

Randolph Township Budget Meeting and Regular Trustee Meeting Thursday, July 9, 2009

Chairman Mike Lang opened the budget meeting at 7:00 a.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher stated that due to the economy she was conservative in her revenue estimates. Chairman Lang asked if there were any questions. Mike moved to accept the proposed 2010 budget. Roger seconded.

09-152 RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes. The budget meeting adjourned at 7:02 a.m.

Chairman Mike Lang opened the regular trustee meeting with the pledge at 7:03 a.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Roger moved to accept the

09-153 previous minutes. Gary seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Gary - yes; Mike - yes. Present Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, B. Wagner, B. Murphy, L. Klodt, B. Carter, D. Mangold

Old Business

Roger spoke to Troy Manion and Roy Jennings about the lighting at Moyer Field. Mike spoke to Kenny Campbell about the lighting. After speaking to everyone, Kenny stated that he is willing to donate his time and get the necessary permits. The cost for materials would be \$7,500, which the township would cover. Mike feels it would be worthwhile for everyone involved. There was discussion about how the line would be installed underground. The lines will also be installed for the recycling area for future lighting. Roger spoke about placing a timer on all the lights. Mike moved to appropriate \$7,500 from the general fund for materials for the Moyer Field lighting project. Roger seconded. Discussion: Gary questioned the motion. He would like to add that any changes need to be brought to the trustees. Mike revised his motion to appropriate \$7,500 from the general fund for materials for the Moyer Field lighting project with the clause that any changes need to be brought to the trustees. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes. Larry stated that the area where the line is to be placed should be reconsidered as there are many other utility lines buried in that area. Bruce asked about donations from groups. Mike stated that other organizations may be contributing, but at this point the township would like to get the project started.

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Roger asked Larry about the parking lot at Moyer Field. Larry stated that he met with Henry Luli about the parking lots. Henry suggested a double chip and seal at the Moyer Field and the SC/CC lot and single chip and seal at the Randolph School Park lot. He will have the quote for the next meeting.

Roger stated that the sewer repairs have not been done yet, but should be within two weeks. Roger has not picked up the tire mulch yet. Larry stated that there is a big pile of tire mulch at Alliance High School that has been there for a few years. He is investigating to see if we can purchase the mulch from them.

Roger spoke about the Warner water issue. Gary has not had a chance to look at it. Mike looked at it and does not know what can be changed. Mike feels that since it happens infrequently we should leave it alone.

Roger stated that the fire station roof repair will begin tomorrow. Roger stated that they will replace what they take off each day.

Gary wanted to talk more about the timer for lighting issue. Roger feels that 10:30 p.m. is a good time. Mike asked Larry for his opinion. Larry feels 10:30 is a good time. Gary questioned if we should have different times for summer and fall. Mike suggested we follow the daylight savings time. Larry stated that some leagues have fall leagues through September. Gary also asked about renting the field out to other groups. Mike suggested we think about this and continue discussion at the next meeting. Gary suggested that the ball clubs pay something toward the electric bill. Roger spoke to Troy who stated that they are willing to do that. Roger agrees that we should have all these items ironed out soon. Mike stated that this venture is beneficial for the whole community.

Gary spoke about the base at Moyer Field. Gary is concerned about the trucks. Gary feels we need to address the area by the recycling bins to make sure it is durable. Mike feels the lot has held up well. Larry stated that part of the problem in the past was water issues.

Gary moved to install two catch basins in front of the fire station. Roger feels that the front should be addressed after the roof repair is completed. Mike agrees that the drainage issue and concrete need to be addressed. Roger has the recommendations from Joe Mosyjowski. Gary does not feel we need to replace the concrete. Mike feels we should get some accurate costs to fix the concrete. Gary feels the original issue was fire trucks bottoming out and he does not feel we should spend the money unnecessarily. Gary asked how the water issue will be resolved. He does not want to wait until fall. Gary asked how we are going to move forward. Mike stands by his comments and feels we should utilize a small government loan to make the necessary repairs. Gary suggested replacing the concrete only where the catch basins are installed. Mike feels we should follow Joe Mosyjowski's plan. Mike suggested that Gary come up with a plan. Roger is not opposed to other suggestions but feels we have a solid recommendation. The motion died for lack of a second. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

09-155 Gary spoke about the walk behind saw. Gary thought we should purchase a used saw, but the others are not in favor of it. There was discussion about the various saws. Gary moved to purchase the Husqvarna FS400. Mike seconded. Discussion: Roger asked about the blades. The cost of the saw is \$1,697 and the blades are \$202 each from Mascon Equipment & Supply. Gary moved to purchase the saw and blades not to exceed \$2,300. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Gary spoke about the retaining wall on Schroeder Road. He had it surveyed for the right of way with the wall. Gary feels it has been a danger long enough and needs to be removed before paving. Mike does not feel it is a danger issue. There has never been an accident in that area. Roger agrees. Roger does not feel it is worth the expense. Roger asked about the house issue. Dan stated that it is still being worked on. There is a possibility that when the old house is removed the wall may also come down. Roger suggested contacting the owner. Gary feels it is a hazard and should never have been approved. Gary feels very strongly about this issue. Mike has mixed feelings, but feels it is not an issue. Mike feels each trustee should contact the owner to discuss the issue. Mike will call the owner to attend a trustee meeting. Bob questioned the liability if an accident should occur. He is concerned about the township being held liable.

09-156 Gary had some questions about the Vista grant. He wanted to know who from the township would administer the program. Roger explained the program and recommended that he be the liaison. Gary questioned if Roger would direct this person with the other trustee's input. Mike moved to have Roger as the Vista grant liaison. Gary seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Gary asked about the uniforms. Larry stated that he received a catalog from RentWear. It will be reviewed and discussed further at the next meeting.

09-157 Mike spoke about the fence at the school park. After looking at the fence area, Mike feels it should be extended to 20 feet. Roger agrees. Mike spoke about the chip and seal at the school park. The parking lot is really deteriorating and wants to make sure we do the job that needs to be done correctly. There was discussion about various options. Mike moved to purchase extra sections of fence for the school park. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes. Larry questioned the length. He thought the sections were in six foot lengths.

New Business

Roger spoke to Candy about a possible park grant to cut in trails and park improvements. Roger requested more information. Roger spoke about the issue of ownership for the Beverly Sanctuary. Roger asked Gary about his thoughts. Gary stated that the land was transferred to a park board but a park district was never created though a vote of the electorate. Gary spoke about some options such as creating a park district or have it decided to the township. The issue needs further investigation and discussion to continue once more information is received.

Roger attended an informal meeting with the library. Portage County District Library is expecting a 30% fund cut. There is a possibility of the Randolph branch closing. Roger feels the board should send a letter opposing the closing. Mike feels that as elected officials we should send letters to the board and all members. Gary agrees. Gary stated that the library did not have anything concrete as to closing or reductions in staff. Mike feels we should send a letter on our letterhead. Mike spoke to

Cecelia who stated that it is a wait and see approach for now. Roger asked if we should wait. Mike stated we need to show our support.

Roger spoke about the soft billing for RFD. Roger requested a list of EMS calls for residents and non-residents. Roger suggested we continue to soft bill for residents and hard bill for non-residents. Mike feels it could have a negative impact on levies and does not feel we should pursue this suggestion. The community has been very supportive of our fire department. Gary feels it is good that we are soft billing but the small percentage of non-residents who do not have insurance will likely not have money to pay.

Roger presented the fire report. Responses for June 2009: EMS – 32; Fire – 4; MVC – 2; Inc. – 4; for a monthly total of 42 and YTD total of 247. Anthony DiBona has been approved by the membership committee. Roger moved to accept Tony DiBona as a full time member of the RFD.

09-158 Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Roger moved to appropriate \$1,340 for Matt Winters to attend Stark State for the 240 Hour Firefighter Class. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

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Roger moved to appropriate \$1,440 for an EMT class for Gary Huhn and TJ Ganoe. Mike seconded.

09-160 RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Roger spoke about four fire helmets that are outdated and need to be replaced. Roger moved to

09-161 purchase four helmets at \$179.99 each. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Gary has nothing at this time.

Mike has nothing at this time.

Mary stated that there is a .05 balance in a debt service fund which was used to pay for the road mower and has been carried over for years. Mary has been in contact with Chris Meduri to resolve this issue and presented the trustees with a copy of the recommended resolution. Mary requested a resolution to close the debt service fund and transfer the money to the general fund. Gary so moved.

09-162 Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Mary spoke about the EMS levy which needs to be placed on the November ballot. There was discussion about renewal or replacement. Mary will get more information for the next meeting.

Mary congratulated Gary Huhn for attaining his Eagle Scout award. Mary thanked Bruce for cleaning the carpet in the administration building. It made a big improvement.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 117 – 125 totaling \$5,510.56 and pay warrants 30189 – 30222 and EFTs 518 – 523 totaling \$131,685.90. Mike so moved. Roger seconded.

09-163 RCV: Roger – yes; Gary – yes; Mike – yes.

Larry presented the road report. Gary spoke about a light bar for the truck. Mike and Roger are in favor of purchasing a good one. Mike suggested an LED light. Mike stated that there are catalogs at the fire station. Roger questioned the Shaffer Road OPWC project. There was discussion as to when to begin the prep work. Larry received some recommendations from Bruce regarding the township mowers which he passed out to the trustees.

Dan presented the zoning report. Two permits were issued. The Board of Zoning Appeals denied the wind turbine application. The next Zoning Commission meeting is July 27, 2009. Dan presented the ball field agreement to the trustees to review.

Public Comment

Dave stated that the library funding issue is not a local budget problem but with the legislature in Columbus. He feels wind turbines need to be addressed. He stated that the Farmers Market is great. He suggested that more needs to be done about promoting recycling. Dave also spoke about the complaint against his property. He questioned why the road sides can be higher than six inches. He

stated that the complaint about the truck will be handled in the near future. Tire removal and the front porch will be taken care of soon. The roof will hopefully be fixed this fall. He is willing to work with the trustees and zoning to resolve these issues.

Bob thanked the trustees for appropriating money for the field lights. He has a problem with the ball team paying for the lighting when the township pays for lighting in an allotment. Bob asked Roger about the recycling funds. Bob feels we are discriminating against other groups. He has an objection to it being paid to one organization only. Gary asked about the discriminating. He explained that the aluminum can recycling is still being taken care of by the St. Joseph Recycling Committee. Any group can request monies for people in need. Roger stated that we received a report from the recycling committee stating how the money was spent. Bob requested a copy of the letter. Bob is under the impression that not everyone was notified that money is available. Gary asked if Bob's complaint is in communication. Bob stated that it is.

Bill agrees with Bob's comments. Bill asked who is on the committee and who decides how the money is dispersed. Roger will look into this request.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.


