

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 31, 2008

Trustee Mike Lang opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 a.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the meeting on December 11, 2008. Roger moved to accept the previous minutes. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; 08-221 Roger – yes.

Mary also read the minutes from the December 24, 2008. Roger moved to accept 08-222 the previous minutes. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. (Present Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, B. Murphy, B. Carter.)

### Old Business

Roger spoke about the fire chief position. One application was received for the position of fire chief from Mike Lang Jr. Gary feels we should interview him and discuss options. Roger spoke to Mike informally and he feels we should consider the position part-time at this time. Roger did a survey of surrounding fire departments regarding the position of fire chief. Suffield, Brimfield, Palmyra have full-time chiefs and Rootstown, Edinburg, and Atwater have part-time chiefs. Mike stated that the department can run successfully with a part-time chief due to the part-time positions that are in place. Gary's concern is about coverage when Mike Jr. is working in Stow. Mike stated he is not leaving the department and will be available. Diane is the assistant chief and is very capable. The department is working hard to build the roster of young people. Mike is willing to share his expertise on the daily operations. Mike is willing to continue in the capacity of fire chief until the organizational meeting. Roger will contact Mike Jr. to set up a time to meet.

Roger reminded everyone about the sewer meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Gary spoke about the special meeting about the FireCom dispatch. Mike cannot understand why the administration of the county has not worked toward a central dispatch. Mike feels the county will be forced to create a central dispatch. Ravenna Township made no bones about saying that they will reevaluate their services within a six month period. Mike expects to receive a notice or a hefty rate increase. The Ravenna Township trustees made it very clear that they are not putting any more money into it. They need more customers, but the entities not currently using FireCom are not willing to work with FireCom. Roger stated that the information received at the meeting speaks that they will keep it going for 90 days and make a decision. Roger feels we should enter into a short term agreement with Stow, for example a one or two year agreement. If the commissioners decide on regional dispatch we can then change back to Portage County dispatch. Gary is working on a meeting with townships to discuss central dispatch. Gary recommended waiting until the second meeting in January to make a decision. Gary feels that organization and cooperation will go a long way. Mike stated the RTNA line and old equipment can be used which is a great cost savings to the township. The two-way radios have poor reception with FireCom on some calls. RTNA line never had problems. Stow also offers text messages for dispatch. Gary asked about any disadvantages of a hard line. Mike can only recall being down one time due to a storm. If that happens, we would manually dispatch from our station. We will not be without dispatch services. This issue was tabled until the second meeting in January.

Gary asked if we heard anything grants. Roger reported that Candy is working on grants for next year.

Mike talked about the signs entering the township. He feels we should investigate the cost.

### New Business

Roger received a call from Bill Steiner regarding the trash clean up day. Roger tentatively scheduled the township trash day for Saturday, May 9. They will not accept paint, but will accept tires with rims. Roger moved to schedule our annual trash day for Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the 3636 Waterloo Rd complex. Gary seconded. Discussion: It was requested from Bill that we the stack tires in the containers. The trustees feel this is time consuming and could be dangerous.

08-223 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. Mike asked if anything was said about the inventory status and running out of room. This could impact our recycling center.

Gary asked about the shed out back. Mike explained that the RFD was able to obtain the trailer for fire training. Gary suggested we obtain documentation stating that the trailer was donated.

Mike presented the fire department inventory to Mary.

Mary received a letter from Bonnie Howe regarding the fee to file zoning resolutions. A letter was received from OTARMA regarding the election of two board members.

08-224 A second budget amendment was filed with the Auditor. Mike moved to accept the budget amendment. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary received a request from Tim Pfile to carry over one week of vacation to 2009 and a request from Larry Klodt to be paid for his unused vacation time. Gary so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary reported that Culligan presented a quote of water to be delivered for \$4.75 per bottle. We can purchase the coolers for \$50 each. Another option is a bottleless cooler which is a water cooler that is hooked up to our water line. The cost is \$35 per month per unit. Mike moved to stay with Culligan and purchase three water coolers. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

A letter was received from Bureau of Worker's Compensation explaining the premium rates. Mary reported that some problems came up with the fax machine. She is not sure if it is a defective cartridge or something else. She wanted this brought to the trustee's attention in case a new fax machine needs to be purchased. Roger asked if the copier is capable of receiving faxes. The copier can be used as a fax machine but it needs to be set up. Dan will check on this issue.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 261 - 263 totaling \$495.00 and pay warrants 29696 – 29730 and EFTs 439 – 449 totaling \$12,418.77. Mike so moved. 08-227 Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Dan presented the year end zoning report. One permit was issued for new construction. The 2009 Zoning Board of Appeals meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center and the Zoning Commission meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center. The 2009 quarterly Zoning Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each quarter at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center.

### Public Comment

Bill stated a large load of furniture was found on the road near his house. He is not sure who cleaned it up after three days, but he appreciates it. He asked about the letter to Bill Steiner that was mentioned in a previous meeting. Roger stated the Bill Steiner was working on getting more business and asked for a recommendation. When Roger called him back, he no longer needed the letter. Bill stated that recycling center looks good. He suggested a solution to sell the recycled items instead of building a storage facility.

Gary made a motion to nominate Frank Gliha and C. Nicholas Schwab for the 08-228 OTARMA board. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

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*Mary Rodenbucker*