

Randolph Township Trustee Meeting Thursday, September 25, 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 minutes
08-157 from the previous meeting. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.
(Present: Trustees Mike Lang, Gary Horning, Roger Klodt, Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, G. Harrison, F. Rodenbucher, C. Haught, B. Wagner.)

Old Business

Roger reported that Skibiski Asphalt sealed the back lot and weather permitting will finish this weekend. Roger spoke to Skibiski about striping in front of the SC/CC for vehicles and walkways. He received a quote for \$100. Mike thinks this is a good idea. Gary stated next year we should consider repaving the sections that are bad. He is in agreement about the striping.
08-158 Roger moved to contract with Skibiski Asphalt for \$100 to stripe in front of SC/CC. Gary seconded. Discussion: Mike questioned if the parking lines should be straight or angled. Mike and Roger thought straight was better. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger did not have the “go green” initiative finished yet, but will have it for the next meeting. He received two quotes to paint the light pole behind the SC/CC building. Russ Kline provided a quote of \$300 to clean, prime, and paint the pole. KC Electric quoted that he would not charge any more than what he’s got in it. He estimated that it would probably take 4-6 hours. His charge is \$65 per hour which works out to a range of \$260 - \$390. Roger would like to support one of our residents. There was discussion about the type of paint to be used. Roger made a
08-159 motion to have the two light poles painted for no more than \$400. Gary seconded.
RCV: Mike - yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger gave an update on the Christmas Box Angel of Hope project by the Ladies Cemetery Association. Mike asked where they were thinking of placing the statue. Roger stated that somewhere around the chapel. Roger suggested we sell the property for \$1. Roger stated that we could donate the interest from the cemetery bequests. Mary will check on the amount of interest we can donate. Mike would rather endorse the project instead of selling the property. Gary does not want to sell any township property. The cost for the statue is \$14,500 delivered plus the base. Mike suggested obtaining a legal opinion. Roger will attend next month’s meeting informing the group that we are in favor of helping. Roger moved to support the endeavors of the LCA in principle concerning the Angel of Hope project. Mike seconded.
08-160 RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

Gary met with the Bassett Road resident to discuss the water issue. He informed him that he would review the situation and find out our position on this issue. Gary explained that the culvert was installed to take care of water on the roadway. He will continue to work with the resident. Gary asked if we heard anything from Candy Deffenbaugh regarding grants. She will be in contact with Roger soon.

Mike presented the August fire report. The August responses were: EMS – 53; Fire – 9; MVC – 4; Inc. -8; for a total of 74 for the month and a year to date total of 380. The RFD is planning an Open House in conjunction with Trick or Treat. The Randolph Fair Board reimbursed the township for payroll and supplies. The fair went smoothly and was a busy week with 27 calls resulting in 18 transports. The Fair EMS saw a total of 262 people during the week. Due to the proposed rate increase from FireCom (approximately four times the rate we are currently paying), the RFD has been investigating other options for dispatching. There is a meeting scheduled next month with all the chiefs to discuss the rate increase. Mike is not planning to pay the proposed amount for dispatching. We are their oldest customers and Mike feels it is an insult. Gary suggested that we talk to the Ravenna Township board regarding the FEMA grant used to build the FireCom station. Gary stated we need to look after our taxpayers dollars. Mike will keep everyone posted. The generator ran well during the recent storm. The department handled about 20 incidents. Gary was concerned that 44 was closed for so long.

Mike stated the tree took down the high tension wires. Mike wasn't comfortable removing the tree and the rep from First Energy suggested that we not remove the tree. Gary suggested we investigate removing trees to prevent this issue for the future. Roger stated that he tried to get stop signs for the traffic lights that were out, but was informed that he couldn't do that. He contacted Akron and was informed that three weeks ago the ORC changed the rules that signs cannot be put up. Their reason is that when the lights come back on drivers do not know whether to follow the light or stop sign. Roger personally feels it is crazy and will contact Rep. Steve Dyer to express his view and get it changed back. Gary stated that when legislation is passed it was with good intent, but they do not always realize the impact. Sheriff Kaley came by and placed cones and fuses at the intersections. Roger thanked him for his effort. There were reports of trees down on phone lines on Eberly and Alexander roads. Gary suggested we contact the phone company. Mike stated we need to address this before phones go out. Mike and Larry will handle this.

AFLAC presentation is scheduled for Monday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. Mike contacted some concrete finishers about a rough estimate to repair the sidewalks and is waiting to hear back. It would also be a good idea to address the issue in front of the fire station where it drops off.

New Business

Roger would like to paint the doors SC/CC. He will check with Wise body shop to paint the doors. Roger suggested a blue-gray color. Roger will try to get it donated.

Roger stated that many limbs are down. He will take the dump truck and pick up limbs on Saturday. He thinks it might be a good idea to get a chipper and suggested we investigate purchasing one. Larry stated that the county chipper is available for township to use. Roger checked with Davey and Asplundh. Davey usually sends their equipment to the Edinburg Auction.

Roger suggested that Dan begin taking the water samples for the township. Roger asked Mary if she would walk him through the process. Mary agreed and Dan was agreeable to this request.

Gary has no new business at this time.

Mike asked about advertising dump truck. Larry stated it is not ready yet. This was tabled until the next meeting.

08-161 Mary asked if the trustees wanted to keep Trick or Treating for the township on the last Sunday of October between 2 and 4 p.m. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes.

08-162 Mary asked if there were any objections to the liquor license renewal for Sunoco. Mike moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Sunoco. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger - yes.

Mary signed a new contract with Republic Waste for the cemetery container. The contract is for call as needed and will cost \$30 plus the fuel charge. There is a savings on this container and the overall savings on all the trash containers is a great benefit for the township. Mary received the new gratis vehicle registrations with the correct addresses. Mary asked the trustees when they would like to schedule the employee evaluations. It was agreed to table this until the next meeting.

08-163 Mary called Jason Matney at Burnham & Flowers regarding our health insurance renewal. Jason is no longer with the company, but Jim Armentrout was able to locate our file. Medical Mutual has agreed to lower our increase by 2% making our new monthly premium about \$7,178 beginning October 1. Mike moved to accept the new rate. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger - yes.

Mary requested a motion for supplemental appropriations to set up the agency fund for recycling. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. 08-164

Mary reported that we received the check from Annoco for the aluminum cans. Mary requested a motion to issue a warrant to St. Joseph Recycling Committee. Roger so moved. Gary seconded. Discussion: Gary just wanted to clarify that when the cans are taken in the township receives the check and disperses it to the recycling committee as agreed. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. 08-165

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 179 – 193 totaling \$99,009.30, pay warrants 29393 – 29450 totaling \$18, 831.43, and pay EFTs 388 – 397 totaling \$6,439.89. Mike so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. 08-166

Larry reported that they have been working on widening and straightening Alexander Road. They were a little behind due to the storm and clean up, but it should be finished tomorrow. Shelly has tentatively scheduled the paving for Monday, October 6. Four backhoe tires need to be replaced. Larry contacted Ravenna Tire and Ziegler Tire. Ravenna Tire can no longer get Goodyear industrial tires. Larry doesn't want to buy foreign tires. Mike asked if Michelin is making these tires. Radials are twice as much. Mike and Roger stated that we support American made products. Gary agreed with Roger to buy locally and American made and also buy tires that will hold up. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting. Mitchell Communications installed the 2-way radio in the new truck and all is working well. Arms Trucking delivered 200 tons of cinders. He will order salt next week. There was one funeral with a total of 16 YTD.

Dan presented the zoning report. A few permits for accessory building were issued. The bank bought back the Duffy property. Chris Meduri has been in contact with bank and sent a sample resolution. Chris suggested we pursue the issue from the beginning. We could be one of the first lien holders by placing it on the tax record. Gary suggested filing a lien for the exact same amount and aggressively pursuing this issue. Chris has not received any response from the bank. Mike asked who owned it. Chase holds the mortgage and now owns it. Dan asked if we wanted to go through the court hearings to file the lien. Mike and Gary agreed to go through the court hearings. The lien is filed on the person, not the property. Roger stated that a letter from Vic Viguicci from 2006 stated that the adoption of the resolution. Dan presented the resolution to expedite the process. Roger wants to do whatever takes the least amount of time and the legal way. Dan suggested we wait until the next meeting and wait to hear from Chris Meduri. Roger agreed to table it until the next meeting. Board of Appeals meeting was tabled until October 6. Gary stated that it would be more advantageous to have all the information before the meeting. The legal opinion is that the Marz issue is agriculture. Dan will contact him and inform him that it is a personal issue between land owners. Gary asked to view the complaint letters from the residents. The Portage County Recorder's Office will file the zoning resolutions for \$50 and any future amendments for \$20 each. Roger moved to appropriate \$50 to record zoning resolutions. Gary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Gary – yes; Roger – yes. 08-167

Public Comment

Gary thanked the trustees on behalf of the Food Shelf for the use of the pavilion for the recent food distribution. The Akron Canton food bank was impressed with the building and parking lot. They served 97 families. Someone from the community paid for the delivery.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

