

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Roger moved to dispense the reading of the minutes. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, C. Mangold, R. Staats, N. Laubert, L. Rogers, S. Miles, P. Cernava, G. Klag, P. Rice, N. Engle, S. Engle, L. Klodt

Old Business

Mike reported that the stand-by generator is up and running but needs to be connected to the building. Mike stated that the generator will need a fence for security. Mike met with the LCA regarding the flower bed issue. They came up with an idea to eliminate the flower bed and install a brick diamond with red paving brick for benches and an urn for flowers. Bruce has paving bricks which he will donate and install. The LCA would like to see how much can be done before winter. Carol stated that the benches are in memory of Virginia Hamilton. Mike stated that the LCA asked about installing benches at the other end of chapel. Roger stated that Bob Joseph and Son will present a quote on fans for the chapel.

Susan wanted to thank the entire township for their participation during Ashley's funeral procession. Many of the service men and women went back to Afghanistan and seeing the support of our community meant a lot to them. The public relations officer stated that it was one of nicest military funerals that they have ever attended. Sue went to the EMA meeting regarding emergency procedures for Portage County. There was discussion about moving forward with central 911 for the county. It is something Sue feels strongly about as does Chief Lang. Mike stated that the county had a central 911 with Ravenna Township, but the county did not want to take it over. Mike stated that dispatching has always been a problem for everyone in Portage County. Chief Lang and Sue will attend a meeting at KSU to continue discussion for 911. Sue shared that each cell phone bill charges a small fee for 911 services. The fire and sheriff dispatch is different. It needs to be brought to everyone's attention what is going on. Roger stated that Mayor Bica is working to get Ravenna City involved. Chief Lang has been talking with him. Roger stated that they are looking for a tower for southern Portage County. We have a 100 foot tower that the Randolph Fire Association purchased and were able to have it delivered for free. Roger would like to have the township reimburse the association if the tower becomes useful for the 911 system. Sue explained the problems with the use of cell phones for 911 calls.

Roger spoke about the blackboard notification system. He received a quote of \$9,500. Although it is a wonderful program we don't have the funds for the system at this time. We will be reviewing grants for funding. Roger stated that it is an emergency notification system only.

New Business

Mike would like to place a cement floor at the garage used by the Hot Stove and Road Department which would be better for storage. Mike would like to get quotes. This would finish up everything at the complex.

Sue reminded everyone about the Open House on Sunday.

Roger stated that the Car Quest store has a program of US communities that provides a discount buying program through select vendors. Roger explained the program and presented some information. Roger reminded everyone that tomorrow is Veteran's Day. He thanked the veterans present for their service.

Mary reported that we received a 5% decrease in our medical insurance renewal after the requested review. The initial increase was 10% and other companies came back with much higher premiums. The proposed renewal rate is approximately \$6,343.86 per month. Roger moved to renew our medical insurance with Medical Mutual of Ohio. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to pay receipts 215 – 223 totaling \$23,911.43 and pay warrants 32819 – 32860, EFTs 1061- 1067, and voucher 24 totaling \$32,946.85. Roger so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary thanked everyone for voting and looks forward to serving Randolph Township for the next four years.

Larry presented the road report. Larry reported on the culvert replacement on Eberly Road, pothole patching, driveway maintenance, and necessary truck repairs. The Tire Amnesty Day on October 29 was successful. We filled six dumpsters of tires. Larry presented a quote from G&W Building Company to install 88 ice dams on the roof of the new building. Roger asked Larry to research some other companies for quotes. Tim has completed about 95% of the final round of road mowing.

Dan presented the trustee's assistant and zoning report. Two permits were issued. No new complaints. The Eagle Scout project for bird houses at the Beverly Bird Sanctuary is complete. The Eagle Scout storage building project at the Middle School Park will be complete with just a few finishing details. Dan reported that Todd Peetz will be at the next Zoning Commission meeting to review our draft text changes and the asset mapping.

Roger presented the fire report on Chief Lang's absence. Year to date responses are 538. Ben Dyer has been added as a cadet member. Chief Lang reported on public relations, fire and EMS training and truck maintenance. The area in front of the station has been black-topped.

Public Comment

Richard Staats spoke on behalf on Historical Society and asked about plans are for the house. At first he was leaning toward forgetting about it, but after more thought feels Randolph Township could have a museum like other townships. The Historical Society has an opportunity to obtain a lot of memorabilia for the township, but the items need to be properly maintained and available to view. Mike stated that we have discussed various options based mostly on finances. Mike would not have a problem with the Historical Society using the house. He would like to have more information on their proposal for a museum. Mike feels that the society does not have the funds to maintain the building, but the township may be able to help. Carol stated that several members have items stored at their homes and would like to have the public be able to view the items. Roger agrees with Mike that we moved the offices to the storage building to be more energy efficient. Roger stated that when he travels he enjoys visiting museums and cemeteries. Sue would like to see them have the Meacham house. Sue stated that some items could be placed in the Town Hall. Mike stated that the trustees will take their request into consideration.

Roger stated we need to change our next meeting which falls on Thanksgiving. There was discussion regarding the date and time for the November 24, December 22, and Organizational Meeting. Roger moved to hold the following meetings: Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 a.m.; Thursday, December 29 at 7:00 p.m.; Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Susan stated that she has enjoyed the meeting and asked about the fracking issue. Roger stated that Mantua Township passed a resolution, but can't ban it as far as the township is concerned. Sue stated that it is so big and has quite a bit of value here. There have been water wells that have been contaminated. If it happens it will happen from the fracking re-injecting into wells. Sue recommended not selling any property without getting an attorney involved. Sue stated that unfortunately people are being taken advantage. Randolph Township could possibly see \$16,000 per acre for leasing but it is advisable to get an attorney to review the contract. The water issue is critical and everyone should get their wells tested.

Newt spoke about what he has learned about fracking. He is retired and willing to help the township in any way he can. Newt stated that there are court cases banning drilling in other states. There is air pollution coming from the wells. Newt explained the process. Sandy stated that wells in Mahoning County are the possible cause of earthquakes. Newt presented information on ways the township can possibly ban the drilling. They will present information to the commissioners and will continue to get information. Sue stated that many more people need to hear this information. There are two companies trying to buying oil rights. Sandy asked if she could make a 15 minute presentation at the December 8th meeting. Sandy stated that she is finding more people every week who is opposed to the drilling. Sue thanked them for the information and looks forward to their presentation.

Paul stated that he is disappointed with Shondrick Trucking that nothing has changed. He asked if the Randolph Township Zoning is looking at a proposal to allow trucks to be parked anywhere. Paul feels this could allow every resident to turn into a trucking company. Sue will contact Shondrick's tomorrow. Paul spoke to other townships regarding semi-trucks and doesn't understand what the zoning board is thinking. He asked Dan to

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clarify. Roger asked Dan about the current zoning regulations. Dan stated that residents can have a truck and a trailer.

Mike spoke about a possible easement on Waterloo Road. He feels the neighbors would like to have it and we could use the funds for parks. Roger is in favor of investigating the issue. Roger asked Sue if she could help with this issue.

Mike thanked everyone for voting. Thanked vets from Korea and Vietnam which greatly influenced his life. Roger thanked everyone for passing the fire levy. We will continue to provide the best for our township.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Roger Klost
Mary Rodenbush