

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday February 11, 2016

Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Sue reviewed the previous meeting minutes. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Sue moved to accept the previous meeting minutes. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; John - yes; Sue - yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, John Lampe, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, E. Myrla, D. McKay, D. Rice, C. Breiding, C. Esler, C. Guthier, TJ Ganoe, B. Dyer, B. Cromes

Sue introduced Portage County Treasurer, Brad Cromes. Brad thanked the Trustees for allowing him time to speak. He is trying to visit all entities in the county. Brad passed out a brochure on the Home Improvement Program. The program is a low interest home improvement loan for Portage County homeowners. There are three banks participating in the program which offers a discounted 3% below what a bank would normally offer for the first five years of the loan. By updating and improving homeowner properties, such as septic issues, it stabilizes property values. Brad also provided information on 2015 Year In Review as well as Goals for 2016. He has revamped the Treasurer's website. He is exploring in-office credit and debit payment options as well as electronic billing. Erin commented that Brad wrote a piece for the newsletter. Mary asked about the land bank program. Brad stated that the land bank program is a continuing program to assist with abandoned, condemned, and blight properties in the county. The Land Bank Board will meet later this month to implement a few changes. All entities will be notified when applications will be accepted for the demolition process.

Old Business

Roger does not have any information yet on the status of the Beverly Bird Sanctuary.

Sue met with representatives from the Health Department and TownHall 2. They should have results shortly from a two-year survey on various aspects affecting all townships and cities. It was noted that there is a big problem with alcohol. In 2015 there were 30 deaths due to heroin in the county. There were 24 suicides in the county in 2015. The Health Department and TownHall 2 will make a presentation at the next PCTA meeting. They have a program, "Too Good for Drugs", that they will present to all the schools. It focuses on self-esteem and ways to be empowered. Unfortunately they do not have enough money to do it all. They are working on ideas for contests for students and ways to get the media involved. Doug commented that heroin overdoses exceeds traffic deaths. Doug brought in a good article from the Akron Beacon Journal. The article in the ABJ reports that it costs \$65 per day per person for those incarcerated. Sue stated that it is a serious problem but people are working on it. Sue was impressed with this part of the health department. They are enthusiastic and want to work with the youth. Doug suggested someone come into the schools with graphic photos and information to show the effect of heroin use. Doug feels there is a lack of fear and respect authority. Sue brought up the same point but the Health Department does not want to scare the students. Sue will work with the experts. Sue feels that as a community we need to do something to help the kids along with the teachers, churches, and parents. Doug feels it is like a fad that goes away and comes back with something new. He also feels that that if we could stop the political component we could make an impact. There was discussion about various drug issues facing the country and ways the government could should be involved. Sue stated that need to keep instilling in kids that they can do something worthwhile by involving them community service projects. They can become whatever they want if the community is involved. Sue shared a good tip from the Health Department. Old prescription drugs should be property discarded since kids are getting into their grandparents pills.

New Business

Mary reported that the 2016 Local Government Officials Conference will take place March 22 - 24 in Columbus.

Mary placed the January bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to approve the January bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; John - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 13 - 26 totaling \$43,898.66 and to pay warrants 36924 - 36957 and EFTs/Vouchers 53- 69 totaling \$31,785.16. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; John - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry presented the Road Report. Larry reported on road, building, and equipment maintenance. Larry reported that he received a notice from ODOT that we are eligible for a safety signage update grant. This grant would virtually replace every road sign in the township, excluding the street name signs. If we qualify for the grant we could receive up to \$50,000. Larry will work the Engineer's Office to submit the grant. Larry reported that Bruce changed the locks on the SC/CC and repaired chairs from the three meeting rooms. Larry presented a quote from Martell Electric to install a new light on the west end of the old garage as well as a new light on the salt shed. Both areas are unlit and should be lit for safety reasons. He asked if the trustees would like to include the light on the north side of the fire station. Sue moved to approve the installation of new lights on the old garage and salt shed and the repair/replacement of the light on the fire station. Roger seconded. Discussion: Roger feels \$1,600 should cover the costs. RCV: Roger - yes; John - yes; Sue - yes. Sue asked Larry to check on an additional sign or a larger sign at Hartville and Waterloo. Larry will check with the county.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Two permits were issued as well as two agricultural exemptions. The ZC will meet February 22 to continue discussion regarding the rezoning of East Manufacturing. The BZA will meet on February 15 to hear a variance application from Don Ellet Jr. Erin reported that all adopted zoning amendments have been sent to Regional Planning. Erin provided the trustees with a draft copy of the newsletter.

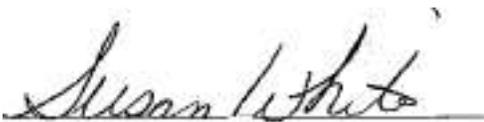
Roger read the Fire Report. Responses for January: Fire - 2; EMS - 35; MVA - 3; Incidents - 1 for a monthly total of 41 and YTD total of 46. Chief Lang reported on membership, training, and building maintenance. Under Public Relations the department decided to host another car show this spring. This will take place after the Memorial Day Parade. The fire department will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 20.

Public Comment

Sue moved to go into Executive Session at 7:36 to discuss a personnel issue. John seconded. Roger - no; John - yes; Sue - yes.

Roger moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:51 John seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; John - yes; Sue - yes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Susan White, Chairman

Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer