Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, June 26, 2014

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to 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, C. Gauthier, D. Rice, J. Martell, G. Harrison, G. Stauffer, M. Stauffer, D. Mangold

Old Business

Mike feels we should review the cut-off time for the ball field lights. He attended a game that was called due to the 10:00 p.m. cut-off. Mike stated that the lights went off at 10:00 with people still exiting the field. Sue commented that the adjustment of the lights does not pose any problems. Mike recommended changing the absolute cut-off time for to 11:00 p.m. Roger reported an issue last week where the lights were on at 5:30 a.m. He immediately sent a text to Darrin Werbeck who responded that they had absolutely turned off the lights. After some investigation, it was determined that the switch box had gone bad. The Hot Stove took care of the repair. Mike moved to change the absolute cut-off for lights at the Moyer Field ball field to 11:00 p.m. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike stated that the time change allows for the completion of the game and gives time for people to exit field. Roger has not attended a game yet but feels it is a safety issue. Mike stated that people were calm but it could have been an issue. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Roger brought up a concern about exit signs at the Moyer Field parking lot. Larry stated that we ordered the signs, but have not put any up. Roger feels we should install the signs. Roger asked Larry to install them at his convenience.

Sue attended a meeting at the Portage County Solid Waste District. The EPA was there to discuss a new program since the county did not ratify the plan. It was a heated meeting with EPA pushing for roadside pick-up. Sue stated that EPA provided figures on the cost of the containers but did not consider the fact that some of the recycled materials were sold and put toward the cost of the container. Sue explained that the Solid Waste District and EPA will come to communities to discuss the proposal. Sue reported on some of the discussion and rates for curbside. There appears there will be no competition if the county is out of the picture. Sue feels the numbers given by the EPA were skewed toward privatization. While the initial rate to townships and villages seems low it will likely get higher with no competition. Sue called the Portage County Solid Waste District and requested a public meeting to discuss the proposed plan and how it will affect the township.

Sue commented that she is waiting on an estimate for the Town Hall roof repair. Mike had Steve Stauffer look at but has not heard back yet.

Roger asked Larry if he had a chance to look at the fire department quote for the parking lot repair. Larry felt Skibinski was the best all around. Roger stated that we should contact them to accept the agreement. Mike feels we should wait until we have the funds. Roger stated that we would not have any work completed until September. Larry suggested contacting them about holding the price. Roger will have Chief Lang contact Skibinski and continue discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

Roger reported that the RFD will perform the second half of the ISO rating drill on Monday. It involves a tanker shuttle with the assistance of Rootstown, Suffield, and Brimfield. Roger reported that due to changes to the electronic billing the fire and EMS funds required an advance of funds from the General Fund. Roger suggested that we request an advance of taxes as we did earlier this year. Mike stated that electronic billing program has been corrected. Roger moved to request an advance of our taxes. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue received information about a program that Bill Steiner, of the Portage County Solid Waste District, put together. He suggested that instead of the Health Department sending a letter to property owners with large piles of trash that the Sheriff should address the issue. Sue reported that the Zoning Commission has some good ideas for the newsletter. Sue stated that we need to contact the person who volunteered to help with the web site. The BZA will hold a hearing on July 21 for two issues. The ZC brought up the issue of a written complaint on Hartville Road. They asked Sue to bring it up at the trustee meeting that we do not do business with that person until they clean up their property. On a good note, Sue reported that Glenna Moyer bought the little red school

house on Waterloo Road. Glenna donated it to the Historical Society this week. There is a committee that is excited to clean it up and bring it back to its original state.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 133 – 136 totaling $11,598.94 and pay warrants 35503– 35542 and EFT/vouchers 176 – 184 totaling $32,059.77. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road maintenance, mowing, and equipment maintenance. The heavy rain last week caused quite a bit of erosion around the ends of the culvert pipe on Bassett Road which required it to be closed for safety purposes. They were able to replace the pipe with help from Henry Luli and reopen the road today. Sue commented that they repaired the road quickly. Larry appreciates that Henry Luli could work it in. Roger stated that our road department is not your typical crew. Larry stated that we had to close the roads due to the large amount of rain causing road flooding. Mike moved to purchase road closed signs. Sue seconded. Discussion: Mike stated that it is a general welfare and safety issue. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Public Comment

Doug asked if the trustees heard that a petition was going around to place the license plate fee on the ballot. It has to be turned in by Monday. Roger stated that he has not seen anyone. Michael commented that the Tea Party will be at the Suffield Town Hall on Monday to accept signatures on the petition.

Gary spoke to the commissioners about the license plate fee. His discussion led him to believe that they will likely pass it but it may change. Gary feels the people should have a choice. Gary asked about the possibility of the recycle center being shut down. Sue stated that if they raise the rates it will force us to curbside. Sue is against it. Gary spoke to a few people in Atwater who pay for curbside but do not use it. He hopes it does not go through. Sue stated that we will not have a choice.

Chuck does not like that the EPA is involved. Sue explained the ratification process which did not approve the county program. Chuck feels it should have gone to the residents for a vote. He had curbside recycling and did not like it.

Dave is in favor of curbside recycling. He thanked the Road Department for the quick job in fixing Bassett Road. Dave suggested that the township could get some money for the electronics that were disposed of at our clean-up day by taking them to a proper disposal facility. Mary stated that we were working with the Climate Club at Waterloo High School to recycle the electronics. There was a conflict that their members could not be there. Dave asked about the status of the farmers market. Mike stated that we did not hear from the Lions Club about continuing the market this year. Sue recommended the farmers try the NEOMED Farmers Market. Dave commented that it was nice while we had it.

Michael asked about the easement going through town. Mike stated that it is with SunOil for the pipeline.

Sue moved to go into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. for personnel purposes. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Mike moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Susan White

Susan White, Chairman

Mary A. Rodenbucher

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