Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday July 9, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. 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, E. Myrla, D. Rice, C. Guthier, D. Dobo, D. Deluca, G. Peterson, M. Winters, R. Nichols

Sue acknowledged that we have several guest this evening. Mary introduced David Dobo from Congressman Jim Renacci's office. Dave thanked the trustees for allowing him to speak. Dave stated that he is from Congressman Renacci's Wadsworth office. Congressman Renacci's goal is to reach out to all the political subdivisions in his district. Dave explained that his office does case work and not legislation. He stated that they help people who are having problems with government offices. Dave stated that he handles IRA and immigration issues. He works closely with immigrants to become citizens, obtain green cards, and helps families bring family members here from other countries. Social Security and Medicare issues are handled by Mark. Brian handles VA and military issues. Congressman Renacci is adamant that no veteran, as well as actaive military persons, gets turned down for help. Congressman Renacci's office is a one stop shop to handle any and all problems. He further explained how their office helps with various grants. Mike asked him to expand on grants. Dave explained how the office assisted one entity by having Congressman Renacci write a letter of support for their FEMA grant. If an entity is having red tape trouble they can step in and find out what information is needed to complete the grant. Congressman Renacci also nominates individuals to the service academy, such as West Point, if there is interest in joining the military.

Grace stated that she is the Branch Manager of the Randolph Library. She thanked the trustees for renewing their agreement and for handling their calls regarding various building issues. Grace thanked the trustees for allowing them to use the SC/CC to host many activities which are offered to people of all ages. All programs are free and open to the public.

Sue introduced Dan Deluca from Planet Aid. Dan explained that he represents the non-profit organization Planet Aid who recycling clothes and shoes. He has received positive feedback from residents requesting a bin be placed at the Recycle Center. Planet Aid has insurance for the containers as well as 24 hour service for questions and concerns. Roger asked about the donation process. Dave explained that Planet Aid is in 23 states. Their main office is in Solon. Planet Aid works with local missions, schools, and Third World Country thrift stores. With the proceeds from the thrift shop they are able teach people how to farm in the Third World. The also provide self-sustaining programs for teachers. Locally they have teachers select books for students in inner city schools. They receive requests from various agencies around the holidays.

Old Business

The trustees have no old business to handle.

New Business

Mike made a motion to accept a Planet Aid container at our Recycle Center. Sue seconded. Discussion: Mike asked Larry where the bin should be placed. Larry explained one spot where one bin was removed. Roger stated that these bins are clearly marked. There was discussion about Goodwill does with excess items. Erin will place information of the township Facebook page. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Mike explained the ballot request from the OPWC District Seven Local Integrating Committee. The candidate will represent townships on the OPWC Committee. There was discussion on who to vote for. Mike moved to vote for Member Vince Coia, Ravenna Township and Alternate Victor Grimm, Mantua Township. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue reported on the EMA meeting she attended. Many interesting things are taking place. The Commissioners want to raise the sale tax by .25% which will raise 5 million dollars. The funds will provide two additional deputies and a car as well as an addition to the jail space for women due to drugs. Sue stated that only 8% are "clean" after rehabilitation. Sue received these figures from a judge. Sue stated that she did not feel the money was being spent well. She feels more should be on prevention. Sue commented that heroin addiction is high in

Portage County. Mike feels it will get worse before it gets better. Crime statistics are also high. Sue stated that many scams are going through Portage County. She said it affects many people, especially senior citizens. Sue presented information regarding a 911 alert system. The program is inexpensive and encouraged by EMA.

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

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 139– 150 totaling $20,492.51 and to pay warrants 36403 - 36433 and EFTs/Vouchers 275 – 292 totaling $32,393.97. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road maintenance and mowing. Larry reported that the contractor submitted the information for the salt shed to the Portage County Building Department. We are waiting for the permit to be issued and then work will begin on the salt shed. Henry Luli will begin chip and sealing tomorrow. The cemetery drives will be done at a later date.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Seven permits were issued. Erin has address two complaints. The BZA granted the continued Conditional Use request and a Variance request for Sarchione's. A sound analysis was conducted on a complaint on Randolph Road. Erin provided the trustees with the results. The next ZC meeting will be on July 22. A BZA hearing is scheduled for July 27.

Roger presented the Fire Department Report. Responses for June: Fire – 3; EMS – 46; MVA – 2; Incidents – 3; for a monthly total of 52 and a YTD total of 309. Chief Lang reported on membership, training, and maintenance. The 75th Anniversary car show and open house was well attended in spite of the poor weather. Sue stated that Mrs. Murphy commended the RFD for their services.

Public Comment

Chuck questioned the signs leading into Randolph. One sign states Randolph Township and another one states Randolph. He asked what the difference between the signs. Sue stated that they are just different signs.

With no further questions, the budget hearing adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Susan White

Susan White, Chairman

Mary A Rodenbucher

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