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Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike moved to accept the minutes as read. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, G. Harrison, J. Presley, Stotlar, M. Bowker, B. Bowker, G. Klag, P. Cernava, K. Angel, L. Klodt, B. Murphy

**Old Business**

Mike reported that the fuel pad bid was awarded to England's. The fuel tank is in. Mike met with Chris Meduri regarding the amount of money that can be spent to complete the offices. After reviewing the original bids it was determined that we cannot get an occupancy permit without completing the offices. Per Chris, if we are satisfied with the present contractor we can move forward to complete the offices. We will use Mudd's at the lower estimate. Mike moved to proceed with the completion of the offices at an estimate of \$57,771. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mike was not able to investigate the sidewalks. We have not heard back from Chris Meduri regarding Twin Elm Drive and John Street. Mike stated that there are some issues regarding bushes/foilage. Mike stated that taking a \$300,000 fire truck will incur damage unless the bushes are trimmed. Mike stated we put up the extra garage for the RFD pick-up truck. There were some concerns from Warner's regarding the easement. It is well within our property lines. Mike met with them and looked to see where else we could move it. Mike doesn't feel there is another place to put it. Mike contacted Chris Meduri who stated we do not need to do anything. Historically, neither the fire station built in 1956 nor the addition in 1975 reaches the set-backs of zoning. We are within our rights to have it there. Mike doesn't feel it impedes their entrance. Mike stated our call volume has increased 15% since he retired. Mike feels we need to designate the parking lot for emergency vehicles only. Roger received a letter from Chris Meduri which reiterates Mike's comments. Mike feels we can be good neighbors and share. The RFD needs to go grow. We are not asking for a new station; we are making do with what we have. Sue stated that nothing is more important than the fire department. Sue personally does not want anyone unhappy or be the cause of it. Sue asked Mike to talk to Laurie. She hates to cut off their parking lot. Mike is concerned about the volunteers responding to a call and not having to worry about other vehicles. Mike will talk to Laurie. Mike has not heard back from the Sheriff's Office regarding a post in Randolph.

Sue attended the PCTA meeting on Friday where the discussion of gas well drilling was brought up. The health department specifically suggested having wells tested. Sue wants it in the next newsletter. The health department has been asking the gas companies for the ingredients of the cocktail used for fracking. The health department doesn't know what to test for and is still waiting for an answer. There were some mats on display for playground equipment. The bottoms are ridged to prevent movement and made from recycled tires. Sue stated we have about \$7,000 of non-taxpayer dollars for the playground. Sue will continue to seek donations for the mats. Roger suggested recycled tire mulch which he is very satisfied with. He thought is cost about \$185 per ton. Roger stated it doesn't blow away or rot. Sue spoke about the storm water illicit discharges for Randolph. Basically many septic systems in the county are not working, but the health department is not able to inspect all of them due to budget restraints. Sue is concerned about cars parking on the road at the ball field parking lot. It creates a visibility issue which may cause an accident. Larry suggested contacting the county.

Roger spoke about the NOPEC grant and their request for a total energy savings. We estimated our energy savings to be \$2,280 per year. All grantees will be recognized at the Celebrating the Success of the Powering our Communities Grant Program on June 8. Roger will attend.

Mike asked about the Farmers Market. Roger stated it will take place. Mike spoke about sending letters to local farmers about not planting in the road right of way. Dan will check on it.

**New Business**

Mike has nothing at this time.

Sue received a call from Virginia McKay asking about sirens. Sue asked if it would be feasible to have sirens in various locations in the township. Roger stated we discussed it a few years ago and thought the cost was \$10,000-\$15,000 per siren. Roger stated we are still working on an emergency notification system. Roger

explained the process of sending an emergency or weather related message. The cost for both services is \$7,500 per year. People who sign up would be notified. Roger stated it would be administered through the fire department. Roger feels it would be more efficient than sirens. Sue feels we need to look into this for our community. Mike is not in favor of sirens especially with today's technology. Mike explained the concerns of the RFD's use of the siren many years ago. Roger spoke to a rep from Code Red who has a grant person on staff who would work on a grant at no charge to us. George suggested that FEMA might be of help. We sent letters to various insurance companies for support. Roger will contact the Code Red rep next week. Sue will find out what other townships are doing when she attends the EMA meeting.

Roger received a letter from ODOT concerning government day in Ravenna. Roger stated we need a new rope for our flag pole at the fire station. Mike suggested contacting Russ Kline for a lift. Larry stated Dave Kuntzman or Kenny Campbell might be able to help.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 92 – 101 totaling \$21,633.96 and pay warrants 32304 – 32342, EFTs 961 – 970, and voucher 13 totaling \$110,754.26. Roger so moved. Mike seconded.  
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Dan presented the trustee's assistant report. One permit was issued. Dan presented a draft of the letter regarding Schroeder Road which he will send to Chris Meduri for review. He presented the newsletter for review. Dan will check on another group that has been fundraising for the playground. Dan also presented the Personnel Manual change. Sue asked about the property on Alexander Road. Dan will continue to investigate.

Mike Bowker stated he will receive discounts at Lowe's and Carter Lumber. He estimates the cost to be \$1,500 - \$2,000 Mike asked for contact suggestions for donations. Mike Lang stated the township will purchase the materials. Mike Bowker spoke to Gary regarding a donation box for the Food Shelf.

Larry presented road department report. Larry reported on ditching, mowing, and maintenance with the new building. The state salt order has been filed. The cemetery footers have been poured. Mowing and spraying will continue as weather permits. There was one funeral for a YTD total of 10.

### **Public Comment**

George suggested contacting FEMA regarding the weather alert.

Keith stated that he has always honored any deal made with a handshake but feels the board has not held up their end of the deal regarding the ball field lights. He stated there was no mediation hearing. He feels the board dictates what the residents do. He is not happy with the suggestions and will fight it. He suggested that we put money aside for attorney fees. His wife is physically sick at the thought of coming to meetings. He feels the board has lied to him and feels that it is teaching our kids to do the same. Mike stated he is entitled to his opinion. We started talking about this months ago to avoid being in this situation. Mike stated that Dan has been working with the prosecutor and two months have passed with no word from the Angel's attorney. The board is still waiting to hear from their attorney. We did not pass a resolution but we have to move on. Mike stated we never shook hands. Keith stated that he took the word of the board. Mike stated that the Angel's attorney needs to contact us. Mike assumed that by no action taken by the attorney there was no problem. Keith will look into the matter. Mike stated we will go into mediation if that is what it will take to resolve this matter. Mike reiterated that no resolution was passed regarding the ball field lighting. Mike recommended talking to his attorney. Keith doesn't dislike anybody but feels that he is being slighted for stating his opinion.

Gary stated the Food Shelf applied for a grant from the Akron-Canton Food Bank and Wal-Mart for a freezer and carts. They were awarded all the items and are deeply grateful.

Bob asked about the fuel building. Mike stated we will have our own diesel due to the issue of the gas stations not being open 24 hours.

Gary spoke about the lighting issue. He feels the children in our community deserve it. One person can't make a decision about the whole township. Gary asked that the trustees not to bow down to the pressure. There is more than one way to view it and it is a good place for the kids.

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Bob stated that people better wake up and get kids involved in ball. Take care of the kids and keep them off the street.

Roger reminded everyone about the Memorial Day parade and breakfast.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8: 11 p.m.

Roger Klodt  
Marya Rodenbucker