

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday June 11, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. 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 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, E. Myrla, D. McKay, D. Rice, W. Eversole, B. Siegferth, J. Francis, D. Goodyear, J. Lampe, V. McKay, TJ Ganoe

Old Business

Mike received the revised Library Agreement. The trustees signed the agreement.

Sue asked Larry if he remembers what organization volunteered to do roadside clean-up on Waterloo Road. Larry could not recall who volunteered.

New Business

Mike was approached by Matt Boles, who bought his grandfather's farm on New Milford Road, about interest in the one room school house located on the property. Roger feels we do not have the capability to house much historical sites. Mike commented that we do not have the funding for the upkeep. Sue explained the insurance and liability issues with Glenna Moyer, Historical Society and the school house on Waterloo Road. The general consensus is no. Sue asked about placing something on the ballot. Mike does not feel it is a good idea. Larry stated that if it was in decent shape it would be a different story. Roger had a conversation with a resident regarding the school house on Waterloo Road. The resident emphatically stated that they did not want to be saddled with something that they did not want. Roger also feels that someday down the road the township may and/or need to do something different at the School Park. Mike stated that other historical sites have money and are able to afford the upkeep of the facilities.

Mike moved to accept the Resolution for Necessity for the Road Levy. Sue seconded. Discussion: Roger feels the Road Department does a wonderful job with the funds from the levy. Sue also commented that it is a dangerous job. Mary provided the revenue generated from the levy. A 2 mill renewal will generate \$203,000 and a 2 mill replacement will generate \$207,392. Roger feels we should go for renewal. The trustees were in agreement to move forward with a renewal levy. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Roger was made aware by Chief Lang that we are already paying a hazmat fee. Roger failed to take into consideration that we currently pay a hazmat fee to the county which is current. He thought it was completely new. Mike feels the move was effective to bring attention to the increase. Roger is in favor of continuing to pay what we have been paying but not in favor of any increase. Roger would like an invoice with the current figure. Mary will inform Roger when the invoice is received.

Sue reported on information from Regional Planning. A soil scientist will determine what septic system is to be installed. Sue explained the various methods people are trying to use to avoid a determination from the soil scientist. The perk test means nothing. The soil scientist will determine for both new construction and failing septic systems which type of system to install. Unfortunately the homeowner does not have a voice in the decision.

Sue stated that everyone owns a house and lives in that house needs to make sure they are receiving the Homestead Exemption. Many people do not know about it and could have been saving money. Sue recommended contacting the Portage County Auditor.

Mary presented the township Fraud Policy. This was a topic of discussion at the last PCTA meeting. Mary stated that all employees need to sign the form that they received the Fraud Policy. Sue moved to approve the township Fraud Policy. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary stated that we need to set a date for the Budget Hearing for the proposed 2016 Budget. Mike moved to set the Budget Hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the regular trustee meeting to immediately follow. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary placed copies of the May bank reconciliation in the trustees mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the May bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 113- 124 totaling \$20,515.76 and to pay warrants 36340 -36373 and EFTs/Vouchers 220 - 249 totaling \$30,361.98. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger- yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road maintenance and mowing. They will begin crack sealing next week. Larry spoke to Chief Lang and received four names of fire department personnel to assist with traffic control. Roger commented that the OTARMA website has a video on road work safety. Roger would like to purchase it unless it is online for viewing. Roger feels it absolutely necessary to take every safety precaution. Larry purchased more safety items and plans to place more signs for the work zone. Sue asked about a speed bump to get attention. Larry explained that it is not feasible since the crew is constantly moving with the crack sealing machine. Mike recommended using the pickup truck ahead of the work area. Larry stated that is what they have done in the past. Bruce met with the EPA who did a survey of all buildings. Items that needed attention were repaired. The new softener needs to be approved. They are in need of some paperwork and a fee to approve it.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Two permits were issued. Erin sent some BZA hearing minutes to Jasen to be placed on the township website. Erin has been in contact with Chris Meduri regarding the hotel/rental home on Eberly Road. Roger suggested requesting their Vendor's License and contacting the Portage County Auditor to inform them that the property is operating as a hotel. Erin will contact the Auditor's office. Erin reported that the ZC will meeting on June 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC to discuss the proposed Zoning Map Changes and corresponding text amendments. Letters were sent to all property owners that may be affected by the proposed changes notifying them of this meeting. Sue feels it is a good idea since some residents were not notified when the last change took place. Walt asked if it is legal to change the zoning map. Sue and Mike stated that it is legal. Sue commented that it does not sound right but it is legal. Doug asked who has the authorization to do so. Sue the ZC makes the recommendation and the trustees then vote on the recommendation. Erin stated that the work sessions could take seven to eight months. Sue stated that the zoning change does not appear on the property tax bill. Sue has experienced this issue in other townships. Mike commented that the changes do not happen overnight. The last change took years. Sue stated that not everyone reads the paper. Mike disagrees that residents were not notified. He stated that the Lions Club distributed much information. Mike feels there was a good turnout for the hearings unfortunately not many people care especially the young residents. John commented that not many homes receive newspapers. He further commented that no newsletters have been published. John feels the website does not have the information as in the past. Sue stated that we are still working on the website. Mike commented that no one came to the hearing when newsletters were sent. John commented that it seems like they do not want the public to know what is going on. Erin stated that we are working to change that perception.

Roger presented the Fire Report. Responses for May: Fire - 3; EMS - 35; MVA - 3; Incidents - 2 for a monthly total of and YTD total of 248. Chief Lang reported that the pancake breakfast was a success. The RFD will be hosting their 75th Anniversary with a car show on June 20. Roger asked everyone to support the fire department by attending the 75th Anniversary celebration. Chief Lang presented an estimate from Skibiski Asphalt to have the parking lot surface and cracks sealed for \$2,350. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. Discussion: Sue asked if this is a good price and should we get another estimate. Mike stated that this is a recommendation and estimate by the original contractor. Roger feels it is a good price. Mary asked when the work will be completed. Mike replied as soon as possible. Mike suggested paying for the maintenance out of the General Fund and have the Fire Fund repay the General after the second half tax settlement. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Chief Lang requested reimbursement to Kyle Edwards for paramedic tuition through LifeCare Foundation in the amount of \$725 and to pay the tuition balance of \$5,000 next spring in exchange for signing our three year commitment contract. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. Discussion: Mike commented that Kyle is a good member who is also very active. Roger stated that the \$725 reimbursement will be covered in the 2014 EMS grant. The 2015 EMS grant will have money forthcoming, typically between \$3,000 - \$4,000, which will be used specifically for education purposes. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Chief Lang also requested tuition for Joe Boal to attend the Akron General Paramedic in exchange for signing our three year commitment contract. The cost of the class is \$5,100 and will begin in the fall if accepted. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Chief Lang received a request from Matt Winters to become a State of Ohio Fire Instructor. The University of Akron provides the course this fall for a cost of \$500. Roger moved to pay the \$500 course fee for Matt Winters to become a Fire Instructor. Sue seconded. Discussion: Roger stated that we have saved quite a bit of money by doing our training in-house. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Public Comment

Doug asked if a title search can tell you anything about the septic system. Sue responded that the title only tells the boundaries and nothing about the septic. Sue explained about lot splitting issues. Doug asked how would you know about the septic before purchasing Sue stated that you need to ask the right questions. She further commented that there is no guarantee what type of septic to install. Sue reiterated that the soil scientist must come in and make the recommendation. Sue stated that the soil scientist costs between \$400 - \$600. Doug asked if he needs anything to get discount on his house insurance with the new ISO rating. Mike stated that you should be able to just ask insurance agent. The insurance company may deny it. Roger stated there are different categories and the fire department can tell you what the rating is for your location. Mike stated that distance does not always play into picture since it is based on water and manpower.

Walt feels we should have some representation to get recycling for paint and chemicals. Portage County should be able to recycle it. He understands why it does not but feels it should be researched. Roger explained the single stream recycling change at the recycling center. Roger feels that recycling of paint is in the works.

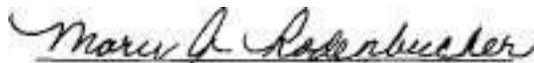
Betty understands the rezoning process but asked if anything states that it could be sent to the community for a vote. Mike stated that the usual process is a ZC recommendation followed by a trustee hearing and then a vote by the trustees. Mike stated that at one time it had to be a unanimous vote. The vote now can be majority rule. If there is no consensus they it goes to referendum. Mike feels it should be on the ballot. Betty has mixed feelings about the issue. Sue commented that the rezoning involves many people. There was discussion about the various changes.

Dave asked who is a soil scientist. Sue stated that the county has a list. Sue will bring one to the next meeting. Dave asked if the contractor needs to be approved. Sue does not think so at least at this time.

With no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Susan White, Chairman



Mary A Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer