

Granville Township  
Minutes of Regular Meeting April 28, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham, Mason and VanNess, Fiscal Officer Kennedy, Melanie Schott

Guests: Travis Binckley  
Jeff Hussey  
Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg St.  
Larry Strayer, 3104 Canyon Rd  
John Weigand, 704 Newark Granville Rd  
Bill Hoffman, Rand Howard, Doug Helman, Kendal at Granville  
Phil Watts, 3966 Moots Run Rd, Alexandria  
Ron Howard, 46 Clover Ct  
Don Holycross, 141 E. Broadway  
Paul Jenks, Pinehurst Dr.  
Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

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

Farm Lease Bid Opening

F.O. Kennedy opened three bids received for the four calendar year period 2010 – 2013 farm lease of the former Quisenberry property:

- 1) David Felumlee, Newark OH \$18,600
- 2) Watts Farms Ltd, Alexandria OH (Granville Twp residence) \$18,200; At 110% for bid value comparison purposes = \$20,020
- 3) Donald Martin, Alexandria OH \$27,984

F.O. Kennedy suggested the bids be held for a period of thirty days while, he, Rob Schaadt, and Trustee VanNess evaluate the bids and further they be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the best bidder before the next meeting, the action to be ratified at the next meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to accept these bids for evaluation by Trustee VanNess, F.O. Kennedy and Land Management Committee Chair Rob Schaadt and permit them to award the bid prior to the next meeting to permit the lessee to register the property for any available farm programs.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 24, 2010 were approved as previously submitted and revised.

Correspondence

F.O. Kennedy reported the following correspondence/paperwork had been received or sent:

Workers Comp – During the course of an emergency run an employee came in contact with an irritating plant which caused a dermatitis problem on his arms and hands necessitating a medical visit and medication. There was no lost time from work.

The Granville American Legion Post requested permission to conduct “poppy sales” at the entrance to Maple Grove during Memorial Day. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees’ agreed to permit American Legion to conduct poppy sales funding at Maple Grove during Memorial Day.

The Licking County Commissioners granted the Expedited II annexation as petitioned by Jackson Reynolds III, agent for Petitioners, as required by Section 709 of the Ohio Revised Code, to annex certain territory, adjacent and contiguous, containing 9.89 acres in Granville Township to the village of Granville. This is an area east of Lancaster Rd, north of River Rd. The territory to be annexed is not to be excluded from the Township and is to remain a part of the Township’s tax base (ORC709.023 &503.70). Village Manager Holycross indicated the Village Council must still approve a Highway Responsibility Ordinance.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Elected Official Reports

Trustee VanNess reported on the following:

- a) he is working with Rob Klinger, Licking County Director of Economic Development, to schedule an economic workshop at the Paramount Financial Building hosted by Park Shai. He hopes to have representatives from the Village, Granville, Union and Harrison Townships in attendance. Information on the workshop will be forthcoming.
- b) After consultation with the County Engineer the Township developed a permit application form to allow for non-explosive roadway seismic testing in the Township. Flint Ridge Energy has completed the application which must be approved by the Trustees.  
On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Trustees Abraham and VanNess yes and an abstention by Trustee Mason the motion to approve seismic testing along Hankinson Rd and Cambria Mill Rd was adopted . Trustee Mason indicated his abstention was a result of his missing the previous meeting where the seismic drilling issue was discussed.
- c) work is progressing on the Phase I Environmental analysis of the Dixon property. It should be completed by the end of the week.
- d) he spent several hours with Superintendent Binckley looking at the roads being proposed for resurfacing in 2010

Trustee Mason reported on the following:

- a) It appears the Green Space Levy campaign is going well and he congratulated the committee on their efforts. He added he likes the look of the sign at Spring

- Valley Park, which is an appropriate location since this land was purchased with the assistance of Green Space dollars. F.O. Kennedy stated he talked with the Director of the Board of Elections and determined it is permissible to place levy signs on public property as long as no public money is being spent which is the case at Spring Valley Park.
- b) He met with Doug Helman at Kendal regarding the potential Southwest Pathway project.
  - c) He also met with ODOT Managers Earl Simpson and Ron Miller to discuss what ODOT is planning to do along SR16 at the entrance to Kendal. They plan to trim back trees along 16 to help with visibility. They also plan to extend the 45 MPH speed reduction zone and put up yellow 35MPH signs at the Kendal intersection.

Trustee Abraham indicated he and Melissa Hartfield were asked to participate in the Memorial Day Services at Maple Grove Cemetery on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Roads Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported the Township Fixup Cleanup week dumpsters will be at the rear of Abe's Automotive from Friday May 1 thru Friday May 7. This information has also been displayed on the Township's website. The employees have been clearing trees on Llanberis and one along New Burg.

F.O. Kennedy indicated the Township has a five-year plan for capital road improvements. After the last meeting he noted there will not be a second meeting in May to open bids for 2010 roadwork. To prevent having to open bids in June he asked Superintendent Binckley, in conjunction with Trustee Abraham, to put together their proposed 2010 paving program and advertise the bidding for this work in the April 26<sup>th</sup> Advocate. Being in the paper by this date meets the ORC bid requirements for a May 12<sup>th</sup> opening and yet still will provide the Trustees with an opportunity to modify the proposed roadwork.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to ratify advertising on April 26<sup>th</sup> for 2010 roadwork bids to be opened on May 12th.

Superintendent Binckley distributed information, which was used to determine the material amounts to be bid, to the Trustees for their use on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Cemetery Department

Superintendent Binckley stated there have been four funerals and two graves sold since the last meeting. He also stated they plan to pour foundations tomorrow while work continues on mulching throughout the cemeteries.

#### Parks Department

Superintendent Binckley stated he ordered 100+ tons of gravel for Raccoon Park which will be reimbursed by the Joint Recreation District (JRD).

Trustee Abraham indicated he and F.O. Kennedy have a meeting with representatives of

the JRD to talk about park responsibilities.

Rob Schaadt expressed his appreciation for the job done by Boy Scout Troop 65 clearing brush and cleaning up at Spring Valley Park.

#### Fire Department

Chief Hussey reported five members of the fire department will be in Dayton this weekend for training at the Howell Rescue School. Chief Hussey stated he has been asked to participate on the new Granville School Transportation Committee to work on evaluating school bus stop locations, bus routing, and overall transportation safety. The School District plans to give parents the ability to appeal bus stop locations and routes.

Chief Hussey requested the Trustee's terminate volunteer Mathew Impostato as he did not successfully complete probationary membership requirements

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' accepted Chief Hussey's recommendation to terminate the probationary membership of Matt Impostato. Mr. Impastato has returned all of his department equipment.

#### Raccoon Creek Flood Monitoring System

Trustee VanNess stated he talked with representatives of Denison and looked further into the Raccoon Creek flood monitoring proposal. Trustee VanNess indicated he doesn't see much value to the Township by participating in the flood monitoring/modeling system. Trustee Mason said he disagreed. He believes the Township should support the Village and Denison University both of which plan to participate in funding the flood monitoring/computer modeling system. Trustee Mason suggested participation at a level of \$500 per quarter which is approximately one-half the amount requested. Trustee VanNess asked about the \$1,500 per year which F.O. Kennedy had in the five year plan for River Monitoring costs. F.O. Kennedy stated this number each year was not based upon a firm commitment, but merely his attempt to include a base number from which to work. Regardless of whether or not this number is included in the plan, the Township's General Fund still shows a major deficit beginning in 2012 which continues thru 2013 and 2014 in the five year plan. Trustee Abraham stated he voted against the flood monitoring program when it was initially presented. After the presentation at the last meeting he sees some benefit to thinking of neighbors downstream. He added the Township needs to be a good neighbor to Newark and the Village. Trustee VanNess stated that he agrees in being a good neighbor, but when Township General Fund money is tight the Trustees should look out for the Township so it is in good shape for the future.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, with Mason and Abraham yes and VanNess no, the Trustees' agreed to rescind a motion on March 24, 2010 denying funding and appropriate a total of \$3,500 (\$500 x 7 quarters) toward the USGS flood monitoring/modeling system.

### NPDES – EPA storm water issues:

Trustee Mason indicated the County is still moving forward in an attempt to resolve EPA complaints about storm water efforts in Licking County. Trustee Mason stated he is unsure how the Township should proceed. Trustee VanNess suggested the Township should hold off doing anything for now. Trustee Abraham questioned if the Township should move forward on the testing portion of the request. F.O. Kennedy indicated he has received a \$2,000 assessment from Licking County for the cost of this part of the program. Trustee VanNess said he doesn't have enough information to make a decision. He has looked at the map of proposed monitoring area for the Township and doesn't understand why it should cost so much. He suggested contacting Bill Lozier, with the Licking County Engineer's Office to obtain an update on this issue. Village Manager Don Holycross indicated the Village has contacted the EPA to notify it the Village plans to provide its own data. Trustee Mason indicated he would ask Mr. Lozier to attend the next Trustee meeting.

### ODOT Transportation Grant Applications

#### 1. Southwest Pathway

Doug Helman stated they fell short of obtaining the 20% local match needed to apply for the ODOT grant in question. He read aloud a letter withdrawing their application and he stated they plan to have something ready to present for funding if the same program is in place next year. Mr. Helman thanked the Township Trustees and the others involved for all their time and effort on this project.

#### 2. Rotary Bridge

Dr. John Weigand stated he would like to recognize Doug Helman, Rand Howard, and Bill Hoffman for their efforts to acquire local match funds for the Kendal Southwest Quadrant Pathway project. Dr. Weigand went on to say Granville Rotary has obtained commitments for the required minimum 20% local match and they are actually sitting at 26% of the match. Dr. Weigand stated with the cooperation of the Township Trustees, the Village, Granville Joint Recreation District, and a number of foundations in and around Licking County, as well as donations by individuals, they obtained the required commitments. F. O. Kennedy indicated based upon the Trustee's motion at the last meeting the Township is committing a total of \$10,000 to the Rotary Bridge project now the Kendal project has dropped out of contention. He has received a copy of an ODOT required Township Grant Application Resolution prepared by Village Planner Alison Terry for the Rotary Club. This resolution calls for an 80/20 sharing ratio. He thought the application received additional evaluation points if there was a local match exceeding 20%. Dr. Weigand indicated they decided there was no additional point ranking value granted beyond the 20% minimum. In addition, he recognizes the grant program calls for other construction program costs to be paid by the applicant as well as any costs exceeding the projections used in the grant application. Since the Township has no further funds to commit to this bridge the Rotary Club must hold back monetary commitments to pay these contingencies.

Trustee Mason stated he is more comfortable with submitting a grant requesting 80% from ODOT and having Rotary hold back financial commitments so when there are additional costs they don't come back on the Township as it is the public entity submitting the application. He added he hopes no one entity is "hung out to dry" if the project does run into financial problems. Trustee VanNess said it's hard to be comfortable with forward looking projections. Who knows exactly what cost increases will be in the future. There's also a question about the Township committing to pay for 20 years of maintenance. Trustee VanNess specifically asked whether or not the Township can back out of this grant if unanticipated expenses come up for which no additional funding is obtained. Dr. Weigand indicated it is his understanding ODOT will meet with them if the project is chosen and there is opportunity to back out if the costs are different and committed funds aren't there. Paul Jenks, representing the GRD, stated the various stakeholders have met to talk about what should be done with the committed amount over the 20% required local match. Those participants felt the commitments exceeding the minimum 20% should be held back as they know the Township does not have General Fund money to make up a shortage. He is pleased this grant application has broad based community support as those applications tend to score better. Mr. Jenks also stated the Township does have the ability to back out if the anticipated expenses go beyond what is anticipated come construction time. F.O. Kennedy read aloud the Resolution for the Township to submit the Rotary Bridge project grant application.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to be the lead agency to submit the ODOT grant for the Rotary Bridge project.

Financial matters

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

From 2192-120-599-0000 Parks, other	851.00
To 2192-120-319-0000 Parks, professional services	851.00
From 2191-220-310-0007 Fire, annual monitor servicing	750.00
To 2191-220-510-0000 Fire, dues & subs	750.00
From 1000-110-599-0000 General, carryover	2,001.00
To 1000-110-599-0005 General, river monitoring program	2,001.00
From 1000-110-599-0004 General, carryover	10,000.00
To 1000-610-599-0001 Parks, Rotary Bridge Project	10,000.00

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:

n/a	Abraham	.00	E3034	Barnhill	327.43
E3035	Binckley	1520.94	E3036	Borden	1366.21
E3037	Boudinot	645.50	E3038	Bowman	1621.01

E3039	Bryan	993.92	E3040	Butt	764.19
E3041	Clemens	1112.24	E3042	Coyle	119.29
E3043	Curtis	1793.85	E3044	DuBeck	339.21
E3045	Duncan	494.76	n/a	Engle	.00
E3046	Essick	956.94	n/a	Gottfried, N.B.	.00
n/a		.00	E3047	Hall	1426.49
E3048	Harrison	245.86	E3049	Henry	678.95
E3050	Hill, B.	1567.11	E3051	Hill, J	110.30
E3052	Huhn	786.27	E3053	Hussey	2532.81
E3054	Jones, A	506.34	E3055	Jones, B	251.57
n/a	Kennedy	.00	E3056	Lynn	368.57
n/a		.00	n/a	Mason	.00
E3057	May	583.97	E3058	Meisenhelder	577.36
E3059	Monroe	1036.89	n/a	Moore	.00
E3060	Pack	225.11	E3061	Principe	417.35
E3062	Reece	981.75	E3063	Riley	274.08
n/a	Schott	.00	E3064	Smith, D.	477.53
n/a	Thomas	.00	E3065	Thompson	1426.66
n/a	VanNess	.00	DM25-10	Windstream	426.68
DM26-10	AEP	2248.18	DM27-10	Village of Granville	148.90
DM28-10	Columbia Gas	1941.88	6987	Aetna	6525.00
6988	Ohio Public Entity Cons	3236.75	6989	Ohio Insurance Services	1522.75
6990	Licking County Comm	484.00	6991	Sprint/Nextel	196.56
6992	Granville Amer Legion	25.00	6993	OJ&FS	985.02
6994	Muskingum Tractor	149.70	6995	Wright Bros	122.97
6996	Motorola	21.00	6997	Granville Lumber	264.62
6998	Hope Timber	1378.00	6999	Wince Welding	43.15
7000	The Fire House	786.00	7001	ACS Firehouse	1035.00
7002	C-Tec	4440.00	7003	Nationwide Children's Hosp	2500.00
7004	Office Equip Fin	99.00	7005	Fackler Country Gardens	72.85
7006	Verizon	45.62	7007	Claggett & Sons	3520.00
7008	Pinkerton Services	130.00	7009	Morrow & Erhard	1000.00
7010	PNB - IRS	4468.62	7011	OIT	3025.62
7012	SDIT	291.28	7013	VIT	1271.80
7014	Deferred Comp	1500.00	7015	AFLAC	972.54
7016	PNB - OPERS	5544.42	7017	PNB - OP&FPP	15765.29

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

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Norman S. Kennedy, Fiscal Officer

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Abraham yes, Mason 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 Mason with Abraham yes, Mason yes, and VanNess yes the meeting was returned to regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.