

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday September 22, 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. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, John Lampe, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, L. Calcei, T. Paoloni, D. McKay, W. Everson, P. Hyde, D. Rice, V. McKay, K. Angel

Sue introduced Lori Calcei, candidate for Portage County Recorder and Tia Paoloni, candidate for Portage County Clerk of Courts, and Matt Adelman, representing Sabrina Christian-Bennet who is a candidate for Portage County Commissioner.

Lori thanked the Trustees and FO for allowing her to speak. Lori is currently the FO for Suffield and the Portage County District Library as well as handling payroll for two companies. Lori explained that the Recorder's Office is important to many people. It is imperative that the records are accurately and efficiently recorded. They are moved off site so that the records are secure should anything happen to the Portage County Administration Building. One important service that Lori would like to implement is Veteran ID cards. We are currently the only local county that does not provide this service. Lori would also like to implement the "Good Deeds Program" which consists of a review of survivorship on all deeds to avoid probate. And the Century Farm Program which honors farms for 100 years of existence. Lori enjoys serving the people in Suffield Township and would like to extend it to the county. She is dedicated to serve the taxpayers and businesses that use the Recorder's Office. Lori stated that if elected everyone will be greeted with "How may I help you" and a smile. Lori asked everyone to remember to vote for her in November.

Tia thanked the trustees for the opportunity to speak. Tia stated that she and Lori are not politicians. They want to serve the people. Tia is currently the Assignment Commissioner for Judge Becky Doherty. She is the direct liaison between the courts and the Clerk of Courts and has 36 years of experience with the courts. Tia explained that grants are available for funding various aspects of the court system. She will attend legislature meetings to get grant information and update the Clerk of Courts office. Tia would like to make it easier for the residents to pay their fines by looking into e-file for payments and extending hours for the court house to include one late evening and Saturday. Tia commented that when a voter goes into the voting booth they see a name and vote. Tia asked the voters to vote for experience and leadership. She thanked everyone for their support by voting for her in November.

Matt thanked the board and visitors for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Sabrina Christian-Bennett. Matt gave a brief biography of Sabrina. Sabrina has previous experience as a Portage County Commissioner when she was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term in 2014. This experience means that Sabrina can hit the ground running in January. Matt explained that Sabrina has a good grasp on what a commissioner does on a daily basis. She understands that decisions have an impact on what happens. Sabrina would like to focus on pushing harder for federal resources. Two items that are important to Sabrina is working to fight the drug problems and elimination of duplication of county services. Matt stated that Sabrina's primary focus is to protect tax dollars and also personal property. Matt respectfully asked everyone to support Sabrina in her bid for Portage County Commissioner.

### **Old Business**

John reported that four applications have been received so far for the ZI position. John asked the other trustees how to handle interviews. Roger feels we should set a specific time to interview the possible candidates. The trustees agreed to interview prospective candidates at a Special Meeting to take place on Thursday, October 13 at 5:00 P.M.

Larry stated that the signs for the "No Commercial Parking" signs for the School Park. Larry stated that the signs

Randolph Inn. Roger will make a phone call to resolve this issue. Larry feels waiting until next year should not be a problem but it also depends on the upcoming winter. He understands Sue point and feels that construction vehicles should not be here but we cannot stop it. Sue wanted everyone to know that the Trustees have made it clear to Sarchione's and they have complied by asking their employees to park in the appropriate places. Sue also stated that John spoke to the Ford manager about the unloading of cars on our property and they have stopped. The problem is when a new driver is making the delivery and does not know where to unload the cars. Sue feels it will not be an issue with the new store. Sue moved to postpone the parking lot paving until next year. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue attended the Sales Use Tax Committee meeting. She is excited that the UH president attends the meetings and wants to work to improve Portage County. Sue received a health assessment for Portage County residents from UH and the Mental Health and Recovery Board. She commented that it is very interesting that the top three problems in the county are obesity, alcoholism, and drugs in that order. She stated that UH is starting a program for addition to wean people off to avoid. If anyone is interested in the health assessment they should email Sue at [susanwhite@howardhanna.com](mailto:susanwhite@howardhanna.com). She will forward a copy of the assessment to them.

### **New Business**

Roger reminded everyone about the Lions Clubs Reverse Raffle on Saturday. He strongly encouraged everyone to support the Lions Club who does so much for our community.

Mary reported that she received our township property and liability insurance renewal. OTARMA is continuing the rebate program for entities that pay premium in full. We will receive a refund of \$850.44.

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

Sue asked Mary about the Fund Status and if all the money was available. Mary explained that when the budget was prepared each line item was given a dollar amount based on past expenses based on the expected revenue. Mary explained that the money in the account needs to carry the township through until the next property tax payment next March. Walt commented that he sees many good things happening around town thanks to the township. Roger explained the money saved by having the salt shed and also using cinders in the winter. Roger stated that it takes all of us working together to use the taxpayer's money in the best interest of the township.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 182 – 200 totaling \$65,273.64 and to pay warrants 37436 - 37463 and EFTs/Vouchers 434 – 463 totaling \$52,308.79. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on ditching and pipe installation. The Road Department will address a water issue at Maxwell and German Church roads. Larry will have striping prices for the next meeting for all roads that were chip and sealed. Larry reminded the trustees about previous discussion about replacing Tim's plow and possibly the truck. He will have some prices for the plow for the next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Paul stated that there are trees and branches down at the Fairground Road Park. Larry stated that the trails are closed and the township is no longer doing maintenance at the park. Paul is happy to have Sarchione Ford in town but has a problem with some young guys in the new diesel trucks flying through the township parking lot and exiting on Waterloo Road. There was discussion about the gates. John will talk to Eric at Sarchione Ford..

Sue thanked the Historical Society for hanging the pictures in the Town Hall. Larry commented that he is