

Randolph Township Trustee Meeting Thursday, March 25, 2008

08-63 Trustee Mike Lang opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge. FO Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes. Mike moved to accept the previous minutes. Roger seconded. RCV – 3 yes. (Present Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, J. Presley, G. Harrison, L. Klodt, F. Rodenbucher, M. Perry.)

### Old Business

Roger received references from Candy Deffenbaugh. Roger contacted them and received positive feedback stating that many dollars as well as in kind services were received. Roger reviewed the fee options and sent a letter to Chris Meduri. Chris suggested using the hourly rate option, not the percentage option. Roger would like to give Candy a try researching grants for the cold storage building, sidewalks, etc. Mike would like to see research about sidewalks. Gary questioned the amount of money to give her a try. An initial development plan takes about 8-10 hours for about \$500. Several items on a time frame could go hand in hand with our wish list.

08-64 Roger made a motion to hire Candace Deffenbaugh as professional grant writer to investigate ideas for grants, not to exceed 10 hours at \$50 per hour. Gary seconded. Discussion: Gary wants to make it clear that Candy will work as a sub-contractor. Mike suggested that Roger be the contact. RCV – 3 yes.

08-65 Mike made a motion to make Roger Klodt the primary contact for the grant writer. Roger seconded. RCV – 3 yes.

Roger put all the paperwork together and gave a copy to everyone regarding Rep. Dyer's capital funding project. He requested \$15,000 - \$20,000 dollars for the replacement of cemetery fences. His suggestion included the front fence at the town center cemetery, front fence at German Reform Cemetery and the north and south wire fences at Hillside West.

Roger forwarded a letter to Chris Meduri regarding the St. Joseph recycle agreement. Chris reviewed it and it was sent to St. Joe. Everything should be in order. Discussion about the duties continuing as in the past and that all monies must filter into Randolph Township. Discussion about the placement of bins took place. There have been no complaints at this time. Roger contacted Deputy Simon regarding the turfing incident. Dep. Simon stated that they have not been able to locate the second individual yet, but it is an ongoing investigation.

Roger will meet with the landscaper next week and hopefully have a quote on the repair. Roger presented an update on disposing of township property on internet. Roger read a proposed resolution (currently used by Grainger Twp). The OTA recommends renewing the resolution each year. Roger made a motion to accept the resolution wording and follow the recommendation of the OTA. Gary seconded. RCV – 3 yes.

08-66

Gary has an FYI regarding the clearing of timbers. Unfortunately there are no good timbers for the bridge. Gary asked Mike to have the fire personnel fix the light that is out on the Town Hall. Gary wanted to discuss the headstones at the cemetery. Mike and Roger feel that upright stones should be able to be placed anywhere. Mike doesn't feel we should place restrictions on the stone. Larry stated that Sections B & C are restricted for flat stones and recommended leaving it that way. Mike recommended that discussion continue in the future.

Mike presented the fire department report for February. Call totals: EMS – 33; Fire – 8; MVC – 6; Inc. – 8; month total – 55; YTD – 94. Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Diane is researching information for grants. Mike made a motion to enter into grants with AFG for a brush truck and an automatic start generator. Roger seconded. RCV – 3 yes.

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Mike would like to send six people to FDIC conference in Indianapolis on April 10 – 12, 2008 to investigate truck specifications. Roger made a motion to attend, not to exceed \$2000. Mike seconded. RCV – 3 yes.

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Mike reported that Water Resources will be out to install the water meters. He also recommended removing trees on some side roads. Larry thought we could enter into a "will call" contract for necessary work.

Mike doesn't want to pay any more to Regional Planning, but is interested in any alternatives. Gary suggested that we have some ideas to present at the next Regional Planning meeting. Discussion continued about various options to present at the next Regional Planning meeting.

### **New Business**

Roger attended the Health Department's annual meeting. Chip Porter presented the budget with a projected deficit of \$163,000. One option brought up was a chargeback to the townships. The bottom line is if they don't get more money, they will have to lay off people. They are working with a bare bones staff. They can only increase fees to what is state mandated. If no money is received, the state will contract with an adjoining county health dept. Chip asked townships to help promote and support the levy. Roger feels the services are important to our township. Gary supports health dept., but not sure if he wants to promote the levy. Mike feels health dept. is essential to the county, with restaurant inspections, schools etc. Mike supports their attempt to get their levy. Dan can place an article in the newsletter and Mike and Roger want their names attached to the article. Melanie stated that the health dept. helps the school nurse whenever needed.

Gary would like to discuss road work. We are supposedly getting the grant for Alexander Rd. He would like to ditch and berm all the roads in the township. Gary suggested working on an agreement between the road and fire departments regarding the township mowing. He suggested that Larry oversee the mowing. Mike will handle any problems that may arise. Gary would like to evaluate the tree situation before road work begins. Gary suggested using a correspondence folder at the administration building. All correspondence coming in and going out can be placed in the folder for review. Mary agreed to try this suggestion and file the folder every two weeks.

Mike was approached by Doug Jenior regarding an easement to tie into our sewer. This would be very costly for Jenior to tie into the township versus their own line. It was suggested that Jenior's provide a sketch, and see if they understand the cost involved.

Mary informed the trustees that the savings account was considered dormant until she was added as a signer on the account. We need to make at least one withdrawal per year to keep it active.

08-69 Mary placed copies of the bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked for a motion to accept unless there are questions. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV – 3 yes.

A few residents spoke to Mary about the great job our road department did during the last storm. Many stated that they appreciated all the hours Larry and Tim put in to keep our roads clean.

08-70 Mary asked for a motion to appropriate receipts #50 – 61 totaling \$398,585.63 and pay warrants 28900 – 28934 totaling \$39,711.60. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV – 3 yes.

Mary recommended that the old cemetery books and minutes be kept in a fire proof file. She also suggested that the records room needs attention. Mike suggested getting prices on fire proof file cabinets.

Larry spoke to Gledhill to truck should complete in several weeks. They have been working on the administration building renovations. New batteries were placed in the grader. We have exceeded our salt estimate and will have no more salt deliveries. Larry suggested that we increase our estimate next year. One hundred tons of cinders were delivered to be mixed with the salt to help extend our current supply. Larry stated that they have started patching pot holes. Several roads have serious crumble areas. Larry will evaluate which roads we should chip and seal this year. Tim took his insecticide test, but has not received any results yet. The low areas were filled in at the cemetery. There was one funeral; for a YTD total of four.

Dan presented the zoning report. There were no permits or complaints. The quarterly zoning meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008. Dan suggested we get estimates on the tile replacement in the SC/CC. Discussion on what material should be used. He presented a copy of the newsletter and will add the requested information discussed this evening.

Melanie has a preliminary layout and stated that anything can be changed. The target completion date is next year. She appreciates what the RFD had done for the Adams' Family. The Foundation is working on other areas for the family. Melanie suggested scanning the records and keeping the records as PDF files.

Gary Harrison reported that St. Joe sent \$2000 check from the aluminum cans for the Food Shelf. He appreciates the support from the various Lions Clubs and St. Joe.

Roger contacted Mickey Marozzi regarding Waterloo Rd. Waterloo Rd. was initially on the list to be repaved. They will inspect it in May to determine if it can wait until next year without severe deterioration. If it can wait, it will then be patched. If not, it will be chipped and sealed, but it will be off the list for paving the following year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

