

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, March 22, 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. Sue moved to approve the minutes as written. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, P. Cernava, A. Herchek, E. Fox, J. Nagles, V. McKay, J. Presley, D. Rice, G. Harrison, N. & S. Engle, K. Isner, P. Isner, J. Strader

Old Business

Mike has two quotes for the garage floor and apron. England's is \$3,600 and Mudd's is \$3,300. Roger asked who can get to it first. Mike stated that England's can get to it right away. Mike moved to accept the quote from the contractor who can get to it first, not to exceed \$3,600. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mike has not heard anything more on moving the generator from the fire station to the road garage Mike stated that they will get someone here to move it. Roger stated Chief Lang has moved forward with the tower at the county.

Sue read the letter we received from Governor Kasich. Sue would like to send letters again to the Governor and ODNR. She will encourage other townships to do the same. Sue reiterated that the trustees have no control over the fracking. Each landowner has the right to sign any lease they wish. She spoke to Janet Esposito and was reaffirmed that we cannot sign the Bill of Rights. Sue stated for the record that she did not lease any of her or her father's property. We do not live in a village but in a township and do not have the authority to legislate any laws. She has received calls about attending the meeting to change the fracking issues. There is nothing the trustees can and the only thing the commissioners can do is place some regulations on our roads. It is not an issue of the residents against the trustees, but the need to work together. Many people have differing opinions but the trustees represent every resident in Randolph. It does not matter if everyone in the township signed the petition, we still do not have any authority to stop the fracking. Mike and Roger agree with Sue's comments. Mike stated that we are doing all we can do. Sandy stated over 90 communities in NY have banned fracking. The US Supreme Court has upheld the ban. Sue stated that NY is different from Ohio. Townships are different from cities and villages in each state. Sandy shared some stories that inspired her on her mission. Sue feels Sandy is sincere in her mission. Sue asked Newt if he kept his oath as police officer. Newt stated that he did. He voiced his concerns about the fracking dangers. He feels the trustees are doing their best, but feels it is a democracy problem. He voiced his concern that the prosecutor does not represent the township, but the oil company. He feels there are other ways to address this problem. We need to continue working toward that goal. Sue explained that we cannot legally sign the Bill of Rights due to the fact it could open a lawsuit which. Mike stated that we have taken action. We are not satisfied and we will keep moving forward. Newt stated that he is not saying that we are not doing anything. He appreciates all the efforts. Sue stated that some people want drilling. Sue stated that the bottom line is that we have a wonderful township and wants to keep it that way. She does not begrudge anyone who leases their land, but wants it to be safe for everyone. Sue hopes that as the Engle's go door-to-door that when they meet differing opinions that at least they are recommending that they secure an attorney. Paul stated that the trustees need to be careful to make sure they are not breaking the law. Andy stated that the trustees are doing an excellent job in our community. There are a lot of people who are for drilling and others who oppose it. He feels the majority would support drilling. He understands that the trustee's hands are tied cannot do anything and hopes that the people understand that too. It is controlled by the State of Ohio. Doug commented that it is difficult to make a decision after listening to both sides. He does not see one iota of concrete evidence. The illusive truth is still out there. Steve stated that he showed his well was affected. Sue stated that Steve does not have proof. Doug stated an article that the horizontal drilling does not contaminate the water. Doug asked if it was documented. Sandy stated that Chesapeake lied about the starting time of the drilling so people could not get water tested. Doug stated that water was tested in Carroll County by Chesapeake before drilling. Sue stated she had her water tested and will have it done again as part of the community. Sue stated that wells go bad and if they did not the water well drilling companies would not have a job. Sue explained what she learned when her well went bad on Taylor Road. Sue stated that the procedure needs to be followed by filing a complaint with the proper authorities. Steve asked if Randolph Township is planning to lease any property. Mike stated we have no intention to do so. Steve spoke about the Clean Water

Act. Sue stated that it is a federal act, not a township. Sue stated that we need election reform to make changes. It is what it is but it needs to happen on the state level. Oil and gas companies have the power through the state. Roger asked if anyone has gone to our state representatives. Roger stated that in conversations with Rep. DeVitis office, along with Rep. Clyde or Senator Brown, they have not received any letters against fracking. Roger stated that they need to contact out representatives to make a change. Sandy stated that four other communities are modeling Preserve Rural Randolph. Sandy has spoken to Rep. Clyde. Roger stated that they need to contact them as Preserve Rural Randolph. Newt stated that they have not sent letter as Preserve Rural Randolph. Roger will not sign the Bill of Rights which he feels is an act of treason. Mike stated that we have taken action. Virginia commented that we are a day late and dollar short. Chesapeake snuck in to get people to lease the property. The people did not realize the seriousness of the issue. Virginia asked how many people have sent letters. She feels it is important for people to state their concerns. Virginia stated that everyone wants to let someone else do it.

Sue stated that there will be a zoning hearing on commercial trucking parking on Monday, March 26. Paul is concerned about the value of his property due to the trucking company near him. Paul feels the trustees need to mediate with the landowner who does not live there but has a business. Paul commented that the visibility has not improved. Paul stated that Dan stated that said it is out of his hands. Sue explained what she saw when she was at Paul's house. Paul requested a nature fence, which would be a mound of dirt with pine trees planted close together. Roger asked if Mr. Shondrick agreed to sign a paper honoring the request, will he (Paul) not complain about it again. Paul commented that his attorney stated that it would go to a mediator and would like to get a jump on it. Mike asked if this is his first request for mediation. There was discussion about a mediation of what to do with the problem.

Roger reminded everyone about our recycle day on Saturday, May 5 from 8 - 2 at the Administration Complex on Waterloo Road. Roger explained the acceptable items that may be brought. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 1 at 2:00 and the fire station.

New Business

Mike and Roger have nothing at this time.

Sue stated that Dan has been attending economic meetings at the county to being business in the county. Sue would like to have an old fashioned picnic at the Middle School Park. Steve volunteered a sound system. Sue stated that we have some neat pictures of the Middle School Park on our website and she would like to have the area kept up. Sue moved to spend no more than \$1,000 on park improvements. Mike seconded.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary presented correspondence update to the trustees. Mary had the unofficial results from the March 6, 2012 primary for anyone to view.

Mary gave the trustee's a copy of the February bank reconciliation. She asked if there were any questions. Mike moved to accept the February bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 42 – 49 totaling \$24,668.23 and pay warrants 33217 - 33254, EFTs 1144 - 1152, and voucher 34 totaling \$68,713.94. Sue so moved. Mike seconded.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Dan presented the Zoning and Trustee Assistant report. He is working around the park and on the newsletter.

Roger presented the fire department report on Chief Lang's absence. Roger moved to purchase the floating strainer not to exceed \$750. Sue seconded. Discussion: Roger explained the purpose of the floating strainer.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue -- yes; Roger – yes.

Roger read a letter from Chief Lang regarding the damage to the thermal imaging camera. The cost of repair was estimated at \$6,426.00. The claim was submitted and we received the insurance check less the deductible. Roger moved to purchase a new camera for \$6,400. Sue seconded. Discussion: Mike stated that the technology has changed in two years. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Public Comment

Bob complimented the RFD for their service. He is grateful for the members and the good equipment.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Roger Klodt
Mary A. Rodenbucker