

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 10, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham, Mason and VanNess, F.O. Norman Kennedy, Melanie Schott

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel
Doug Helman, Bill Hoffman & Randal Howard - Kendal
John Weigand – Granville Rotary
Jerad & Joseph White, 2551 Loudon St
Drew Bennett, 3382 Deeds Rd

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting were approved as previously submitted and revised.

Correspondence

F.O. Kennedy stated there were no workers' compensation claims in the 4th quarter. He added he is working with Chief Hussey to resolve a BWC ruling that the continuation of a previous claim for a knee injury is now a new claim. There will be an appeal hearing in Mansfield later this month.

Public Comments:

None.

Elected Official Reports

Trustee VanNess stated he attended the Comprehensive Plan public hearing on March 1st where the steering committee received feedback from citizens regarding water extension, annexation wording, open space designations and the format of the Plan. Trustee VanNess indicated there will be another Steering Committee meeting on March 23rd at 5:30 to discuss these matters, followed by another public hearing held after the Plan is reworked.

Trustee VanNess reported the committee promoting the renewal of the 2.5 mill Open Space levy has been working and plans a kickoff party to be held at the Granville Inn on April 7th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. He encouraged the Trustees to attend.

Trustee Mason reported he attended the monthly meeting of the Joint Communication Committee with representatives of the Village, Chamber of Commerce, Granville Recreation District, Denison University and the Granville Schools.

Trustee Mason reported he had to call the Energy Coop to express concern its tree cutting crews failed to pick up tree limbs scattered along Welsh Hills Road from Llanberis Dr down toward Evergreen Hills. The limbs were picked up the following week.

Trustee Mason stated he, Superintendent Binckley and F.O. Kennedy met with Bill Lozier and Ty Yoho (County Engineer's Office), Ty Thompson (ODOT), and Dr. John Weigand (Kendal) regarding safety issues surrounding the intersection of Route 16 and the Kendall entrance opposite Granview Rd. The ODOT representative was receptive to the concerns raised. Trustee Mason said they were told again that ODOT standards will not permit the installation of a traffic light, however they discussed trimming of trees to improve the site distance, the installation of warning signage, the extension of the reduced speed limit zone and some possible reworking of the Granview entrance onto SR16. There may be another meeting after ODOT has had an opportunity to study the suggestions.

Trustee Mason said he also attended the Comp Plan meeting and has met with several interested parties to obtain insight into how the Plan document might be restructured to make it more readable. These suggestions will be provided to the Steer Committee.

Trustee Mason also attended a municipal storm water meeting held with an EPA representative. While Granville Township does not have a storm water collection system, it is drawn into this matter because of its proximity to the Village of Granville and the City of Newark. The EPA representative stated Licking County has not done a good job implementing waste water runoff water guidelines. On the County level Bill Lozier has been asked to work on this matter and coordinate the efforts of all the participants. It is very possible Granville Township will be joining with other County entities to conduct site mapping of possible waste water runoff. Mason indicated the Township does not have the personnel or expertise to perform these tasks and will probably wind up paying the joint cost of such efforts. He does not know what the ultimate cost might be, but knows the money will probably need to come from the General Fund and nothing has been earmarked for such an expenditure.

Trustee Mason assisted the GRD in conducting its interviews for a new director. From the total pool, four individuals were interviewed and the search has been narrowed to two candidates from whom the GRD Board members will select the director.

Trustee Abraham indicated he also attended the Comp Plan public hearing and hopes it will not take too long to implement any of the recommendations received at the hearing. Abraham is also the Township's representative to the Licking County Health Department. At the last meeting of advisory group it was reported the Health Department has reduced its budget by approximately \$400,000, laid off two people and still has 65 employees. A total of 20,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine were received, with 14,000 administered leaving about 6000 doses still available, free of charge, for anyone still interested. Trustee Abraham indicated he will provide a copy of the Health Department's annual report to F.O. Kennedy.

Trustee Abraham also participated in a meeting of the Union Cemetery Board to discuss the budget for work at the Old Colony Burying Ground.

Roads Department:

F.O. Kennedy stated for the past two years the Township has participated in ODOT's statewide rock salt purchase program. This program has enabled the Township to obtain the best price possible because of the larger quantity being sold by the vendor and to obtain delivery when needed rather than being at the mercy of the spot sale market. He has discussed the matter with Superintendent Binckley and determined the amount to be bid upon is 650 tons, which includes 80 tons to be purchased by McKean Township (at a markup of \$.50 per ton for handling), of which the Township must purchase at least 80% and can be increased no more than to 120%. Kennedy requested approval by the Trustees to again participate in the bid program for the 2010-2011 winter season for the quantity specified and to include McKean Township in Granville Township's bid amount.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' moved to again participate in ODOT's state-wide salt bid program.

Mr. Binckley stated the crews have been out on numerous occasions using 21 tons of salt and 30 tons of #9 gravel to help keep the Township roads clear. Between storms the employees have been working on equipment repairs and trimming trees along Township roads. Next week they plan to be trimming trees in the northeast quadrant and patching roadside berm where needed.

Mr. Binckley indicated in prior years the roads and cemetery employees have converted to a four ten hour day work schedule after conversion to daylight savings time. He has found this to be more efficient in terms of saving 20% of the setup and tear down time for work projects. With more daylight this enables more work to be done. Trustee Abraham noted in the past this change has cut down on fuel consumption, as well as overtime hours. Trustee VanNess asked if Mr. Binckley has any flexibility in choosing the day off given a forecast for inclement weather. Mr. Binckley stated he has a long list of indoor work to be done in inclement weather whenever the crews are not out working on the roads or in the cemetery. He also noted that the seasonal, part-time employee, in the cemetery is not in during inclement weather as his work can only be performed out of doors.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to move the road and cemetery employee schedule to four ten hour days during the period of daylight savings time, to be converted back to five eight hour days on or before November 1st.

Cemetery Department

Mr. Binckley reported Warren May continues work on inputting Maple Grove Section 3 information in the Township's cemetery data base.

Mr. Binckley requested permission to again hire a seasonal part-time laborer from April thru September for the cemetery. F.O. Kennedy clarified the pay rate would be at

\$10.00 per hour and a portion of the employee's hours would be charged to the Union Cemetery for work performed at Old Colony. The Trustee's indicated that this past practice should be continued.

Parks Department

No Report.

Fire Department:

Chief Jeff Hussey reported the Fire Department recently responded to a chimney fire in Granville and provided mutual aid for a house fire in Newark Township.

Fire Department personnel are participating in a number of training courses.

Chief Hussey reported he has been reviewing the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Rating Report. He noted Granville saw improvement in the unincorporated areas having obtained a Class 8B rating for areas more than 1000 feet from a hydrant, one of only thirty communities in the state to achieve this rating. Chief Hussey stated the Village rating did not change which he is looking into as there may have been some data errors in the factor scoring by ISO. Once the Village rating has been clarified he plans to issue information to the news media about the ISO ratings.

Community Notification System

Chief Hussey stated the community database has been loaded and is now functional. The next step is to establish passwords and accounts. A test will be conducted next week without actually putting any calls out. He plans to meet with the Township's ISP regarding placing a link on the Township website so residents can use it to put their cell phone and other telephone numbers in the response system.

Granville Visitor Information Center

Drew Bennett explained an interim task force from each of the stakeholders met since the Trustees' last meeting to address concerns and reduce the projected budget for the proposed Visitor Center. Expenses were reduced by \$1000 per year for the Township and \$2000 per year for the Village. He noted the Chamber contribution was also reduced because it would be occupying 2/3 of the space in the office suite where the visitor center would be located. Trustee VanNess stated he was on the interim task force and they decided to reduce the yearly contribution rate amount from the financial plan. Trustee VanNess stated he really believes in this economy the Trustees' need to do what they can to help support local businesses. He suggested trying to find the money in the General Fund budget to approve the revised Visitor Center financial plan and commit the Township to \$25,000 over the next two years.

Trustee Mason indicated he is uncomfortable taking action before the Village Council makes a commitment – mainly because the proposed visitor center is in the Village and businesses located in the Village stand to benefit more than the unincorporated area of the Township. Trustee Mason went on to commend what the Chamber is doing and suggests the concept of a visitor center. The feedback he is receiving from Township

residents is “why are we even thinking of doing this when we see the kinds of financial problems we do down the pike?” Trustee Mason added if he could see an end to the Township’s financial commitment for the Visitor’s Center, he might think differently. He stated the Township doesn’t have an earmark in its General Fund for this kind of expenditure - particularly an ongoing expenditure. Trustee Mason stated the Township’s five year plan presented by Fiscal Officer Kennedy at a special planning meeting in January shows the Township’s General Fund is going to be in trouble in 2012. The Fund becomes overdrawn at that point which is not permitted by State law. Trustee Mason said he has to ask himself “What is my responsibility as a Trustee?” He stated those dollars designated for roads have to stay in the Roads Fund and cannot be spent on other items. The same with the Cemetery money, the Open Space money etc. Only General Fund money can be spent on a project such as the proposed Visitor Center. He went on to say if this idea could be placed on the ballot, they could see if Township residents are willing to pay for it. Trustee Mason stated this financial request comes at a time when some in the community would like to see a pool or a senior citizen center built. He stated the Trustees need to determine what the community priorities are and this is why he welcomes the GRD’s idea to send a survey out to the public. Trustee Mason stated he would look at this request differently if the money were to be loaned and in two to three years it could be paid back. He stated he is not against the idea at all, but the Trustees need to do some serious thinking before they provide funding at the level that is being asked of them.

Trustee Abraham stated he is a business member of GACC and it has looked at a number of areas to locate a visitor center and this is definitely the lowest cost option. Trustee Abraham agreed a visitor center would be good for the community, but he is not 100% sure the Township will benefit as much as the Village. As a business owner his vote would be yes, but as a business decision for the Township his answer would be no. Trustee Abraham stated the situation with the Township’s General Fund balance in the future is not looking good and he thinks the Village is in the same situation with its General Fund.

Trustee VanNess stated he would like to move forward on a decision tonight. He stated the Village is part of the Township too. He also stated the Trustees’ recently were able to return \$9600 to the general fund by cancelling the remainder of the Poggemeyer Design Group commitment for additional zoning work.

Trustee VanNess moved to accept the presented plan for a visitor center from the GACC for \$25,000 in funding by the Township over the next two years. The motion was second by Trustee Abraham. Trustee Mason called for discussion.

Trustee Mason asked Trustee VanNess where the dollars would come from for such an expenditure.

Trustee VanNess stated that he looks at where the Trustees’ can strive to make improvements, such as the Paramount building sitting empty, Owens Corning, and Dow. He stated actions to get businesses in these places are better than sitting back and doing

nothing. Trustee VanNess stated that \$25,000 is not that much money when one looks at business being the backbone of the community.

Trustee Mason stated he agrees with Trustee VanNess, but where does the General Fund money come from to pay for other things facing the Township? He indicated he is apprehensive about spending money now when other issues (like the EPA storm water identification mapping is an unknown General Fund cost) will be coming forward in the future.

Trustee Abraham stated the Trustees' could be looking at EPA mandated storm water costs that could be \$7500 every year. Trustee Mason stated this amount is a guess, and it is something that is unknown at this time. Trustee VanNess stated storm water funding costs are far out and it is a wild guess as to what it might cost in the future.

Trustee Abraham indicated as for the vacant properties, such as Paramount, he is not sure a visitor center will be of much aid in filling those kinds of buildings. He stated moreover, the State of Ohio puts tax restrictions in for businesses when neighboring states don't have the same restrictions. He suggested there are some better ways to explore filling these areas with businesses – perhaps the Licking County Chamber of Commerce or Newark Chamber of Commerce. Trustee VanNess stated the new director of the visitor center could be working on contacting these other Chamber entities and promoting Granville out there in consideration for businesses as a location site.

F.O. Kennedy was asked for his opinion and he indicated he will remain neutral on this matter other than to say he does have some concern the Visitor Center will become an ongoing request beyond the initial two year period. During their presentation the GACC shared only one of the visitor centers they talked to, in Hudson Ohio, became self-sustaining after two years. Each of the others required an ongoing subsidy. Trustee VanNess stated the GACC would have two years to prove the Visitor Center was a positive for the community.

Trustee Abraham suggested amending the motion made by Trustee VanNess to state the Township funds would only be through January 2012 and the financial commitment would be readdressed at that time. Trustee VanNess agreed to amend his motion to state Township funds would be secured through January 2012 and the Township's financial commitment would be readdressed in January 2012.

Trustee Mason indicated he would much rather not take a position and noted the Village is funded differently than the Township. He stated he doesn't want "to be the vote which breaks the back of the Visitor Center proposal." Trustee VanNess stated with the Township being the first vote they won't. Trustee Mason stated it is his understanding the Center will not happen if the Village doesn't approve the plan and he doesn't think the Trustees should spend this kind of money on the visitor center at this time with the current economy. Mr. Bennett acknowledged the visitor center will not move forward without Township and Village financial assistance.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to amend Trustee VanNess' original motion to accept the presented plan for a visitor center from the GACC to further state the Township funds would be secured through January 2012 and their financial commitment would be readdressed in January 2012.

Trustee VanNess moved to accept the amended motion for the Trustees' to provide \$25,000 over a two year period to subsidize the operation of a visitor center. Seconded by Trustee Abraham. The motion failed 2-1 as follows: Trustee VanNess (yes), Trustee Mason (no), Trustee Abraham (no).

Drew Bennett, GACC, stated he appreciated the time and thought put into the idea of a Visitor Center. He stated the direct measurement of the impact would have to be something which evolved over time. Trustee Mason thanked him and stated he feels badly this did not work out but he is still apprehensive of extending the Township financially the dollars are available to do it.

ODOT Enhancement Funds – Letters of Interest

F.O. Kennedy stated ODOT has accepted the Letters of Interest for both the proposed Southwest Corridor Pathway and Rotary Bridge to Raccoon Valley Park Projects. Grant applications for each project must be turned in by May 1st and it was requested that the projects be ranked by the Trustees when submitted. ODOT received Letters of Interest for 71 projects requesting \$61 million in funding from a \$14 million pool of funds. F.O. Kennedy indicated each project requires a 20% local share, plus guarantee of payment for any non grant covered project costs.

Trustee Abraham asked Mr. Rand Howard (Southwest Corridor Pathway) if they have raised the needed 20%. Mr. Howard stated it is their hope to have these commitments in place by mid April. Kendal will not submit its application if they don't have the funding in place.

Dr. John Weigand (Rotary Bridge) indicated they have the Rotary component locked down and initial engineering in place however they are also seeking firm commitments for the remainder of the required 20%.

Mr. Howard suggested the two applicants could submit 90% of the ODOT grant application to the Trustees by April 21st so the Trustees can review the applications before their regular April 28th Township meeting when they must make a final decision. Dr. Weigand agreed this would be acceptable.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to address the two applications being sent to ODOT for Transportation Enhancement Funds on April 28th and determine a ranking at that time. They also asked each applicant to turn in at least 90% of their application by April 21st for review.

Financial Matters

F.O. Kennedy presented the 02/28/10 bank reconciliation for the Trustees review and approval.

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

From 1000-110-599-0000 General, other	250.00
To 1000-110-519-0000 General, dues & subscriptions	250.00
From 1000-110-599-0000 General, other	100.00
To 1000-110-121-0000 General, FO comp.	100.00

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

n/a	Abraham	.00	E2899	Barnhill	192.33
E2900	Binckley	2386.56	E2901	Borden	1452.39
E2902	Bowman	1736.39	E2903	Bryan	1361.59
E2904	Butt	1340.20	E2905	Clemens	1112.24
E2906	Coyle	175.88	E2907	Curtis	1909.21
E2908	DuBeck	448.52	E2909	Duncan	170.49
n/a	Engle	.00	E2910	Essick	730.13
n/a	Gottfried, N.B.	.00			.00
E2911	Hall	1382.90	E2912	Harrison	255.71
E2913	Henry	678.95	E2914	Hill, B	1117.31
E2915	Hill, J	110.30	E2916	Huhn	1254.77
E2917	Hussey	2532.81	E2918	Jones, A	597.90
E2919	Jones, B	489.10	n/a	Kennedy	.00
E2920	Lynn	247.93	n/a	Mason	.00
E2921	May	583.97	E2922	Meisenhelder	577.36
E2923	Monroe	1230.73	n/a	Moore	.00
n/a	Pack	.00	E2924	Principe	136.66
E2925	Reece	981.75	n/a	Riley	.00
E2926	Smith, D.	196.52	E2927	Thomas	262.14
E2928	Thompson	1563.67	6873	PNB – IRS	4794.62
6874	Deferred Comp	1500.00	6875	PNB – OPERS	7071.92
6876	OP&FPP	15584.44	6877	Elan Financial	335.31
6878	MT Business Tech	26.39	6879	Treasurer State of Ohio	100.00
6880	Kokosing Materials	106.40	6881	Angeletti Overhead Door	68.00
6882	Ace Truck Equip	107.96	6883	Ashcraft Machine	47.33
6884	Southeastern Equipment	32.58	6885	KPS/NAPA	2051.66
6886	Travis Binckley	31.52	6887	Dish Network	544.93
6888	Granville Milling	44.85	6889	Granville Market	66.85
6890	Granville Lumber	358.54	6891	Cintas	343.60
6892	United Aggregates	1388.55	6893	Certified Oil	4624.09
6894	COTC	661.00	6895	CVS Pharmacy	6.99
6896	Licking Memorial Hospital	117.96	6897	Fire House	304.50
6898	Jan's in Stitches	228.00	6899	Ohio Health/Behavior Health	119.85
6900	Capital Consulting	754.00	6901	Physio-Control	277.84
6902	Appraisal Solutions	495.00	6903	Mercer Door Sales	70.00
6904	Amer Safety & Health Inst	311.43	6905	Trails West Distributing	3511.63
6906	TCI	770.36			

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.