

Randolph Township Regular Trustees Meeting Thursday, February 12, 2009

Chairman Mike Lang opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 a.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Roger moved to approve the previous 09-037 minutes. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. Present Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, F. Pavliga, B. Carter, L. Klodt.

Old Business

Roger reported that the majority of business owners prefer to meet in the evening to discuss their views on the future of Randolph Township. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC. Roger stated no response has been received from FireCom regarding our termination. Roger and Fire Chief Lang met with the mayor and fire chief from Stow. They were informed that they are in the process of updating our agreement with them for dispatch service. Stow has requested a start date of April 1, 2009. The draft agreement states the term to be five years instead of two as previously discussed. This is due to the fact that they are absorbing the installation cost. It has an opt out clause. Roger amended his original motion to reflect the change from a two year to a five year agreement and a start date of April 1, 2009 instead of March 1, 2009. Gary seconded. Discussion: Roger stated that everyone will have a copy of the agreement to review before signing. Gary talked about the change of terms. Gary feels that as long as they are aware of the fact that if Portage County develops a centralized dispatch, we will opt out of our agreement. Roger asked Stow if they looked into a regional dispatch for Portage County. The Stow Chief and Mayor are interested, but do not want to become overwhelmed and not perform a good service to their clients. Gary is still apprehensive about the five year term and opting out of the agreement. Mike stated that the opt out clause takes care of this. Roger agrees. Roger will contact Chris Meduri regarding the term issue and opt out agreement. Motion tabled until the next meeting.

Chief Lang reported that the turn out gear repair was more extensive than originally thought. To date, gear repair for five sets has cost \$798.30, but there is more gear that needs repaired. Shamrock came out and gave an actual quote of \$1,430.00. It will cost an additional \$1,028.30 to complete the repairs. Roger moved to approve the additional amount for repairs. Gary seconded. Discussion: Gary asked how many sets of gear were to be repaired. Roger looked at the estimate, but could not locate the exact number. Gary thought it was to repair all the gear. Gary feels we need to get better estimates. Mike stated that sometimes until you actually get into the job, you really don't know the 09-038 actual cost. RCV: Mike - yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Gary would like to talk about the fire station roof. Gary asked Frank Pavliga for his proposal. Frank presented his information with a few different options. Gary wasn't aware that the flat roof was an option. Mike stated that he asked Frank to gather information for all options. Discussion about the different types of roof options took place. Roger was shocked at the cost of \$55,000. He spoke to Frank regarding the difference in roofs and energy savings. There is not much difference to offset the cost. Roger is not in favor of a truss roof. Roger supported Mike in his effort to secure various options. Frank explained the various options and warranties and answered questions from the trustees. Gary's opinion is to have a building look nice. Roger feels the peaked roof will stand out if it is not centered. Gary stated that the roof on the office and north side will need to be done soon. Mike feels we need to be prudent in these economic times. Roger asked if we can bid it both ways. Frank stated that the original bid book could be used and add the additional information. Roger would like to get exact numbers. Mike agreed that since we have the criteria, we could get estimates for both types. Gary suggested that we have a set plan. It was agreed to go with gable roof and flat roof. Frank asked about shingles or metal. It was agreed to go with metal roof. Gary suggested that Frank draw up plans for both types to put out for bids. Mike asked how soon it could be ready. Frank will have it ready for the next meeting. Frank stated that the county requires the original blueprints with footer requirements. Mike will get a copy for Frank.

Mike reported that the pumper in the catalog has received no hits. Chief Lang contacted FireTec regarding the truck and received information that interest in open trucks is waning. An individual is

interested in purchasing the truck for \$16,000.00. Mike stated we would need to rescind our original quote. We need to sell the truck as there is no room to store it when the new truck arrives. Mike stated we can cancel the ad with FireTec. Roger stated that per Chris Meduri we need to advertise for open bids. Roger suggested canceling the ad with FireTec and place the truck on eBay with a minimum bid of \$16,000 for 10 days. Fire department members have researched trucks on eBay, but it is not very popular at this time. Gary feels we tried the catalog and now we should try it on eBay. Roger stated we need to renew our resolution to dispose of equipment per auction style. Roger 09-039 moved to renew resolution 08-66. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger moved to place 2213 on eBay effective today, Thursday, February 12, 2009 with a reserve bid 09-040 of \$16,000. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger moved to remove the ad from FireTec magazine. Mike seconded 09-041 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

New Business

Roger presented the fire report in Chief Lang's absence. Roger moved to place the following items on eBay: eight Survivair SCBA units with no reserve and the skid pump unit with a reserve bid of 09-042 \$1,500. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

The KME fire engine will be finished next week. Roger read a letter from Chief Lang requesting the promotion of Ryan Hall and Jasen Bryan to captain. Roger moved to appoint Ryan Hall and Jasen Bryan as captains on the Randolph Township Fire Department to be renewed on an annual basis. Gary seconded. Discussion: Gary would like to talk to Chief Lang and keep the lines of communication open especially with regards to changing the structure of the fire department. Motion on hold until the next meeting.

Gary reported that the focus for Regional Planning this year is the economy and jobs. It was brought up at the meeting that a group of townships get together to share the cost of Regional Planning's recommendations for solar panels and wind mills. Gary wanted to talk about the Issue 2 funds. Mike feels we should pursue this grant. Roger asked what is recommended for the next road. Larry stated that we talked about Shroeder Road last year. It really needs to be addressed and it is in the worst shape. It should be done like Luli Road. It was last paved in 1997. Larry is not sure what other road could qualify without reviewing the roads. Trump and Swartz could use a leveling base and then chip and seal, but it is not wide enough for Issue 2. It was suggested that all the roads be evaluated. Roger feels we should apply for Issue 2 funds in order to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. Gary stated that it is a shame that it was not done properly in the first place and wondered if it could be corrected for a reasonable cost. He doesn't feel we should apply for issue 2 unless we do it properly. Mike feels we should look into it before we just say no. It was suggested to revisit this issue at the next meeting.

Mike nothing at this time.

Mary reported that the OTA conference was very informative. One question that came up was the roll call and who should vote first. Since the chairman could influence the other board members, it was suggested that the chairman vote last. Mary will begin to implement this recommendation. Mary received information on the Local Government conference to take place in Columbus at the end of April. Mary reported that the Portage County Library will reduce their hours due to budget cuts. Mary reported the unused hours from Regional Planning is 90 for this year. A letter was received from the St. Joseph Recycling Committee stating that they received \$1,264.25 from the aluminum can recycling. No requests for this money has been received, therefore it will remain in their bank account until a request is received. Mary presented correspondence from the USO thanking us for our donation.

Mary received a letter from Working Partners regarding drug testing. Mary asked the trustees if they would like to have all part-time employees on the list for random testing. Mike moved to add all part-time employees to the Working Partners drug testing list. Roger seconded.

09-043 RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Mary requested a motion to accept the amended budget certificate for \$1,669,079.18 from the 09-044 Portage County Auditor. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Mary reported that she and Larry have researched information regarding the Gunthier Trust. In the minutes from November 12, 1968 it was recorded that a bequest from Katherine Guthier in the amount of \$2589.13 was received. The interest can only be used to assist needy individuals or families in Randolph Township where such needs are not adequately met by other public funds. Other monies have been donated to the township for cemetery needs with no specific directives.

Mary presented information to the trustees regarding our lease agreement for our copiers. She received two proposals for color copiers for the administration building and the fire department. The cost of color copiers has become very affordable. The proposed rate for two color copiers is almost the same as what we are paying for one copier now. The trustees will review the information and discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 10 – 18 totaling \$12,227.74 and pay warrants 29790 – 29828 and EFTs 460 – 463 totaling \$25,086.53. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. 09-045 RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Larry spoke about the 2009-2010 salt quote. He received information from the county with a firm date of February 27, 2009 for the ODOT cooperative purchase. Larry recommended we go on state bid even though no price is quoted. I proved to a considerable savings this year. Gary does not like having to make a decision without a price. Mike feels we can make a decision at the next meeting and fax it the next morning. Gary asked what amount of salt he is recommending. Larry would like to order 800 tons, with the intent to purchase 80% and up to 120%. Mike feels we can't go wrong with the state bid. Larry stated that the longest he has had to wait was one day. Mike recommended we engage with the cooperative purchase. Roger agrees with Gary that he does not like not knowing the price, but feels the savings we had this year was very considerable. Mike states that we have to buy salt and usually going with a group you get a better price. Gary is concerned about budgeting with no firm price. Mike moved to enter the ODOT cooperative purchase. Roger seconded.

09-46 Discussion: Gary would also like to discuss other options. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Larry reported that they have been busy with snow removal in January and February. They are working on getting the mowers ready for spring. They topped a tree near the road garage due to the buckling of the asphalt. They will probably take two more trees down.

Dan presented the zoning report. The Zoning Commission will meet on February 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC. The US Census Bureau will be holding field training in the Town Hall March 30 – August 3 in preparation for the 2010 census. Dan provided the cost estimate for mailing the newsletter. Roger feels we should keep the newsletter as is. Gary feels we should send it out once a year to keep the residents informed. Dan did an informal survey and some residents don't read it. Dan presented a draft of "Facility Use Agreement for Moyer Fields and the Old Randolph School Park Fields" which will be sent to Chris Meduri for review.

Public Comment

Bill asked about the fire station roof if the pitch would match the town hall. Mike stated that it would not.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.


