

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting February 24, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham and VanNess, Fiscal Officer Kennedy, Melanie Schott
Absent: Trustee Mason
Guests: Travis Binckley
Larry Strayer
John Downey
Jacob Downey
Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

F.O. Kennedy shared that a former member of the Granville Fire Department, Robert “Bob” Parsley passed away earlier today. He stated Mr. Parsley served on the Department as an active volunteer for over ten years ultimately rising to the rank of Captain. Mr. Parsley’s wife, brother and one sister also served on the Department. His brother-in-law is still a member. He is survived by his wife Tara, a member of the Township’s Zoning Commission, sons Jack and Teddy and daughter Gracie. Mr. Kennedy asked for a moment of quiet reflection in remembrance of Bob Parsley.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the meeting minutes for special meeting on January 23, 2010, and regular meetings on January 27, 2010, and February 10, 2010 were approved as previously submitted and corrected.

Correspondence

F.O. Kennedy reported Chief Hussey attended the Safety Council Luncheon meeting on February 23rd which meets the requirement of completing a two hour Group Training class.

F.O. Kennedy stated he filed the 2010 CUAV application forms for Township owned property which is being farmed and therefore still on the property tax rolls. He also has filed the Township’s 2.5 mill Green Space Levy renewal Resolution with the Board of Elections. This renewal request will appear on the May 4th ballot. Trustee VanNess indicated he will be working with a citizen committee established to promote the levy.

Public Comment

Larry Strayer thanked the Township employees for the great job they’ve done this winter in response to all the snow and inclement weather.

Elected Official Reports

Trustee VanNess stated he spent two days at the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference last week. He attended seven educational seminars, including one for new Trustees. Trustee VanNess stated he is working with Township Zoning Commission secretary Betty Hullinger to schedule an organization meeting. He anticipates the meeting will be on March 29th at McPeck Lodge.

Trustee Abraham stated he also attended the Township Conference and enjoyed the various seminars as well as the vendor exhibits.

F.O. Kennedy stated he too attended the State Association Conference. One particularly useful educational seminar was a discussion about budgeting in tough economic times. He went on to say he has attended the Township Winter and Summer Conferences for nearly twenty-six years, has always learned something and is glad for the opportunity to participate in these educational forums.

Roads Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported during the last two weeks they have been working almost continuously on clearing the Township roads. He stated they used 42 tons of salt, and 57 tons of #9 aggregate. He also stated they recently took delivery of an additional 120 tons of salt and now feels comfortable with the supply on hand.

After the snow let up the employees have been working on fixing pot holes and repair of vehicles and equipment. Superintendent Binckley thanked Trustee Abraham for working with the employees to clear snow. Trustee VanNess asked what percentage of man hours would be overtime compared to regular time. Superintendent Binckley thought approximately one half of the hours were overtime, primarily because the last two snowfalls occurred on weekends, the latter including a holiday. Superintendent Binckley indicated the service department used 780 and 1,220 gallons of fuel in January and February, respectively.

The employees will be working on cleaning out, repairing and replacing damaged mailboxes on Township roads.

F.O. Kennedy stated Trustee Mason is continuing work on the problem of traffic in the SR16/Granview/Kendal Dr intersection. He has spoken with Ron Howard, John Weigand, and Doug Helman and plans to speak with ODOT again. They are going to discuss line of sight issues, road grades and perhaps the need for a longer 45 MPH speed limit zone which would also encompass Old Columbus Road.

Cemetery Department

Superintendent Binckley stated Warren May is continuing computer data input for Section 3 in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Fire Department

F.O. Kennedy reported Chief Hussey is at a house fire on Welsh Lane and will probably

not be in attendance at the meeting. The fire has been contained. Kennedy was able to leave the scene to attend this meeting.

F.O. Kennedy introduced Jacob Downey, a 2008 graduate of GHS who is presently attending OSU-Newark. Kennedy requested that Mr. Downey be appointed as a new probationary member of the Fire Department and be sworn in. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to appoint Mr. Downey as a new probationary member of the Fire Department. Following appointment Mr. Kennedy administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Downey. Mr. Downey will be enrolled in EMS and Fire training schools as they become available.

F.O. Kennedy reported Chief Hussey continues to work on clarifying some of the ISO rating evaluation criteria. He hopes to complete this project in the next few weeks and will officially present the ISO report to the Trustees.

F.O. Kennedy presented a purchase request from Chief Hussey for the installation of a winch system and brush guard for the Fire Department's 4-wheel drive truck grass truck by Trails West in Pataskala. The total expenditure would be just over \$3,500. F.O. Kennedy stated the money for this project is set aside as a proposed capital item expenditure. Trustee Abraham stated he did have some questions regarding the price but after discussions with Chief Hussey and Captain Thompson he feels it is a good project, price and vendor. He added by using Trails West the vehicle would only be out of service for 4-5 hours.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to the expenditure of \$3,511.63 for the purchase of a new brush guard and winch system from Trails West for T201 from the Fire Fund.

Comprehensive Plan

Trustee VanNess stated the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 1, 1020 at 7:00 PM at the Granville Intermediate School. F.O. Kennedy added the draft Comprehensive Plan is now on the Township's website under the Zoning Section and the meeting has been advertised in the newspaper.

Trustee VanNess stated he has been working on the method to be used to ultimately incorporate the Comprehensive Plan, after it's accepted, into the Township's Zoning Resolution. Trustee VanNess report in May 2008 the Township Trustees entered into an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group for it to assist in both incorporating the Comprehensive Plan and updating the remainder of the Township's Zoning Resolution. \$20,000 was appropriated for this purpose, of which \$10,300 has been spent. Trustee VanNess indicated he recently spoke with Randy Mielnik from Poggemeyer Design Group who indicated PDG thought they had prepared a completed plan back in 2008 and was under the impression the Comprehensive Plan was close to completion at that time. Mr. Mielnik implied given the time lapse and the additional locally initiated changes to the Plan that a new contract would need to be negotiated in order for any further work to be done.

Trustee VanNess feels it would be better to put the unspent \$9,676 back into the General Fund and have any further work done by the Township Zoning Commission members. Trustee Abraham asked if there could be a need for Poggemeyer to complete any remaining matters and therefore require additional funding. Trustee VanNess stated his conversations with Poggemeyer lead him to believe there is no work left to be completed under the old contract. Mielnik is going to send him files he will use to compare with information he received from Bill Habig.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to terminate the current contract with Poggemeyer Design Group contingent upon Trustee VanNess' concurrence after examination of the information provided by Randy Mielnik. F.O. Kennedy stated if the contract is voided, the \$9,676 will be returned to the General Fund.

Community Notification Project

No report.

GACC Presentation

Trustee Abraham stated this matter will be addressed at the next Trustee meeting.

Solid Waste District

F.O. Kennedy reminded the Trustees' several meetings ago they rescinded their action taken late last year to accept the proposed five year update of the Coshocton-Fairfield-Licking-Perry Solid Waste District Fifteen Year Management Plan. He stated he attended the Village Council meeting last week where a representative from the Solid Waste District spoke about the plan. The District needs 60% of the population centers throughout the four county regions, in certain combinations, to be in agreement with the plan for it to be accepted. Village Council passed a Resolution indicating they are not supportive of the plan because the Council members felt the Solid Waste District is not doing enough to control costs and are increasing fees to generate more revenue.

Trustee Abraham indicated the Granville Township Trustees have always supported the Solid Waste District and he would hope to do so in the future, but cannot support this plan as presented. This is a difficult time for Township residents and businesses. A number of our residents have lost their jobs and several of our local businesses have closed. We hear daily about how our residents and businesses have had to deeply cut expenses just to survive. This is perhaps the worst time in the last twenty years for a governmental entity to impose a 225% tax increase without having made a concerted effort to cut costs as deeply as possible before asking for more money. Trustee Abraham indicated a new Resolution stating the Township Trustees are not in support of the proposed Solid Waste District plan would send a stronger message. Trustee VanNess agreed the plan needs to be reworked.

Paul Jenks had been asked by the Trustees to comment on the plan based upon his experience in the waste industry. In a written narrative he indicated the following:

1. The State Solid Waste Plan mandates the District implement programs leading to compliance with one of two goals set forth in the State Plan. While achieving both of those goals is laudable it is not required. The District has already achieved Goal # 2. This is not the time to spend additional monies trying to achieve Goal #1.

Regarding Goal #1, the residents and businesses have met the recycling goals set forth in the original plan? In fact, the only recycling goal that has not been met is the industrial recycling goal, which is largely viewed as unattainable because of the nature of the industrial businesses within the district.

2. Even with the proposed revenue shortfall and even though compliance is only required for one of the two state goals, the District Plan states the “District is committed to continuing and aggressively expanding programs” to meet the other goal.” (It is our understanding that the industrial goal is virtually impossible to attain, because of the exceptionally large volumes of waste from AEP in Coshocton that cannot be recycled) Is this really money well spent?
- The disproportionate increase in the fees to be paid by in-district entities (increased 225%) compared to those for out-of-state entities (increased by 25%) and out-of-district entities (decreased by 12.5%).
 - If one of the objectives of the solid waste district is to reduce the volume of waste into the district’s landfills, why should out-of-district fees be reduced, thereby encouraging more use of the district’s landfills by out-of-district users?
 - Why would the District keep the out-of-states fees, \$1.25 per ton, artificially lower than either the out-of-district fees, \$3.50 per ton, or the in-district fees, \$3.25 per ton, and thus encouraging the District to become a dumping ground for out of state waste?.

It appears that many of the District problems have been caused by an expected shortfall in out-of-district waste and associated waste fees, the plan, as presented, does not support that statement or properly anticipate incomes from out-of- state wastes:

- Table ES-3 states in the base year of 2007 only 52,365.69 tons of waste came in from out-of-district. That represents a little over 3.8% of the annual waste that year. If this is true, the loss of out-of-district waste should not be the problem the District has proposed.
- Table ES-3 also states in the fifth year of the plan, 2014, no waste is arriving from out-of-state. It is rather well known that Tunnel Hill Landfill in Perry County is receiving trains filled with out-of-state waste on a daily basis that contain 800-1000 tons of waste per day. Also, it is rather well know that Tunnel Hill anticipates increasing this daily volume significantly. Based on this table we would question if the District has properly estimated its current and future revenues, and if not, is there really the need for such an aggressive increase to the in-district residents and businesses? According to the information provided in the plan, the solid waste district has an annual budget of \$2,649,124. Of that amount, \$1,836,687 (69%) is for programs to meet state plan goals for recycling and waste

reduction; while another \$646,050 (24%) is used for optional activities. Are there no opportunities for a reduction in those costs while still being able to meet the program goals?

Why in such a difficult time would the District not use up its cash carry over balances before asking for more money?

- In year one, 2010, the District has a \$4,923,428 (Table ES-5) and in the fifth year of the plan, 2014, the District still has \$2,672,731 cash carry over balance. Why would not the District plan to use up this cash balance over the next five years, thus reducing the need to request such a large increase from the residents? If the District still finds the need to request more money at the end of the fifth year, after more aggressive program reviews with associated cuts and a further evaluation of revenues at that time, the District could make such a request in the next five year update to the plan.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to send a Resolution to the Solid Waste District informing it of the reasons the Board of Granville Township Trustees cannot support the new five year plan as presently proposed.

Trustee Abraham indicated he hopes the Granville Township Trustees can return to a position of supporting the District and its goal of solid waste reduction. The Township has demonstrated this support in the past by bidding out solid waste and recycling so every citizen in the Township has access to recycling and while doing so, saved our citizens a significant sum on monies for such services. The message to the Solid Waste District is clear. Now is a time to help our citizens cut expenses, not increase the costs of government.

Permanent Appropriations

F.O. Kennedy stated he plans to present proposed 2010 appropriations at the March 10th meeting.

Allocation of Trustee Compensation Expense

F.O. Kennedy stated he has previously discussed the matter of financial pressure on the Township's General Fund. One of the suggestions made at the Township Winter Conference was to have the Trustees provide an allocation of their time spent on various types of Township business. Where appropriate, Kennedy would use this information to allocate the compensation paid to the Trustees to the various funds benefitting from their activity.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' moved to permit the Fiscal Officer to allocate appropriate work time to different Township Funds and to create a spreadsheet system to do facilitate this process.

Depository Matter

F.O. Kennedy indicated he would like to research what options the Township has available to earn a higher interest amount for public fund accounts.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustee's agreed to allow the Fiscal Officer to further investigate depository accounts paying a higher interest on public funds.

Financial matters

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the following appropriation transfers were approved:

From 1000-110-599-0000 General, other 3,200.00
To 1000-110-319-0000 General, professional & tech. 3,200.00

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos, EFT's, along with then and now certificates if applicable, were approved for payment:

E2862	Abraham	835.07	E2863	Barnhill	212.14
n/a		.00	E2864	Binckley	2997.76
E2865	Borden	1938.17	E2866	Bowman	1649.86
E2867	Bryan	1626.33	E2868	Butt	927.87
E2869	Clemens	1132.34	E2870	Coyle	313.44
E2871	Curtis	1923.63	E2872	DuBeck	412.08
E2873	Duncan	367.71	n/a	Engle	.00
E2874	Essick	205.08	E2875	Gottfried, N.B.	159.12
n/a		.00	E2876	Hall	1586.09
E2877	Harrison	245.86	E2878	Henry	775.28
E2879	Hill, B.	1137.12	E2880	Hill, J	110.30
E2881	Huhn	1364.02	E2882	Hussey	2532.81
E2883	Jones, A	358.87	E2884	Jones, B	570.39
E2885	Kennedy	71.41	E2886	Lynn	368.57
n/a		.00	E2887	Mason	800.74
E2888	May	447.92	E2889	Meisenhelder	577.36
E2890	Monroe	1256.38	E2891	Moore	43.52
E2892	Pack	225.11	E2893	Principe	428.54
E2894	Reece	1004.78	n/a	Riley	.00
E2895	Schott	130.57	n/a	Smith, D.	.00
E2896	Thomas	262.14	E2897	Thompson	1668.22
E2898	VanNess	1159.84	DM8	AEP	95.02
DM9	Columbia Gas	1422.52	DM10	Windstream	420.64
DM11	Village of Granville	350.80	6840	Aetna Health	6314.00
6841	Blackboard Connect	2721.75	6842	Alpha Link	85.00
6843	Norman Kennedy	165.94	6844	Nextel	196.14
6845	Wichert Insurance	100.00	6846	Newspaper News Network	18.05
6847	Village of Granville	18.35	6848	Job & Family Services	1554.38
6849	Wince Welding	123.77	6850	Kirkwood Glass	100.00
6851	McDonald Auto Repair	2739.58	6852	Plaza Hardware	17.71
6853	Ohio Dept. Admin Serv	100.00	6854	Travis Binckley	49.48
6855	Granville Village Mkt	10.22	6856	Cintas	368.95

6857	United Aggregates	471.38	6858	Cargill Inc	7262.33
6859	Howell Rescue Systems	2625.00	6860	Bound Tree Medical LLC	73.14
6861	Fire House	139.00	6862	Fire Safety Services	3400.00
6863	Office Equipment Finance	99.00	6864	Learning for Life – Explorers	130.00
6865	Morrow & Erhard	1700.00	6866	PNB – IRS	6535.32
6867	OIT	2346.58	6868	SDIT	221.80
6869	GIT	855.28	6870	Deferred Comp	2400.00
6871	AFLAC	648.36	6872	Ohio Public Entity Cons	4657.67

I hereby certify that the funds were on hand or in process of collection and properly appropriated for payment of the aforementioned warrants.

Norman S. Kennedy, Fiscal Officer

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Abraham yes, and VanNess yes the meeting was moved into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(2) with respect to possible property acquisition.

After a period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess with Abraham yes and VanNess yes the meeting was returned to regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.