

Randolph Township Trustees Budget Hearing Thursday, June 9, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the hearing the pledge at 6:42 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher explained how she arrived at the figures for the proposed 2012 budget. Mary estimated the revenue very conservatively due to possible state budget cuts. The expenditures were increased by 3%. Mary stated that while the bottom line doesn't look great, we are continually working to reduce expenses which will help in the long run. Mike stated that we have always had a better number at year end than what is predicted.

Roger moved to accept the proposed 2012 budget. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

With no further questions, the budget hearing adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, P. Cernava, J. Presley,

Roger Klodt
Mary Rodenbucher

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Roger moved to dispense the reading of the minutes due to the budget hearing. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, P. Cernava, G. Harrison, B. Murphy, L. Klodt, G. Klag

Old Business

Mike found a deal for playground equipment pending approval from the board. The unit is from Pump It Up in Hartville for \$9,800. The original price was over \$15,000. There was discussion regarding placement and installation. Mike moved to purchase the playground equipment from Pump It Up. Sue seconded. Discussion: Sue wants to make sure everyone understands the playground equipment is being purchased with donated money. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger - yes.

Mike stated that we are on the waiting list with England for the fuel tank pad. The completion of the storage building is moving ahead.

Sue spoke to Dan about an alert system. Sue spoke about the car wash held by WHS last Saturday in memory of a classmate. They raised \$2,500 by 1 p.m. and over \$3,000 by 4:00. She was happy to see the superintendent and teachers in attendance. The class turned a sad event into a positive experience.

Roger contacted Carrie Merckle from Code Red regarding an alert system. He is waiting for a return call from John Mason. Roger feels we will somehow come up with some type of alert system between the county, Code Red and Nixie. Sue asked if we can put it on the ballot. Roger would not be interested in placing it on the ballot and raising taxes. Sue understands but is bringing up concerns from the residents. Roger reported that he and Mary attended the NOPEC awards program. Randolph was one out of 162 nominees to receive a special award for our building. Roger stated that Mary will provide more information in her report.

New Business

Mike was approached by an Eagle Scout to build picnic tables for the school park. Mike does not have all details but asked if we are interested. Roger is interested. Mike wants to promote youth and Eagle Scouts.

Sue asked about the rubber mats for the playground equipment. Mike stated we will have a better idea for an estimate once the unit is up. There was discussion about the type of material and cost. Roger doesn't feel it will cost that much for recycled rubber mulch. Larry stated that we will need to review the various types of material. He has additional information from our risk management evaluation.

Roger spoke about updated squad. The chassis was not traded in due to the low trade-in value. Roger would like to place it on e-bay. He suggested a starting bid of \$2,000 with a reserve bid of \$5,000 with the option that if the reserve is not met we can lower it. Mike is not sure if he agrees with that. We have talented individuals on the department that have the ability to piece it out. Roger moved to place the chassis on e-Bay. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger received information from Mary regarding permit notification for oil/gas drilling. Roger read the proposed resolution. Sue stated as a township we can't do anything but as a county we try to increase the bonds the drilling companies must post. Sue will call Mickey. Roger moved to adopt the proposed resolution. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger spoke about being proactive about the post office issue. He asked Dan to send a letters to the USPS in Cleveland and Congressman Tim Ryan. Roger spoke about the garage for the RFD pick-up truck. Mike spoke to Laurie who would like the department to look at a different location. Mike will measure the garage and see if it can be relocated. He will try to have more information for the next meeting.

Roger received a call from Len McKay regarding some dead trees at the Beverly Bird Sanctuary and Moyer Field. The Lion's Club would like the wood. Roger moved to donate the dead trees to the Randolph Lion's Club. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary stated that NOPEC awarded \$15,788,567.20 in grants. All grantees received a plaque for participating in the program. In conversation with Mickey Marozzi, all Portage County townships received NOPEC grants. Special recognition was given to various entities. Randolph Township received the Sustainable Energy Vision Award. Like Roger stated we were chosen from 162 participants. Mary stated that by working as a team we were able to accomplish this project. Mary invited everyone to look at the plaques the township received. They will be displayed in the new building once it is complete.

Mary reported that she and Larry met with Kelly Austin of KLA Risk Consulting regarding our OTARMA risk assessment. She stated that we received some good information and will work with Larry and Dan to implement the recommendations.

Mary and Roger spoke about the library utilities billing. Roger stated that since placing the meter on the library their calculated use is much less than in the past. He feels due to current economic conditions we should renegotiate our contract. We pay for one-half of the utilities and the upkeep of the building. Mike asked about the longevity of the library staying in Randolph. Roger stated they have no intention of leaving, but the state budget cuts could have an adverse effect. According to Cecilia Swanson there is a freeze on the 2011-2012 budget, but there is a proposed 50% reduction for 2013. Sue attended the library meeting. She feels that the post office and library are important to the township and doesn't want to do anything that will jeopardize it. Roger would like to have a discussion with them. Sue asked Mary to provide exact figures of the library billing. Discussion will continue at a future meeting

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 102 – 108 totaling \$8,789.87 and pay warrants 32346 – 32378, EFTs 971 – 977, and voucher 14 totaling \$70,826.41. Roger so moved. Mike seconded.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the road report. They have completed grading and seeding on Schroeder Road. They addressed some erosion problems. The first round of road mowing is about 75%-80% complete. The crack sealing machine arrived today. They will start tomorrow and continue for the next two weeks. Mike asked Larry to work until the job is complete due to the weather situation. We will be trading labor with Suffield. Bruce worked in Suffield for one week. Sue received a compliment from a Suffield trustee that Bruce did a good job. The area between the garages was blacktopped. The OPWC paperwork was turned in for Aberagg Road. Larry spoke about the OTARMA risk assessment for the playground at the school park. It was recommended that the equipment should be removed.

Dan presented the trustee assistant and zoning report. One permit was issued. He is working on complaints. Mike asked if the Angel's attorney contacted Dan. Dan stated the attorney contacted Chris Meduri. Mike stated that the letter sent to the Hot Stove League stands. Mike is discouraged by the non-response of the Angel attorney. Dan stated that he has completed the response to Paul Cernava. Dan gave the response to Paul at the meeting. The Eagle Scout project storage building at the school park has begun. Dan is still working on the letter to the Twin Elm and John Street property owners. Sue asked if a no parking sign was placed at Moyer Field. Larry stated that they are parking on county road right of way and we cannot place a sign there. Mike agrees that we cannot place the no parking signs. Larry will contact Bryan Ford at the engineer's office.

Roger presented the fire report in Chief Lang's absence. Responses for April: EMS – 32; Fire – 2; MVC – 4; Inc. – 12; Tests – 4 for a monthly total of 54. Responses for May: EMS – 38; Fire – 2; MVC – 3; Inc. – 5; Tests – 5 for a monthly total of 53 and a YTD total of 251. Ten new probationary cadets will be added to the roster. Ryan Nichols was moved from probationary status to full membership. John Jenior was moved from cadet status to probationary status. Roger congratulated John Jenior for being one of three valedictorians for WHS. The Memorial Day pancake breakfast was a success. Roger reported on EMS and fire training sessions. All trucks passed the annual pump testing. Chief Lang requested \$600 to purchase work pants for part-time and full-time members. Roger moved to appropriate \$600 for fire department work pants. Sue seconded.
RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Public Comment

Paul stated that he questioned the zoning inspector before signing papers to purchase his property. He was told that it was just a family business. He feels information has to be in some files that it was grandfathered in. Paul stated that a truck has been torn apart all winter. A friend who was visiting him asked if it was a truck junk yard.

He is disappointed that the zoning inspector didn't see it. Dan stated that he thought he was looking for junk cars. Paul feels there is too much favoritism in the township.

Bob thanked Larry and the road crew for mowing. Bob suggested that people need to be educated about road right of way. It might be a good idea for the newsletter with the request to plant crops 100 feet from road. Mike stated that Dan was instructed to send letters to the farmers. Mike feels it is the hired help that does the planting. Bob stated there is a portable business on Shaffer Road. He feels it gives the township a black eye. He thought it was addressed in the past. Bob is concerned about the renegotiating with the library. He feels if we pay for one we should pay all of it in regards to the young people.

Gary commented that Debbie Edwards has been essential to the Food Shelf as a VISTA worker. She has made good contacts through the Farmer's Market.

Sue asked Dan where the township stands on junk cars, tractors, trucks. Can it be on the property? Dan stated that until it gets to a certain point there is nothing we can do. Sue asked about zoning. Dan stated it is covered by the nuisance violation. Mike stated that it would follow the junk motor vehicle. Sue asked about items that are agricultural. Dan said if it is strictly agriculture, the individual may file a suit. Sue asked if no one complains what happens. Dan stated if no one complains he does not investigate it. Dan stated it would be a private nuisance. JMV violations must be seen from the road. Roger stated that there are some values attached to the resolution. Bob stated you have the right to renegotiate the resolution. Paul stated the neighbor was cited twice last year by EPA. Paul commented that it is a junk pile. The rule is if there is no license plate and parked outside it is a violation. He is just saying what it is. Sue personally doesn't want neighbors mad at her. Paul doesn't want to look at the neighbor's junk.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Roger Hodt
Mary A. Rodenbucker