

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday May 12, 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. Roger moved to accept the previous meeting minutes. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, John Lampe, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, K. Klodt, V. McKay, W. Eversole, A. Browning, J. Jones, L. Dash, D. McKay, D. Rice, K. More, R. England, M. Hermann

Old Business

Roger spoke about Beverly Bird Sanctuary. He has considered the various viewpoints and feels for the most part that the bird sanctuary is not user friendly. Roger has been giving thought about a partnership with Portage Parks. They may have resources available to develop it. John doesn't feel they would not be able to do anything more than we have already done. There was discussion about the deed restrictions and the work in the past. Walt feels we have two issues. He suggested a barrel for trash and signs restricting four-wheelers. Walt commented that it is a shame that it cannot be kept nice for people to enjoy. Larry stated that there are signs restricting four-wheelers but thinks they may be coming in from the back.

Sue reported that she will be attending the Commissioner's Meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m., partnering with Townhall 2 and Portage County Mental Health, to request funding for the "Too Good For Drugs" program. The program will go into the schools to discuss self-esteem and drug abuse/addiction. They want the program in every school in Portage County in every grade, especially the younger grades. They are hopeful that the program will pay off by teaching children that drugs are a bad choice. Sue is requesting support for this endeavor by attending the meeting. She spoke to former Waterloo Superintendent Matt Montgomery who will graciously email all Portage County school superintendents encouraging them to attend the meeting. This program will require funding every year. Sue stated that prevention is the key to reducing drug problems. It is impossible to keep up with the costs associated with drug addiction. Walt asked about the cost for the program. Sue stated that it will cost \$380,000 to take it to all the schools. Sadly one school in Portage County does not allow any mention of the word "drug" because they do not feel it is a problem in their area. Unfortunately this is also the attitude of some parents. There are no socio-economic barriers when it comes to drugs.

New Business

Roger spoke to Darrin Werbeck who inquired if the township would be interested in painting the backstop. He also requested more pea gravel under the swings near the pavilion. Roger is willing to supply the paint if someone from Hot Stove will paint. Roger will get an estimate for the cost of paint and gravel. Sue and John are agreeable to these requests.

Roger stated that the gazebo is in need of paint and repairs. Roger would like to move forward and send out specs for bids. Walt commented that the sidewalks leading to the gazebo is uneven and poses a liability. Roger will get with Larry to come up with specs to advertise for bids for the next meeting.

Roger asked the other elected officials if they would like him to purchase candy for the parade. All were in agreement. The cost of the candy will be paid for by each elected official.

John moved to appoint Bruce Wagner as an alternate on the BZA to fill the vacancy of Rich Knapp. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue attended the Senior Lunch and heard about nutrition which was startling. The book, "Altered Genes and Twisted Truth" was recommended. Sue extended an invitation to all seniors to come to the SC for lunch on the second Monday of each month. Everyone is asked to bring their own place setting, a dish to share, and \$1.00 to cover the main dish.

Sue spoke about much needed library repairs. Larry will get estimates on painting, roof replacement, and brick work by the front door. Sue thanked Larry and Bruce for landscaping around the Town Hall.

Mary presented the Portage County Health Department report for the first quarter of 2016. Mary received information for anyone wishing to become a precinct election official (poll worker). Mary presented the trustees with the April bank reconciliation. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the April bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 90 – 100 totaling \$19,213.80 and to pay warrants 37136 - 37172 and EFTs/Vouchers 208 – 230 totaling \$48,738.24. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road, building, and property maintenance. Larry reported that an edger was stolen from the ball field building. He obtained several prices and requested to purchase a new Husqvarna edger from Coia's for \$450. Sue so moved. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry would also requested to replace the Milwaukee 28 volt cordless drill at a cost of \$200 from Hartville Hardware. Sue so moved. John seconded, RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry received notice about the 2016-2017 ODOT winter salt bid. The paperwork is due by May 27. Larry requested to purchase 200 tons on the ODOT winter salt bid. Sue so moved. John seconded: Discussion: Roger asked about purchasing from Akron University. Larry stated the price is about the same. Roger asked how much is left. Larry estimates that 300 tons are in storage at this time. Roger spoke to Butch Helmling. He really likes our new salt shed. Roger thanked the Road Crew for all the research into the salt shed. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry asked about paving the parking lot. Roger would like to pave it and has been assured that no construction traffic will use our parking lot. Roger spoke to Skibiski who suggested we pave late summer. Sue thought we could get a good deal by combining our paving with the Ford store. Roger explained that it will be too late to pave by the time the old Ford store is demolished. Walt is concerned about further deterioration with the Sarchione trucks unloading on the township parking lot Roger explained that John has all vehicles being unloaded at the Chevy location. Roger moved to pave the SC/CC/TH parking lot toward the end of summer. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John - yes; Sue – yes. Roger will call and schedule as late as possible.

Sue stated that EMA is recommending everyone get rid of old tires and anything that holds water to deter mosquitos with the Zika virus. Sue suggested asking the ball teams to check into spraying.

John moved to hold a Public Hearing about rezoning of East Manufacturing property on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to immediately follow. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary stated that we did not receive any ZI applications. John moved to appoint Pat McGowan as the part-time ZI with a monthly of \$880 retroactive to May 1. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Roger presented the Fire Department Report. Responses for April: Fire – 5; EMS – 36; MVA – 4; Incidents – 2 for a YTD total of 216. Chief Lang reported on membership, training, public relations, maintenance, and EMS billing. The three probationary members have completed fire school and passed the 36 hour volunteer firefighter Ohio Certification Exam. The fire department will be hosting their annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast before the parade from 7 – 12 will a car show at the fire station afterwards from 1:00 – 5:00.

Public Comment

Virginia thanked the Road Crew for all their help with the landscaping around the Town Hall and Chapel.

Keith offered a reminder about the shield on the ball field building light. Larry has not had a chance to do so.

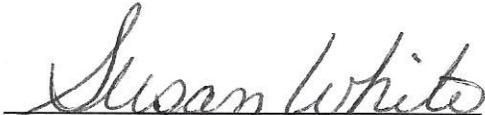
Roger thanked the Government Class students for attending. He asked the opinion of township government. April commented it is well established and likes that there is no fighting.

Keith agrees that there is major drug program. He commented that we should not be discouraged since it took two generations to realize that smoking is dangerous. He further commented that foster care is becoming critical due to drug abuse/addiction. Keith feels the program is very much needed.

April supports the "Too Good For Drugs" program. She feels it is effective to teach children at a young age the dangers of drugs.

Larry commented that he thought it was hype that all it took was one time to get hooked on heroin. He spoke to one of our firefighters who works full-time at another department who confirmed that it does alter the mind's chemistry and quickly becomes addictive. Sue commented that heroin is cheaper than cigarettes. Sue stated that many deaths occur trying to recapture that first high. Larry stated that Narcan is becoming less effective in treating the overdose.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer