

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, June 14, 2012

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Roger stated that he reviewed the draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to approve the minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, B. Murphy, G. Harrison, D. Rice, G. Klag, N. Engle, J. Presley, P. Cernava, C. Mangold, H. Mangold

Old Business

Mike spoke to Attorney James Kandel regarding the Mildred Lerch estate distribution. According to Attorney Kandel, the will does not mention the Ladies Cemetery Association and will be no means release the funds to the LCA but to the township. Mike met with LCA and a few members stated that the money should have gone to the LCA. The LCA stated that they would not release their objection unless we put in writing that we will give the money to the LCA. Mike said we have given about 99% of the time to the LCA whenever they requested funds. Mike stated that the LCA has a long standing history of contributing to the community. Roger stated that he feels the same. Roger stated that we had zero input and did not solicit the funds. Sue has been hearing so much hoopla in the community about how our FO should not have opened the envelope. Mary called the attorney when the township received the first letter written to the Randolph Cemetery Association dated April 16, 2012 with our post office box. Sue further stated that Mary opens all the mail that comes in with the township PO box. Sue read the letter that we received. Sue stated that various groups will be receiving a portion of the \$950,000 estate. Mrs. Lerch was a friend of Anna Mary and donated to groups that she belonged to. When Sue spoke to Mary, Mary also thought that it should go to LCA. Mary questioned the attorney who stated that it goes to whoever is in charge of the upkeep the cemetery. Sue stated that word spread and the LCA president heard about the donation and contacted Mary. Mary gave her all copies of information she received. Grace called the attorney and received the same information. When Sue heard that the attorney would not send the money to the LCA, she stated that the township will give it to the LCA. Sue does not like how the nice gift given to the township has turned things upside down. Although we were planning to do what was right, the attorney was not going to send it to the LCA. Sue spoke to the secretary, Beth, and asked what happened. It was exactly as Mary stated. Beth was never given the information that the LCA checking account was known as the Randolph Cemetery Association. We had never received a previous letter as others may have. Sue stated that LCA president stated that Mary needed to send a letter stating that the money be sent to the LCA. Mary once again contacted the attorney who stated that it cannot be done. Sue called the LCA treasurer, Carol Mangold, and explained what was happening. Carol stated that checking account is actually listed at the Randolph Cemetery Association. After receiving this information Sue feels we do not need to get involved. Sue called the attorney with this new information. Sue read the letter she received from the attorney and her response; end of discussion. Sue wants everyone to know that when Mary called it could not go to the LCA. Mary was not trying to pull a fast one. There are some in the community who would not speak to Sue about this issue. Carol thought some members were coming to the trustee meeting. Carol feels sorry for Mary for all the trouble this has caused that was not her fault. Carol commented that no one was informed that Mary called or explained the situation. Mike is upset that some members do not trust us. Mike feels that most of the LCA members in the room were in agreement with just a few were in dissent. Sue asked if a letter of objection was sent. Mike stated that according to the attorney that only a phone call was needed before May 23. As far as we know Grace sent a letter. Mike feels if the LCA's legal name is the Randolph Cemetery Association they should go by that name. There was discussion about the various names used in the past. Sue stated that it was an honest misunderstanding and the money would have been given to LCA.

Sue read the letter that Dan wrote requesting a reduction of speed on Fairground Road. The letter was sent June 6 to the Portage County Engineer. Roger stated that a study will be done to determine if the speed can be reduced. Larry commented that we should not be surprised if nothing changes due to the fact that walking is not really permitted on roads. Larry feels it is a good idea, but is not very hopeful.

Roger reported that the generator is on its way to Mexico. Roger thanked Newt Engle for trying to obtain bleacher covers from the Rubber Bowl. Larry spoke to East, who has made previous donations to the township, about the aluminum bleachers. We are waiting to hear from East. East could not be a better community friend as they do so much for our town.

New Business

Mike has nothing at this time.

Sue reported that she spoke to Tom Mangold and RFD for tents and tables. She stated that we are working on fun activities.

Roger received an e-mail from Dyanne Bearshak stating that Randolph did not qualify for the free lunch program this year due to the increased level of income in the trailer park. The Hot Stove would like to utilize all the space in the kitchen area. They asked Dyanne if she could find a place to store the refrigerator. Roger did not think it would be an issue. He asked Larry if it can be stored in the garage. Larry did not see a problem.

Mary reported that we received information that there will be a hearing in Ravenna regarding the liquor license transfer from Travis Wise dba Feed Mill Restaurant to TGW Enterprises dba Feed Mill Restaurant. The hearing will take place on July 2. There was discussion about how a liquor license follows the person not the business.

Mary received a letter regarding the OPWC District 7 elections. The trustees reviewed the ballot. Roger moved to vote for the candidates that were the closest to Portage County. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Mary will complete the form and send it back.

Mary received a call from Scott Miller at the Portage County Engineer's office regarding our OPWC project. Mary asked when the trustees would like to receive bids for our project. Mike moved to advertise for bids for our OPWC project to be received by Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at noon and opened at the regular trustee meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – no; Sue – yes; Roger - yes.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 90 – 102 totaling \$16,034.87 and pay warrants 33421 - 33449, EFTs 1186 - 1192, and voucher 40 totaling \$32,533.24. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the road department report. Larry reported on various road and park maintenance and work on the RFD radio building. Larry stated that he completed the salt contract requirement for the 2011-2012. Larry suggested taking a look at the asphalt around the buildings. Some areas are almost 30 years old. If it gets too far gone, it will be more costly. There was discussion about a plan of action. Roger would like to get specs and an estimate. Mike suggested that we ask an independent source such as Joe Mosyoiski or the Engineer's office. Larry received a call from Mitchell Communications regarding the need to replace our radios by end of year due to updates. Mitchell suggested not waiting until end of year. Larry presented a quote for tree removal from Kuntzman which includes a 5% discount due to the delay. Mike moved to approve the quote of \$2,802 from Kuntzman & Company for tree removal. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike wanted to get rid of some trees a long time ago, now we need to do it. Mike feels we have been prudent. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Larry received a complaint on pine trees on Alexander and SR 44. Mike will talk to owner and explain the safety issue.

Dan presented the Zoning and Trustee Assistant report. Two permits were issued. He is continuing collection of information to prosecute the towing business on Shaffer Road. The next ZC meeting will be June 25 at 7 p.m.

Roger read the RFD report in Chief Lang's absence. Responses for May: EMS – 39; Fire – 2; MVC – 6; Inc. -2; Tests – 4 for a monthly total of 53 and a YTD total of 281. John Jenior was moved from probationary status to full membership. The pancake breakfast was a huge success serving over 600 breakfasts. RFD participated in the Marlboro and Sebring Parades. We won the Best Tanker trophy at Sebring. Fire pump testing is needed for three trucks. The cost is \$175 per pump with a total cost of \$525. Roger moved to appropriate \$525 for pump testing. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Public Comment

Newt reported that HB315 was signed by Governor Kasich. He is not happy with aspects of the bill which includes a gag order. Newt explained the physicians are not happy. Newt stated that the Congress Lake well has

permission to drill six more wells on that pad. Chesapeake has mandatory pooling and spoke to most of the property owners involved. Sue read an e-mail from Ryan Dean, Senior Manager – Corporate Development with Chesapeake Energy Corporation. Anyone with questions can contact him at the following phone numbers or e-mail: Office: (330) 453-2807; Mobile: (330) 413-7155; E-mail: ryan.v.dean@chk.com

Howard requested a written agreement from the township for storing the Historical Society items. Mike stated they can start storing now but the cabinets will not be here until winter. Roger stated that the lighting has been updated in the basement along with the railings and anti-skid on steps.

Paul agrees with Sue on the speed limit.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Roger Klodt
Mary G. Rodenbucker