

Randolph Township Trustee Meeting Thursday, April 10, 2008

Trustee Mike Lang opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. with the pledge. FO Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes. Roger moved to accept the previous minutes. Mike seconded. RCV: Lang – yes; 08-71 Horning – yes; Klodt – yes. (Present Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, B. Wagner, L. Klodt, B. Carter, B. Siegferth, J. Bierlair.)

Old Business

Roger suggested that James Bierleir, a representative from the Portage County Board of Health, speak first regarding the needs of the health department and their upcoming levy. Jim has made it his mission to speak to all the townships in the county regarding the health department. Jim presented Chairman Lang with info regarding this year's budget, the proposed budget for 2009 and other pertinent information. First he wants all trustees to know that they are our health dept. He then explained about the possibility of charge backs to the townships. Every township will pay for every individual in their township. The projected cost is approximately \$1.80 per capita. He understands that this could severely impact townships with their budgets next year. With the current financial situation, if the levy does not pass the health department will have to cut back on services provided and lay off personnel. Jim stated that the health department will attempt to pass the levy in November. The health department does not want to come back to townships because of the short fall, but something needs to be done. He requested that we all work together to pass the levy. He requested a letter of support for the health department, the upcoming levy, and a decision hopefully supporting the charge backs. If you can't support it, they would like a reason why. The levy will be .2 mils, which works out to about \$7.00 per \$100,000. Jim answered questions from the public. There was discussion about what will happen if townships approve the charge back and then the levy passes. The charge backs would continue. They are not sure if the money can be returned to the township, but they are working it. They don't want to take advantage of the townships, but the charge back falls on the budget commission. Regardless of how the township feels about the charge back, if it is approved by the budget commission, then everyone will have to pay. Jim closed by encouraging everyone to research information about the health department.

Roger recommends we make a decision today, due to the fact that the budget commission meets next Tuesday. According to Steve Shanafelt a better projection is \$1.87 per person. Based on the last census we would pay approximately \$10,500. Roger suggested that we temporarily approve the charge back. Mike agrees. He is not happy with the charge back, but feels the health dept. is an important asset. Mike made a motion to submit a letter of support for the health department and their levy and temporarily approve the charge back. Roger seconded. Discussion: Gary feels that the people spoke with previous elections by voting it down and he will speak for the people. Mike feels that if voters don't have the means to support the levy and the township can redirect some funds to support the health department we should do so. Mike suggested that a sales tax 08-72 increase may be one solution. RCV: Lang - yes; Horning - no; Klodt - yes.

Roger reminded everyone about the township road side clean up on May 3. The rain date is May 10. He spoke with Ed Karg about a dumpster. There is a price increase of \$20. Roger made 08-73 a motion have Ed supply a dumpster for \$220. Gary seconded. RCV: Lang - yes; Horning- yes; Klodt - yes.

The township's annual recycle day will be held on May 17 at the administration complex. Discussion about the number of tires per household. We will take 6 tires per household, and charge for extra tires. Roger will check with the Portage County recycling center on the amount to charge.

Roger suggested that we wait until after everyone attends the Public Records training to make any changes to our public records policy. Roger received Office Max and Staples catalogs from Mary about the fire proof file cabinets. Discussion about where to place the cabinet. Gary suggested using floor jacks to support the cabinet in the extra office. Roger will check on the cost

for a lateral file cabinet. Roger spoke again to Dep. Simon regarding the ongoing investigation of the turfing incident at the school park. Mike suggested sending a letter to sheriff documenting everything. Roger spoke to Bruce Wagner, of Specialty Service Group of Ohio, about the turf repair. Bruce presented a proposal to repair damage. The cost to repair the west side is \$720; the east side is \$480, and the south end \$240. Roger feels we need to get it repaired. Pictures need to be taken to document the damage and pass the cost on to the individual responsible for damage. Roger made a motion to repair the Randolph School Park and accept the proposal from Specialty Service Group of Ohio not to exceed \$1,440. Gary seconded. Discussion: Money will be recouped. RCV: Lang – yes; Horning – yes; Klodt – yes.

Gary reported that he presented the option of raising the fee for usage after you go over the per capita fee at the Regional Planning meeting. The Regional Planning commission suggested a possible option of increasing 10-20 cents per capita. Commissioners will match this amount. A decision needs to be made by July. Gary suggested that the architect look at the RFD roof. Gary will contact Frank and have him call Mike. Gary asked Mike about the sewer issue with Jenior's. Mike spoke to Lee and they decided not to tie in.

Mike presented the fire report. RFD dissolved our commitment with Atwater Fire Department this past Monday night.

Mike will contact Water Resources regarding the issue about the meter yet to be installed.

New Business

08-75 Roger made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the county prosecutor to proceed with legal action against Mr. Trickett. Gary seconded. RCV: Lang – yes; Horning – yes; Klodt – yes.

Gary would like to get a message out discouraging theft. Mike thought at one time we had a neighborhood watch. Mike suggested a community meeting. Gary thought an article in the paper would be the place to start. Gary will contact the Record Courier.

08-76 Mike received a letter from the Community Action Council (CAC) requesting support of the summer lunch program at Moyer Fields. It will take place from June 9 through August 22. Mike made a motion to support the CAC lunch program. Gary seconded. RCV: Lang – yes; Horning – yes; Klodt - yes.

Mary has a few housekeeping issues. She would like to know how the trustees feel about the employees filling out absence reports. All were in agreement that this should continue. Mary requested that the trustees remind the employees under their direction to complete these reports and submit them with their time sheet.

08-77 Mary requested approval of supplemental appropriations for cell phones and gas bills. She is not sure how much is needed as corrections are needed. They were paid out of the general fund in the past but should be paid from the road and fire department funds also. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Lang – yes; Horning – yes; Klodt – yes.

08-78 The Local Government Conference was very informative and would like to implement some items in the future. We need to start looking at the budget. She would like input from the trustees and their departments. The March bank reconciliation was placed in their mailboxes. Mary asked if there were any questions. Mike moved to accept the March bank reconciliation. Roger seconded. RCV: Lang – yes; Horning – yes; Klodt – yes.

08-79 Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 62 through 66 totaling \$1,234.54 and pay warrants 28935 through 28973 totaling \$22,278.41. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Lang – yes; Horning – yes; Klodt – yes.

Mary reported that we have received a \$15 restitution payment on library vandalism.

Larry presented the road report. They have been patching pot holes. He will work on the 2008 road bid specs. Tim passed the insecticide test. Tim inspected the town hall and administration building. There appears to be some past activity, but nothing at present. He suggested meeting with the trustees to come up with a plan. Mike talked to Tim and one issue is the cement sidewalks. It would need to be drilled and then patched. Gary suggested spraying around the perimeter every year as a preventative measure. The inventory has been categorized.

Dan gave the zoning report. Two houses are in the works, but no permits. He is working on a list of complaints. The Trickett issue has already been addressed. He is working on a commercial sign in a residential area.

Roger complimented Dan on the newsletter.

Public Comment

Bill appreciated the support of the trustees regarding the health dept. He questioned reserving the gazebo. Mike stated that a verbal request was all that was needed. At a recent seminar it was strongly advised to have a contract for the gazebo especially for liability issues. We are working on a simple contract, but for the time being you can use it. Bill asked if there is any new information regarding the sink holes left by the sewer installation. Mike reported that Water Resources is done and it is up to the home owner to fill in the holes.

Betty asked if there was any problem with the Lions ending the parade at the school park. No problem with the trustees. The parade will start at Moyer Fields again. Gary feels it should be started at the cemetery to honor the fallen. There was an issue with people not respecting the graves. Roger suggested taping off areas. Mike stated that RFD will work with the Lions Club; just let him know what needs to be done. Bruce supports starting at the cemetery. Mike suggested working out the kinks regarding the beginning and ending of the parade. Betty understands that RFD does not charge for EMS runs which is great. Mike reported that the department is researching soft billing at an upcoming conference. Betty thinks this is a great idea to get extra money.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8: 40 a.m.

