

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, July 10, 2008

Chairman Lang opened the meeting with the pledge. Mike stated that we will hold the budget meeting as advertised. Mary presented the proposed revenue budget for 2009. Mary stated that she spoke with Janet Esposito who recommended keeping the tax revenue the same as this year. She reminded them that the estate tax is variable and the tangible personal property and estate tax is slowly being phased out. She included \$50,000 for the soft billing for EMS services, although it could be more. Mary felt it was better to estimate on the low side and take another look at it at the end of year. Mary asked if there were any question. Roger moved to accept the proposed 2009 revenue budget. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

08-131 Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the previous minutes. Roger moved to accept the previous minutes. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. (Present Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, B. Steiner, L. Klodt, B. Carter.)

As advertised, the bids for the Issue 2 Alexander Road TH-27 B project were opened. The following bids were received:

Perrin Asphalt - \$279,010.50

Central Allied - \$252,581.00

The Shelly Company - \$229,873.45

08-132 Gary moved to accept The Shelly Company bid pending review by Gary and the prosecutor. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Old Business

08-133 Roger stated that Bill Steiner is here to discuss a grant for a feasibility study into curbside recycling. The Portage County Commissioners will be applying for a grant from the Ohio Department of Development for \$80,000 for this study. He is asking all entities for support of this study. No money is required from the township. It may require about one hour of a township employee's time to answer some questions. The study will be done by KSU students. He presented a sample resolution and information regarding this study. He also presented a contract used by Hiram about curbside recycling and trash pick up by the Portage County Solid Waste District. Mike asked about the resolution. Bill stated that it is just a resolution to support the study. The grant is based on a point system. The more entities that participate the more points are awarded. Mike asked about the cost of the recycle/trash pick up. Bill stated that it is very reasonable and that the rates are in the information packet. Bill stated that he has had good feedback on this program. Gary asked if the recycle/trash pick up is a sign up program. Bill stated that it is a community wide program. The rates are better for a large area than for just a few people who want this. Bill feels this is a worthwhile program. Gary moved to accept the resolution to support the feasibly study grant for curbside recycling. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. Mary asked Bill about residents borrowing recycle containers for personal use such as graduation parties. Bill stated that it is available and they just need to contact him. They recently purchased about 25 new containers.

08-134 Roger received an updated quote from Skibiski for \$3,350 to clean the town center parking lot, fill the cracks with rubber sealer, apply two coats of sealer, asphalt patch work and re-stripe the parking lot. The asphalt is guaranteed for one year. Roger moved to accept the bid. Gary seconded. Discussion: Gary questioned the problems with the crack sealer in the past. It seems that it keeps opening up. Roger stated that the new products will hopefully prevent this from happening again. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger received a letter from Hale stating that it is our problem and they won't do anything about it. Roger recommended sending all the information to Chris Meduri for review. Mike stated that this is a problem with other pumps of the same model and feels we have a good case against Hale.

Roger received estimates about taking down some of the trees at the Olde School Park. Roger feels we should have someone come in and take the trees down. The quotes are from Dave Kuntzman and Tony DiBona. The quote from Kuntzman is \$850 for tree removal and clean up plus \$150 to grind the stumps. The DiBona quote is \$500 for removal with clean up and \$175 to grind the stumps. Mike feels the trees look bad next to our new sign. Gary asked about Tony DiBona's qualifications. Roger stated that he is insured. Gary wants to make sure he has the proper coverage. Roger moved to accept the quote from DiBona Tree Service, pending proof of insurance, for \$675 to be completed by the first meeting in August. Gary seconded.

08-136 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Gary reviewed the road salt order issue and is not sure which way to go. Gary suggested ordering our 50% early and having it stockpiled. Mike is concerned that the county will always come first. Roger stated that upon some investigation with other townships he was informed that the county comes first. Gary suggested splitting our estimate between ODOT and with an independent supplier. Gary moved to apply for 400 tons of salt with ODOT with the agreement of purchasing 200 tons and the other 400 tons from an independent supplier. Mike seconded.

08-137 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. Larry will fax the contract to ODOT.

Gary asked about the fire station roof. Mike wants to stay with flat roof. Gary still contends that the extra insulation will more than make up for the additional cost.

Gary asked about the ball field lighting. Mike said that it is just talk. He spoke with Troy Manion. Troy stated that the poles are ~~in place and ready for lighting~~ ^{ready to be placed}. Gary stated that he needs to bring this to the trustees for approval. Gary asked Dan to contact Troy or Gene Brown to send a rep to the next meeting. Gary stated we need better communication between the trustees and the ball league.

Gary talked about installing the new service for the Olde School Park. Gary stated we need to contact Robin regarding the service at the park. Mary will take care of this.

Gary said that trimming at the school park is needed and asked if the fire department is doing this along with the mowing. Mike will talk to the RFD. Roger stated that in a discussion with Tony DiBona that he usually gives the chips to whoever needs it.

Roger was approached by Cody from Northeast Ohio Trenching and asked if they could store some dirt and gravel at the school park. He was very accommodating and stated that whatever we need just ask. Roger thought it would be a good idea to have them trench for the restrooms. There was discussion on placement of the restrooms. Gary presented his idea for restroom placement. Mike suggested we pursue this avenue. Roger will contact Cody and see what we can work out.

Mike stated that the prosecutor approved the specifications for the new pumper. The total price is \$315,887.00. The best financing was with First Bankers for a 10 year loan. The yearly payment would be \$33,560.94 with a down payment of \$50,000. The total cost with interest would be approximately \$375,000. Mike stated that it will be tight the first year, but with the income from the soft billing we should be okay. He strongly feels this is needed primarily as a liability issue. Mike moved to engage with Warren Fire Equipment for the purchase of a KME Custom Pumper Truck for \$315,887.00 with a \$50,000 down payment with \$30,000 from the fire fund and a loan of \$20,000 from the general fund until the sale of the current truck. Roger seconded. Discussion: Gary is not comfortable with this purchase due to the tight budget. He does not like the loan from the general fund since we haven't sold the old truck. Gary asked how long we think this truck will last. Mike stated 20 years plus.

08-138 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

New Business

Gary reported on the dues increase for Regional Planning of 15 cents resulting in about a \$900 increase. Gary suggested that if we are thinking about withdrawing from Regional Planning,

now would be a good time to do so. All agreed that we need Regional Planning, but feels that they may also need to tighten their budget just like the health department.

Gary asked Dan to write a letter to the Division of Natural Resources to be notified when anyone requests a permit for oil or gas drilling.

Mary discovered additional information regarding the direct deposit. There will be an additional cost according to the UAN rep. She will follow up directly with Chase for exact figures. Mary requested approval of a supplemental appropriation for payroll taxes for the EMS fund. Mike so
08-139 moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary stated that she may need to transfer monies received for reimbursement for utilities into
08-140 the appropriate funds. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes;
Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 137 – 142 totaling \$912.73 and pay warrants
29192 – 29230 totaling \$29,103.73. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes;
08-141 Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry gave the road report. They finished ditching and berming. It took a little longer due to the weather. Larry would like to chip and seal more roads than initially presented since the ditching and berming widened these roads. All of the roads total up to 7.9 miles which is 3/10 of a mile more than we did last year. Larry plans to start on Alexander Rd. next week. The pipe that needs to be replaced is more than our backhoe can handle and he will talk to Henry Luli about this job. The air conditioning condenser on the backhoe went bad. Dan Rodenbucher thought it could be fixed, but it was not worth fixing. He will replace the condenser. During the GPS training the road department received EPA requirements for the road garage. One item that is needed is a fire proof cabinet to store aerosols, paints, and chemicals. Also needed is a drum containment pallet for our oil and anti-freeze drums. Larry will get prices for these items. Larry would like to have it all in place before EPA does their inspection. The more that we are in compliance, the better off we will be. Another large item that needs addressed in the installation of an oil separator for the floor drains. Larry spoke with East Manufacturing and it will be 2-3 weeks before they can install the ladder, tool box, and mud flaps on the new truck. Tim was able to order the hydraulic motor repair parts for approximately \$500. There were two funerals for a year to date total of 11.

Dan presented the zoning report with three building permits issued. Dan presented a resolution for violation of zoning/junk vehicles against David Mangold. Roger moved to accept the
08-142 resolution. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. Gary asked Dan about the Marz situation. Dan has not heard anything more on the problem. Gary also asked about the Friendship Acres carry-out restaurant. Roger said it was addressed at the quarterly zoning meeting.

Public Comment

Bill stated that no public comment was entertained about the budget. He asked how many quotes were received for the electric service at the Olde School Park. Mike responded that we have one quote. He feels all purchases should have more than one quote no matter how much it costs. He was impressed with the quote for tree removal.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.


