

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Roger stated that he also reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to accurate as well. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Sue moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, T. Baker, G. Harrison, D. Rice, J. Presley, G. Horning, J. Martell

**Old Business**

Mike congratulated Roger and Sue on the election and looks forward to continue working with them.

Sue received phone call regarding SC. He said his parents stopped using SC because they could not raise enough money for its use for their dance. He feels it is wrong as he thought it was for use by seniors. There was discussion about the cost. Dan stated that they did not want to fill out the rental form. Dan stated that if it qualifies as non-profit it would be free, but he thought they were charging people to come in. Sue would like to comment on a letter from Gary and asked if it is still in litigation. Gary did not realize anything was in litigation. Roger stated that if anything comes from a lawyer they would not discuss the issue. Sue addressed Gary about the Sarchione Ford situation. Sue spoke to Chris Meduri on October 9 and questioned everyone about the issue. Sue instructed the Sarchione's to go through variance process after receiving legal advice from Chris. This was eight days before receiving the letter from Gary. Dan approached Sarchione's stating that they needed to apply for a variance. Gary stated that in speaking with John he was under impression that the trustees told him no variance needed. Dan stated that he is working with a lawyer and does not feel he should make any comment. Sue and Roger presented Sarchione's with a zoning book. Roger commented that from the get go he would not get involved due to a conflict of interest. Sue stated that the parcel across from Bob's is not a motor vehicle sales lot; it is a storage lot. They can only sell cars from the lot at the actual address of the dealership not in the storage lot. There was discussion about sales and what constitutes a sale. There are specific laws regarding car sales. Sue spoke about the lot where the house was torn down that Sarchione's purchased. There was discussion about rezoning certain areas. Sue is pleased that they are bringing jobs to Randolph. She reiterated that she gave all the zoning information to the Sarchione's and told them to speak to Dan. Sue stated that a zoning meeting will be held on Monday to discuss a few of these issues. Gary commented that the zoning rules were not followed. There was discussion about the duties of the zoning boards and inspector. Roger read zoning resolution regarding duties of zoning boards and inspector and what the trustees are responsible for. Sue stated that when she first became trustee she attended the zoning meeting she agreed with Roger that they would not interfere with Dan and his job. There was discussion about the zoning book and how to enforce the rules. The problem is that if it gets to the Prosecutor's Office it will sit there. Gary stated that according to the ORC the prosecutor has to act on it. Fees can be charged for violations. Sue understands the zoning book but there are a lot of people who do not follow the zoning rules which have not been followed for years. Should they send everyone to the prosecutor? Gary did not get a response from his first letter which was the reason for sending the second letter. Sue is happy that Sarchione wants to make the community a better place. They are no more important than anyone else in community. Sue will hopefully get more information to Gary by Monday.

Roger introduced Major Dale Kelly who will discuss the proposal from the Sheriff's office. Major Kelly explained that no service will be cut. They will continue to provide the best service that can be afforded. Suffield has agreed to the proposal and would like to have Randolph share the cost. Roger asked for clarification of cost between the different plans. Major Kelly explained the study that was done in Suffield. There was discussion about the different calls. Most drug related calls are handled through the drug task force. Most of the calls are alarm drops, domestic, sudden deaths, disorderly conduct, traffic stops, and welfare checks. Both townships have a similar number of calls. Major Kelly feels that the need can be addressed with patrols that are close. Doug asked if number of calls is YTD. Major Kelly stated that it is but the calls are up from last year overall with the county. Many are domestic which requires two deputies. Mike feels visibility is good. Mike sees patrol often. Roger sees a deputy early morning. Major Kelly stated that would not change. Mike feels it come down to dollars and cents and we cannot afford it. Sue feels it is a serious issue and it needs to be brought up to the different groups. Maybe if some people want it we could place it on the ballot. Roger asked when the new service goes into effect with Suffield. Major Kelly stated it became effective October 15. There was discussion about vehicles, monthly reports, enhanced patrol, levy for the county and/or township. Doug asked if there is a rational reason for the increased number of calls. Major Kelly commented that they are seeing it across the nation with the economy changing. Jim asked where the deputy is dispatched from. Major

Kelly stated they are dispatched from the South Post at NEOMED. Major Kelly explained the future cuts expected in the Sheriff's Office. Violent crimes have decreased but it goes in spurts. Sue questioned why the county does not put something on the ballot for the sheriff. Major Kelly reported that Sheriff Doak asked for a .25% levy but the county officials do not want to do that. Major Kelly commented that safety is not always on top. Doug asked about state highway patrol. Major Kelly stated that they only assist with traffic on state and county highways. It is a great asset to the sheriff.

### **New Business**

Mike received a letter requesting a flashing pedestrian sign at St. Joseph School. Mike feels we do not have jurisdiction. Mike will contact the Engineer's Office. Larry commented that there are school signs there.

Sue went to Portage Planning where there was discussion about the possibility of a defense missile system in Portage County. This could affect jobs in the county. There will be a Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Roger reported that the St. Joseph Recycle Committee contacted him regarding the termination of their group collecting aluminum cans and distributing the money to groups requesting funds. The Food Shelf is interested in taking it over. Roger spoke to Chris Meduri, Bill Steiner, Judi Wise, and Gary Harrison. Chris stated it is totally up to the township. Roger feels it provides a great service to the Atwater/Randolph/Suffield community and would like to continue the program with the Food Shelf. Mike is not against it. Gary stated the Food Shelf is willing to do advertising. Gary explained what they plan to do. Anyone not using their aluminum cans for another purpose will be asked to donate their cans to the Food Shelf. Many people do not use it because it is not known. Roger personally feels it will alleviate any questions from the past. If we do not do it, it may lead to another dumpster and all the money goes to the Portage County Recycle Center. Roger moved to terminate the agreement with the St. Joseph Recycle Committee and form an agreement with the A/R/S Food Shelf. Mike seconded. Discussion: Mike asked if a final vote should be without all the details worked out. There was discussion about the transfer and various collection sites. Roger tabled the motion until the details are worked out. Roger will ask Judi for a letter of dissolution of the St. Joseph Recycle Committee.

Roger commented that there is a window in the Town Hall that is completely rotted out. The renovation happened before Roger became a trustee. He asked Gary about the windows and warranty. Gary will check on it. Gary stated that it depends on the company as far as the warranty is concerned.

Roger stated that there are drop offs for the Coats for Kids campaign at Waterloo Schools, Sarchione Ford, and Sarchione Chevrolet. Sue commented that any coats are appreciated.

Mary presented the unofficial results from the November 5 election. Mary asked if the trustees want to cancel the extra portable toilet at Moyer Field since the sports seasons are finished for the year. All were in agreement to cancel the extra portable toilet.

Mary placed copies of the October bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the October bank reconciliation. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 200 – 220 totaling \$24,123.90 and pay warrants 34897 – 34938, and EFT/vouchers 256 – 264 totaling \$74,483.59. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road maintenance/mowing, equipment and cemetery maintenance. Larry reported on hand held radios. There was discussion about the various models. Larry reported that they built a retaining wall behind the new garage and moved the Linden tree in front of the Administration Building. Roger commented that the Road Department did a great job. Sue asked about parking and plowing at the municipal parking lot. Larry stated that they do not plow the lot. Larry stated that if there are cars they move the snow away from parked cars.

Dan presented the Administrative Assistant report. Two zoning permits were issued. The next Zoning Commission meeting will be on November 25. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting on November 18 and requested that all the trustees be in attendance. Dan reported on library maintenance. Dan stated that the

demolition money for the Laubert Road issue will be carried over to 2014. Roger asked Dan to investigate the possibility of tearing down the house which caught fire on Bassett Road with no one living there. Mike asked if we should request the owner to fix it. Roger feels it is a danger to community. Sue asked if the other SC/CC sign came in. Dan stated that it should be coming soon. He is investigating the cost of the sign repair at the School Park. Sue spoke about various projects the Lions Club would like to donate money to.

Roger read the fire department report in Chief Lang's absence. Responses for October: EMS – 23; Fire – 1; MVC – 3; Inc – 4; Tests – 4 for a monthly total of 35 and YTD total of 509. Chief Lang reported on membership, public relations, training, fire safety inspection, and equipment maintenance. Chief Lang requested the purchase of three pairs of Globe fire boots at a cost of \$295 each for a total cost of \$985. Roger moved to approve the purchase of three pairs of Globe boots not to exceed \$985. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger - yes.

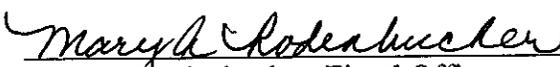
Truck 2218 had a mishap at fire which will require repairs. The truck will be out of commission for about three weeks. It will be cheaper to fly versus driving. Chief Lang requested that two people drive the truck out for repair and purchase airline tickets for the return back. Roger moved to approve the purchase of two airline tickets for the RFD. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

#### Public Comment

Gary reported that they will be packing Thanksgiving baskets on November 25 at the CC. It provides easy access for packing and picking up. Gary thanked the trustees for use of the CC. He stated that donations are coming in for Thanksgiving and Christmas from Waterloo's 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Lion Leos.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Roger Klodt, Chairman

  
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Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer