

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 a.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike moved to accept the previous minutes. Sue seconded.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, P. Cernava, L. Klodt

### **Old Business**

Mike has no old business to move on only pending business.

Sue went to the Zoning Meeting and explained the light situation. It was unanimous that the Hot Stove should be able to use it. It was recommended to review each year. Sue misunderstood the oil/gas company tax issue. If the township wants a well on township property they can tax it to have it installed. Sue explained the complications of private property owners trying to sell sites next to commercially zoned property. This especially affects FHA loans.

Roger spoke about the budget. The trash service was discussed. Roger moved to accept the new contract rates from Republic Services. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger asked Dan about the phone service. Dan has nothing specific at this time. There was discussion about various options. Roger brought up travel and meeting expenses as a way of reduces expenses for the township. Roger moved to suspend all outside travel and meeting expenses. Mike seconded. Discussion: Roger spoke about Dan attending Vision in Portage meetings that provide networking which Roger feels is more important. There was discussion about the training. It was recommended to review it on a case by case issue. Roger amended his motion to approve travel and educational expenses on a case by case basis. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

### **New Business**

Mike spoke about hall rentals. Roger spoke to Dan about the non-profit groups that use the facilities who cannot afford the rental rate. Roger proposed a discounted rate. Sue understands the issue but stated that the Lions' Club built the building and should not be charged. Mike feels we need to evaluate the building and set the rate accordingly. Dan stated that raising the rate could affect the use. Mike feels if you're not greedy it won't affect the rentals. Dan stated that the school is charging for use of the building which sends non-profit groups to us. Roger suggested possibly getting supplies donated by the non-profits. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Sue went to the Regional Planning meeting and has nothing new to report. Sue received fracking information which was forwarded to the other trustees. Sue asked Dan to get the DVD from Aurora who recently had a presentation on fracking.

Roger met with Dan and the Road Department crew to discuss what we can do better in the township. There was discussion about the gas and electric usage for each building. Roger asked Dan to figure out the usage of each building. Sue stated that programmable thermostats would be a great help. Roger stated that we have them but they are not enclosed so they can be changed by people renting the facilities. Mike stated that we will see a great savings with the new storage building and offices since we won't be heating the house and old garage. There was discussion about the concession stand utilities. Sue wants everyone to enjoy what we have but some of these groups may have trouble paying anything. Discussion continued about the options to help with the utilities.

Roger reminded everyone about the Health Department's annual meeting on March 21. There is more talk about the consolidation of the city and county health departments. Roger stated that he volunteered Dan to work on the schedule for the township display at the fair.

Mary requested approval for the Auditor of State training she would like to attend on April 7 and 8 in Columbus. It is two days of training with breakfast and lunch included in the registration. It will require just one night stay. Mike so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 38 – 49 totaling \$19,638.55 and pay warrants 32099 – 32139, EFTs 918 – 925, and voucher 8 totaling \$31,741.29. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the road report. They have patched around the library and community center. The roads are still re-aligning as the frost is coming out and are only patching holes for now. Larry stated that they will be doing much more crack sealing this year. The stop sign replacement should be completed next week. Larry presented two quotes for the rear tire replacement on the road mower. Mike would like time to review the information. Larry stated that they will come out to replace the tires. Larry reported on the use of the tow motor, flood damage to the roads, and on culvert replacement. Larry will have information to advertise for this year's stone and oil bids for the next meeting. Larry reported that they have filled quite a few graves last week that had settled over the winter. Larry requested a notice to be placed in the paper to have winter decorations removed from the cemetery by April 1.

Dan presented the zoning report. One permit was issued. The Zoning Commission will meet on Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC.

Sue stated that Dan does very little zoning and moved to change his title to Trustees' Assistant. Mike seconded. Discussion: Roger stated that it will still include zoning. Sue stated that it will cover all his duties. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger stated that the reason we changed our meeting was due to a meeting scheduled at St. Joseph regarding the possible closing of the school. Roger feels the trustees need to attend the meeting as is it part of our community.

#### **Public Comment**

Paul stated that Sue is right about the commercial area. He feels that the variances need to address the value of the property owner. He feels it is overlooked. He has looked at the Lovejoy property. Paul stated that they are setting up to drill on Conley and 224 asked when they will start drilling. Roger read the letter regarding the well drilling. Paul asked if it is possible to have a sign-in sheet for the meetings. He is concerned about who attends. Mike feels the FO makes note of who attends the meeting in the minutes and that is sufficient. Paul asked who is responsible for enforcing the weight limits on the roads. He approached Shondrick about the jake brakes. There was discussion that various county township associations have discussed the issue of weight limits. Mike feels that the state would have to provide the scales to truly enforce the weight limits, but without the funding it probably will not happen

Larry stated that all the culvert pipes have washed out at Fairground Road Park.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

*Roger Klocht*  
*Marybeth Rodenbacher*