

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting June 23, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham, Mason and VanNess, Melanie Schott
Absent: Fiscal Officer Kennedy, Travis Binckley
Guests: Jeff Hussey
Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg St.
Grace Gordon, 2100 Lancaster Rd
Paul Jenks, Pinehurst Drive
Andy Wildman, JRD Executive Director
Chris and Nancy Bunge, 1135 River Road
Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

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

Trustee Mason read aloud the following Resolution of Recognition for Alison Terry:

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
Alison L. Terry

WHEREAS the Village of Granville is located in and is a portion of Granville Township, *the incorporated area*, and

WHEREAS Alison L. Terry, who resides in the Granville community, has been the Village Planner from July 2007 to present, having originally graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, and

WHEREAS Ms. Terry, has a 15+ year history of working in the planning field, including 3 years with the Village of Granville, and six years as the Director of Planning at the City of Pataskala, and 6 years with private planning organizations, and

WHEREAS the Granville Township Elected Officials have worked closely with Ms. Terry whose actions in her capacity as the Village Planner have a direct impact on the residents of Granville Township as well as the elected Township Officials, and

WHEREAS these actions have included participation and direct assistance with projects such as the Comprehensive Community Master Plan, the Rotary Bridge Project, the MS4 Storm Water Management Program, the Community Emergency Calling System and planning for Community Transportation, and

WHEREAS the Township Trustees have enjoyed their association and cooperative working relationship with Ms. Terry and her supervisor, Village Manager Donald Holycross, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Granville Township Trustees wish to recognize Ms. Terry for her service to the Village of Granville, the Granville Community as a whole, and specifically the assistance provided to the Granville Township Officials, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Granville Township Elected Officials wish her well in her continuing efforts for the Community and request the Township Fiscal Officer make this Resolution of Recognition a part of the minutes of their meeting on June 23, 2010.

Fred Abraham, Chair

William R. Mason, Jr., Vice-chair

Dan VanNess, Trustee

Norman S. Kennedy
Granville Township Fiscal Officer
June 23, 2010

Ms. Terry thanked the Trustees' for the Resolution and stated it is a pleasure to work with the Township officials and employees.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on June 9, 2010 were approved as previously submitted and revised.

Correspondence

Trustee Mason reported Fiscal Officer Kennedy was out of town attending a funeral and Mason had been asked to present the following correspondence/paperwork which had been received or sent (some of these items will be shown under the appropriate captions in the minutes):

Trustee Mason indicated F.O. Kennedy reported at the previous meeting as a result of a noxious weed complaint he had sent a letter to a property owner on Raccoon Valley Road. The homeowner responded in a telephone call for a variety of reasons he was unable to mow the property and therefore requested in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code the Township have it mowed and bill him. Mason stated since the last meeting Kennedy engaged Jake's Property Management Services and the noxious weeds and grass have been mowed at a cost of \$100. Trustee VanNess clarified the Township would be paying the bill and the homeowner would be responsible for reimbursing the Township for the cost of the mowing.

Trustee Mason stated the County Prosecutor replied to the inquiry made after the last meeting about logs and chips on the residentially zoned Raccoon Valley Road property owned by the Sawyer's. As a result of this response, in the absence of Mr. May, F.O. Kennedy sent a letter to the Sawyer's regarding removing logs, chips and unsightly materials on their property at Raccoon Valley Road. He stated the letter indicates the

Township's interpretation of the Prosecutor's recommendation was correct and these items need to be removed within sixty days from the last Township meeting.

Several calls were received regarding speeding on Township roads. One was an indirect complaint about a person riding a bicycle who was forced into a ditch on Hankinson Road by a speeding pickup truck. The other was a complaint about speeding on a one block stretch of a dead end road off Newark Granville Road. F.O. Kennedy obtained a copy of the speed evaluation factors used by ODOT to determine if a lower speed limit is warranted. The County Engineer was asked to conduct a study on Hankinson. Kennedy has not yet received any request from the caller on Vill-Edge Dr.

Trustee Mason reported Kennedy sent letters to Phil Watts and Donald Martin regarding obtaining nuisance permits for hunting.

Trustee Mason further reported Rob Schaadt met a Sheriff Deputy at Spring Valley Park who mistakenly thought Spring Valley Park was in the Village and, therefore, was not being patrolled by the Sheriff. Kennedy sent a letter to Sheriff Thorp clarifying Spring Valley Park is in the Township and requested Deputies patrol both the Spring Valley Park and the Township Garage across the street.

Trustee Mason reported F.O. Kennedy sent information to Skip Willey to allow gypsy moth monitoring traps to be placed on Township property. In the letter Kennedy also clarified it was necessary to obtain property owner permission to place the traps.

Public Comment

Chris and Nancy Bunge, 1135 River Road, stated they have seen a great deal of change along their road since moving to their property in 1976. Mr. Bunge stated he is concerned about the messy condition of ULTRA Concrete with its piles of wood, wood chips and overgrown grass. Mr. Bunge also inquired about the overgrown Benson property, the property immediately across the street and the former Township garage building and any possible pollution problems with the later property. Mr. Bunge indicated all of these properties leave a negative impression about the area.

Trustee Abraham stated he was not aware of any issues with the ULTRA Concrete property, but he will look into this and get back to Mr. Bunge. Trustee Mason said there were numerous discussions last year with the Benson heirs who now own the property across the street at the intersection with SR16. He has spent a good bit time with the County Prosecutor and Health Department to get the owners to clean up the former Benson property. Trustee Mason stated the Bensons moved the van and car, had the weeds cut and boarded up the house. Mr. Bunge indicated a van is back on the property. Trustee Mason stated it must be determined if it is inoperable in order to have it removed. He will look into the matter and have the Prosecutor send the Benson's a letter about the van, tall weeds and vines.

Chief Hussey stated the house at 1170 River Road has recently been donated to the Fire Department for training and he is working to obtain permits to burn it down in July.

Mrs. Bunge asked what might have been buried on the garage property and will things be disposed of and cleaned up according to EPA standards. Trustee Abraham stated the Township has moved most activity to the new Township building and there are plans to make improvements to clean up the structures and the property. With limited resources and staff he hopes to complete this project within a year.

Mrs. Bunge stated they are very appreciative of the work done by former Trustee Wes Sargent to clean up the former Benson property on their side of the road. Trustee VanNess indicated the condition of the former Township garage was discussed at the last Trustee meeting, along with the need to make improvements to the property.

Elected Official Reports

Trustee VanNess stated the three Trustees and the Fiscal Officer attended the Economic Development meeting conducted by the County on June 16th. Each of the Trustees' attended the SR161/37 blue ribbon road improvement opening ceremony. He attended the Licking Land Trust board meeting to make sure they weren't duplicating any properties in its inventory of conserved properties. He stated Candy Moore indicated she wants to form a summit meeting with all concerned parties to discuss the Spring Valley bath house issue.

Trustee Mason reported he took a CPR course at the Firehouse on June 13th and met with Jay Barker who is looking for land for low cost senior housing. Fred Abraham, Bill Mason, and Fiscal Officer attended the fifth anniversary celebration at Kendal.

Trustee Abraham stated he attended a work day at Old Colony Burial Ground on June 19th and the elected officials will take part in the July 4th Parade.

Roads Department:

Trustee Abraham reported Superintendent Binckley was unable to attend the meeting because he was still overseeing the 2010 paving work which is being done this week on various Township roads.

Cemetery Department

No report.

Parks Department

Trustee Mason reported the SWIF Grant agreement was received, executed and returned. It is necessary to supply some supplemental information which F.O. Kennedy intends to do upon his return.

Trustee Mason stated the Trustees' received a letter dated June 18, 2010 from their insurance agent at Madison Collins Stephens Insurance Agency indicating Erie Insurance will no longer provide coverage for the bath house structure at Spring Valley Park after September 13, 2010. Mason explained the Agent's letter indicates the bath house building has continued to deteriorate since it was originally insured, the only

improvement made has been a new roof to prevent interior water damage and there is a safety issue. The Trustees also received a communication from the Township's Land Management Committee indicating the Committee members have mixed reactions about the bathhouse. Some members believe it should be demolished and others believe the Trustees' should delay any decisions regarding the tearing down of the bath house for 4-6 months. Trustee VanNess indicated the Elected Officials received an email from Candy Moore Chair of the Licking Land Trust and they are looking at putting together a community meeting regarding the Spring Valley bath house and what its future should be.

Grace Gordon stated she would support the idea of forming a committee to look at preserving the Spring Valley bath house. She indicated Anne Ormond also wrote an email for support. Ms. Gordon stated she is also aware of the insurance issue. Trustee Abraham stated the property was acquired in 2007. The Trustees have been looking at this structure for the last year and a half and he doesn't know if they can wait 4-6 months due to the insurance. He suggested anyone wanting to preserve the structure must work with expediency. He indicated the Trustees' have until the end of August, and then they will have to do something.

Trustee Mason added any plan must include future use, as well as where the dollars will come from to improve and maintain the structure. He added it is crunch time and all of this needs to be in place for the Township Trustees' to make an educated decision. Trustee VanNess asked if the building is staying boarded up. Trustee Abraham stated he believes it is still boarded up.

Fire Department

Trustee Mason reported F.O. Kennedy and Fire Chief Hussey have been gathering information about the circumstance surrounding the fire hydrants on the Alexandria water line. Chief Hussey indicated it is important the broken hydrant(s) be repaired and usable for fire protection which was the original purpose of their installation.

Chief Hussey reported intermittent employee John Principe has accepted out of state employment effective July 2nd. and therefore asked the Trustees' to accept his resignation.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' accepted the resignation of John Principe from the Granville Township Fire Department.

Chief Hussey stated the one year probationary periods for the SAFER Grant employees will be up for Brianne Hill, Brady Monroe, and Derwin Clemens on July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, employees Brianne Hill, Brady Monroe, and Derwin Clemens will be removed from their one year probation effective on their respective anniversary dates in July.

New Business:

Trustee VanNess asked about the terms of the Township’s contract is with the Village for the use of the front lawn. He stated the Granville Rotary Club was recently charged \$3800 to use the lawn for a fund raising event. He asked if Township is getting anything out of this. He stated Rotary only used the lawn and didn’t use the building. Trustee Mason clarified that the Township land is sixteen acres in the front, which he didn’t believe was used by the Rotary. Trustee Mason suggested a copy of any agreement be obtained from F.O. Kennedy and Trustee VanNess review it before the next meeting.

Financial matters

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

From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire Fund, carryover balance	1,000.00
To 2191-220-310-0006 Fire Fund, SCBA-Compressor Testing	1,000.00
From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire Fund, carryover balance	1,001.00
To 2191-110-190-0001 Fire Fund, special duty events	1,001.00
From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire Fund, carryover balance	501.00
To 2191-110-319-0000 Fire Fund, EMS software license	501.00
From 1000-130-599-0000 General-Zoning, miscellaneous	100.00
To 1000-130-211-0000 General-Zoning – OPERS	100.00

On a motion by Trustee Mason 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:

7125	PNB – IRS	4254.01	7126	Aetna Health Ins	5748.03
7127	Lyle King	499.36	7128	Jake’s Property Services	100.00
7129	Newspaper News Network	125.05	7130	Shelly Materials	1827.87
7131	Elm Recycling	2407.66	7132	Ohio Public Entity Cons	1024.74
7133	ODJ&FS	721.10	7134	Lawson Products	192.92
7135	Hope Timber	208.00	7136	ResponseSoft LLC	500.00
7137	Jan’s in Stitches	66.00	7138	Firehouse	477.00
7139	Ohio Health/Behavior H.	114.75	7140	Office Equipment Finance Ser	99.00
7141	B&C Communications	13.36	7142	USPO	44.00
7143	Morrow & Erhard	440.00	Na/		.00
n/a	Abraham	.00	E3171	Barnhill	84.90
E3172	Binckley	1520.94	E3173	Borden	1400.78
E3174	Boudinot	645.50	E3175	Bowman	1693.13
E3176	Bryan	993.92	E3177	Butt	764.19
E3178	Clemens	1112.24	n/a	Coyle	.00
E3179	Curtis	1563.11	E3180	DuBeck	65.96
E3181	Duncan	592.73	n/a	Engle	.00
E3182	Essick	674.94	E3183	Gottfried, N.B.	260.81
n/a		.00	E3184	Hall	1372.49
E3185	Harrison	280.30	E3186	Henry	678.95
E3187	Hill, B.	1163.38	E3188	Hill, J	244.65

E3189	Huhn	786.27	E3190	Hussey	2532.81
E3191	Jones, A	709.19	E3192	Jones, B	259.87
E3193	Kindell	125.20	E3194	Lynn	250.41
n/a		.00	n/a	Mason	.00
E3195	May	653.18	E3196	Meisenhelder	577.36
E3197	Monroe	1106.35	n/a		.00
E3198	Pack	113.25	n/a	Principe	.00
E3199	Reece	1030.54	E3200	Riley	302.50
n/a	Schott	.00	E3201	Smith, D.	134.90
E3202	Thomas	262.14	E3203	Thompson	1426.66
n/a	VanNess	.00	7144	PNB - IRS	4061.62
7145	OIT	1939.69	7146	SDIT	195.55
7147	GIT	837.29	7148	Deferred Compensation	1525.00
7149	AFLAC	648.36	7150	Granville Township	3686.24
7151	NIT	128.53	7152	HIT	4.66
7153	RITA	6.24	7154	PNB - Columbus	15.12
7155	PNB - OPERS	3758.86	7156	PNB - OPERS	2101.99
7157	PNB - OP&FPP	15300.56	7158	VOID	.00
DM-47	Windstream	410.58	DM-48	AEP	1390.27
DM-49	Village of Granville	489.70	DM-50	Columbia Gas	375.70

I hereby certify 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, 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 8:05 PM.