

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, October 23, 2008

Trustee Mike Lang opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:30 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Roger moved to accept the previous  
08-180 minutes. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – abstain; Roger – yes. (Present: Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher, G. Hillegas, G. Harrison, B. Wagner, C. Haught, G. Klag.)

### Old Business

Roger explained to Gary the details he received from Sunrise Equipment about the wood chipper from the last meeting. This would be a good time for a demo at the cemetery with all the accumulated brush. Gary feels it should be able to handle 6-8 inch diameter pieces. They recommended getting the 1999 Premier model which could handle up to a 12 inch diameter for demo. The cost is \$13,000 and is in excellent condition. They also have a Carlton with a 9-inch diameter for \$17,000. All agreed this is a good place to start. Roger received a quote from Ohio Edison regarding the Fairground Road street light and passed the information on to the other trustees. Roger feels the safety issue and potential vandalism needs to be addressed. Mike stated that the neighborhood has complained about people stopping at the fairground as they also did about Beverly Sanctuary. Gary suggested alerting the sheriff's department about the complaints and request that the sheriff patrol the area. Many people walk that road for exercise and it would be beneficial. Roger stated he sees both sides and also questions where do we stop placing lights. Mike stated that the empty fairground is an invitation to potential vandalism. Mike moved to place a light on Fairground Road at the fairground. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – no; Roger – yes. George asked about the cost. The cost is \$939.88 for installation and \$10.61 per month for the service.

Roger reported that the LCA is working on a plan for the Angel of Hope project and will get back to us. Roger stated that we have been working on the sound at the Town Hall. He contacted a company in Pittsburgh that provided a quote of about \$30,000. Woodsy's Music in Kent quoted \$6,000 plus. Roger does not want to spend that amount of money. Bruce Wagner was able to get the same material that was recommended. Roger contacted Bruce about the installation of this material. The sound absorbing material was free. Bruce presented a detailed quote of \$920. Gary feels we do not have a problem, but asked if anyone has noticed any change. Roger attends the monthly fire department business meeting and stated that while you hear words it is hard to understand what is being said. Mike noticed a marked improvement, but is not sure if it is the solution. Other solutions offered were to carpet the floor and add to the dome. Mike asked if a sound system would make a difference. Roger said no one made that recommendation. Roger asked Bruce to explain his proposal. Bruce stated that the panels would absorb the sound. The purpose is to cancel out reverberations. He suggested placing the panels at medium height to cancel the echo. He suggested using one nail to test the panels under each candelabra and in each corner. Bruce feels the dome would be difficult to alter. Gary feels Bruce's idea is good and suggested the 3M product that won't mark the wall. Roger asked if he is willing to help. Bruce was agreeable.

Gary asked about the fire station roof. Mike stated that extra patching will be done. Gary asked about employee evaluations. Gary suggested the week of November 17. Gary moved to schedule the evaluations on Tuesday, November 18 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Roger seconded.  
08-181 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Gary reminded everyone that the fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving. Mike suggested holding the meeting on Wednesday morning. Gary moved to reschedule the regularly scheduled trustee meeting from Thursday, November 27 to Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 a.m. Roger  
08-182 seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Mike updated Gary about the sidewalk issue. Mike stated some areas are bad and need to be addressed. Gary asked if we want directive from residents as to paying for part of it. Mike stated that was the idea. Gary suggested extending the sidewalk to include the entire business district.

The 2213 pumper is on the internet with an asking price of \$32,000. It will be in the brochure at the end of the year. RFD is waiting for a quote on dispatching from another entity. Gary asked if there was any interest from other townships regarding supporting the county. Mike stated he does not feel the county dispatch will progress quickly without a commitment from the commissioners and LEPC.

### **New Business**

Roger reminded everyone about Candidate's Night on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. He also reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4. Roger was at the fire station and feels we should investigate caller ID. Roger would like to get the price for this added feature. Mike is not in favor of this as it may cause some to screen calls.

Gary has nothing at this time.

Mike presented the fire report. The responses for September were 33 EMS, 2 Fire, 5 MVC, 19 INC; for a monthly total of 59 and year to date total of 439. The department accepted Kyle Dexter as a probationary cadet. The RFD will hold a Trick or Treat Open House on Sunday, October 26 from 2-4 p.m. EMS training was conducted by the RMH training coordinator. Fire training consisted of skills testing, hose deployment, pumps, ladders, hydrant use at East Mfg., and small equipment use and set-up.

Roger stated that when the sewer crew was doing the restoration work it was determined that the phone booth pole still has power. Roger contacted Ohio Edison to disconnect the line, but was informed that they must have approval from the phone company. Roger will look into the phone carrier.

Mary presented information from Miller & Company regarding the portable toilets located at the parks in the township. She was able to negotiate a lower rate resulting in a \$50.25 overall savings per month. The trustees will make a decision at the next meeting after reviewing the information. Mary was contacted by ShredIt regarding a paper shredding service. She will place this information in their mailboxes.

Mary placed the September bank reconciliation statement in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the September bank reconciliation statement.

08-183 Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 197 – 216 totaling \$48,364.71 and pay warrants 29496 – 29526 and EFTs 403 – 409 totaling \$74, 743.81. Mike so moved. Roger seconded.

08-184 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the road report. The Shelley Company completed the paving on Alexander Road today. The driveway aprons and berming should be completed on Monday. We did go over the asphalt estimate and the berm estimate will also be over. One resident complained about the asphalt over his driveway. Larry explained the road right of way. He still was not happy but he understands the situation. JD Striping completed the striping. Ziegler Tire replaced the backhoe tires. One hundred tons of salt was ordered from Cargill. Larry plans to order another 50 tons next week to fill up the bins. Tim has been mowing roadsides doing 3-4 rounds on each road. Kuntzman removed the tree and large branch that was a hazard on Eberly Road. They poured the cemetery footers for headstones last week. There was one funeral for a year to date total of 17.

### **Public Comment**

Glen Hillegas stated that he called Town Hall II. He asked if anyone contacted Mr. Marz. Roger contacted Mr. Marz and gave him the same information. Glen stated that the situation is not any better.

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Gary Harrison stated that senior citizens over 65 in the sewer district can sign up for 10% discount on their sewer bill. Gary stated that Saturday is "Make A Difference Day". PARTA buses staffed with volunteers will be at various grocery stores collecting food. The food will be distributed between the various food shelf locations in Portage County.

Bruce noticed that the Town Hall has an algae or mildew problem on the exterior.

Gary asked about a noise activated recorder. Gary feels we need to deal with these issues, but not sure how to go about it. Roger will have Dan investigate a recorder that runs for an eight hour stretch. Gary suggested 24 hours.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

*Michael T. Jang*  
*Mary A. Rodenbacher*