Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday February 12, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. with the pledge. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, B. Wagner

Old Business

Mike reported that we received a response from Witmer's. Mike feels we should send another letter and follow-up with a phone call to set up a meeting at their convenience. Roger commented that in his experience he feels that is the way to go. Sue stated that in her husband's business if they do not perform their job correctly they do not get paid. .

Roger received an email from EPA concerning the Solid Waste Plan. This was a follow-up to an email sent previously by the Portage County Commissioners. EPA further explained the updated plan. Roger stated the drop off locations works great for our township and does not plan to change anything. Mike moved to keep the recycling center drop off at 3636 Waterloo Road. Sue seconded. Discussion: Mike feels we should send a letter with our decision although it is not required by the email instructions. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike –yes; Sue – yes.

Sue asked about an update on the Beverly Bird Sanctuary. Mike suggested closing the Beverly Bird Sanctuary and removing the street light since it is not being used as originally proposed. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Sue asked about an update on the Waterloo Road School House. Roger likes history but feels there would be no visitors. Mike stated that a younger resident stated that it should not be moved as it will not be used and likely torn down in the future. Mike commented that some towns have historical buildings but are not open on weekends when there would likely be visitors.

New Business

Mike read the draft resolution to begin the demolition process at 287 Maxwell Road. Mike moved to approve the resolution. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike commented that the house burned down a few years ago. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Resolution attached.

Roger received an email from Darrin Werbeck about improvements to Moyer Field. Roger asked the other trustees to review the email. Discussion will continue at a future meeting when Darrin can attend.

Sue stated that a resident questioned the need for an audit. He feels the audit is necessary because of something wrong. Sue stated that it is required and that we are actually saving money because of the good job Mary is doing. According the Ohio Auditor of State's website the Audit Division is charged with the duty of verifying that public funds are spent appropriately and lawfully. They conduct audits of cities, villages, schools, universities, counties, fire districts, townships, cemeteries, libraries, state and county agencies, and commissions. Generally, the Auditor of State's office is required to perform these financial audits at least once every two fiscal years; however, many audits are performed annually. The office must review the methods, accuracy, and legality of the accounts, financial reports, records and files of all public entities. It is the responsibility of the Financial Audit Group to determine whether or not the entity has complied with the law, rules, and ordinances and orders pertaining to the office.

Sue attended the Portage Planning meeting. There was a presentation on GPS mapping. All townships will be getting it. The presentation was very informative. Roger asked if this is included in our annual dues. Sue stated it is. Todd will get back to us on March 23 regarding blending the various districts in the township. Sue reiterated that if anyone has any type of complaint please feel free to come to her. The trustees do not tell the ZI what to do. He is directed by the ZC and BZA. Bruce handles the complaint with the problem to be resolved within 30 days. We basically tell people what the problem is and how to correct, but it is ultimately up the property owner to do it. We do not have the ability to go on their property. Any complaint must be in writing. Any questions should be directed to Bruce Wagner. The Zoning Office phone number is 330-325-7338.

Mary received a letter from Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the transfer of the liquor license for the Spillway. Sue stated that a variance for another business did not allow alcohol. Mike explained the channels used for obtaining a license. There was discussion about the parameters of the liquor license. Based on the discussion the trustees did not see a need for a public hearing.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 10 – 26 totaling $43,897.71 and pay warrants 36071 – 36107 and EFTs/vouchers 39 – 53 totaling $34,756.93. Roger so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on salt usage, road, equipment, and building maintenance. Larry compared our utility work permit to Portage County's and feels we should continue to use our existing permit. We currently do not charge for permit while the County charges $25 but they have no inspector. Larry recommended a charge of $50 since we will be inspecting the site. Mike moved to retain our utility work permit with a $50 fee. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Larry brought up for discussion a new salt shed. Larry and Tim have researched various townships salt sheds. The price range is from $30,000 to $125,000. Larry will continue to research options for a salt shed. Mike questioned if the salt price will continue to escalate. Larry will meet with the County Engineer regarding the salt bid for next year.

Bruce presented the Zoning Department report. Three permits were issued as well as one lot split. There was one complaint regarding an oversize sign on residential property. Bruce stated that the sign is a violation and has hand delivered a complaint notice to Sarchione's with a time frame of 15 days to comply. The Sarchione's have agreed to removing the sign. Bruce brought up a maintenance concern regarding the SC/CC air conditioning. Mike suggested waiting until the weather warms up. Bruce will research repair issues for the unit.

Roger presented the RFD report. Responses for January: EMS – 28; Fire – 5; MVC – 2; PT – 4 for a monthly total of 43. Chief Lang included membership, training, public relations, and equipment maintenance in his report. Mike stated there was a moment of silence at the fire meeting this week for Andy Hamilton who recently passed away. Mike shared memories of Andy who had 42 years of service to the Randolph Fire Department. Andy was instrumental in bringing EMS into the fire department. Andy was also one of the first EMTs in Portage County. Andy retired from the department in 2012 and was an honorary member. Mike remembers that Andy fought tirelessly for the basic needs of the fire department at trustee meetings. In the early years of the fire department the calls were dispatched from his home. Mike also commended Andy for taking charge of building the first ambulance for the fire department on his own time as well as the other volunteers. It definitely was not like it is today. Roger also shared memories as a next door neighbor. Roger remembered many times while working in the yard that Andy was quickly out the driveway whenever the tones of the fire radio went off. Mike stated that Andy was a true hero in every sense of the word.

Roger read a letter from Chief Lang requesting funds for a new water softener and Nomex hoods for the members. The water softener treats water at the station and the Town Hall. He suggested that the cost of $1,500 be split between the General Fund and Fire Fund. The cost for 40 new Nomex hoods is $950. Mike moved to purchase a new water softener and the Nomex hoods. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue - yes.

With no further questions, the budget hearing adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

Susan White

Susan White, Chairman

Mary A. Rodenbucher

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