed the issue of repair with Chris Meduri. Chris recommended sending a letter with an offer for time and parts for them to accept or decline. Mike commented that trained dealers are expected to know what issues their units have. Mike estimated \$4,000-\$5,000 for one week of labor and parts. Mike spoke to the owner before the fair but was never contacted back. Mike moved to have Chris send a letter stating we will pay an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike — yes; Sue - yes.

Sue presented the Zoning Report. Nine permits were issued and one permit pending. One complaint was resolved with Bruce's intervention. Bruce is doing a good job. He still has not had time to do some things, but feels it will be handled as soon as possible. Sue attended the ZC meeting where it was recommended that Todd Pertz from Regional Planning review our Zoning Book. There is no mention of anything being grandfathered. Mike feels it is a loose term referring to a period of seven year of nothing changing. Sue commented that certain people on the commission want things a certain way. We are not a city or village, but a township. She wants it to be more uniform when it is reviewed.

Public Comment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan White".

Susan White,
Chairman

Mary A(jKodenbucher, Fiscal Officer

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