

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 12, 2006

Present: Trustees Lyle King, James Havens, and Sargent Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Guests: Ross Kirk, The Shelly Company, Thornville OH  
Nick Young, Kokosing Construction Company, Westerville OH  
Grace Gordon, Chip Gordon, 2100 Lancaster Rd  
Elena Thomas, 1154 Autumn Creek Cir, Cols  
Mehgan Styke, 1487.5 Michigan Ave, Cols  
Frank Annarino

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

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Havens, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of the June 28, 2006 meeting were approved as previously submitted.

Trustee Havens presented a copy of Jim Murr's review of ODOT Right of Way appraisal of Parcel 250-LA, PRE owned by Granville Township. In his review Mr. Murr indicated that he concludes "that the ODOT appraiser has given the benefit of all possible doubt to the township in this valuation." Trustee Havens previously reported that ODOT's original offer for the closing of the township's unconditional access point along SR37 and the acquisition of property at this point was \$137,735. Based upon authorization by the Trustees at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and his discussions with Mr. Murr, Trustee Havens countered the ODOT offer at \$142,500 which has been accepted by ODOT. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept ODOT's offer of \$142,500 to compensate the township for the reduction in value of its property based upon ODOT taking .317 acres, in the form of a warrant deed with limitation of access to ODOT (Parcel 250-LA) and making SR37 a limited access roadway, a zero acreage property right (Parcel 250-PRE), at this point. Further, Mr. Havens is authorized to execute any and all paperwork required by ODOT to complete this transaction.

Trustee Havens reported that on July 20<sup>th</sup> he will be taking the members of the 161 Planning Accord Group to two sites in the township. The first is the Roseview subdivision and the second Glyn Carin subdivision. These are examples of a PUD with green space set-aside (Roseview) and development of five acre plus parcels in an agriculturally zoned area (Glyn Carin) without any controls or green space set-aside. HE is hoping that the group will consider the two types of development when discussing residential development along the corridor.

It was reported that the first drafts of the various community 208 plans have been submitted to the LCPC for coordination into the Licking County Plan for the EPA. Trustee Havens indicated that the Village of Granville Plan which was prepared in

conjunction with and approved by the Township Trustees includes all of Granville Township with the exception of a small area along SR16 in the southwest corner of the township. The cities of Newark and Heath have turned in 208 Plans which show them providing water and sewer utility services in the entire presently un-serviced southeast quadrant of the township. Trustee Havens stated he voted for the Village's plan based upon the Community Comprehensive Plan for local coordination of development. Trustee Sargent indicated that he believes the citizens in the community consider themselves to live in Granville and for the most part don't concern themselves with whether it's the unincorporated or incorporated area. Trustee King said he does not believe the residents of Granville Township wish to be committed to receiving their utility services from Newark or Heath. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed that the Granville Township Trustees wish to reaffirm that they have reviewed the future water and service utility needs of the township; further the Trustees have consulted with the community comprehensive plan and residents of the township in reaching a determination that the water and sewer providers as proposed in the Granville Village 208 Plan should be enforced by the Ohio EPA as they are consistent with the Granville Communities' expressed needs and interests.

Trustee Sargent reported that the sirens are going to be tested each Wednesday at 12:15 with the signal sent by the Village. The first Wednesday will be with sound, and the remaining Wednesday will be silent with only a rotating motion to demonstrate that the siren is working.

Trustee Sargent also reported that he continues to work on the Benson property. Apparently the two Benson siblings are now working together on the ownership of the properties and if they can reach agreement may take care of the properties themselves without involvement by the township and health department.

Trustee Havens discussed the utility easement paperwork received from Columbia Gas. He asked Superintendent Annarino to talk with the representative from Columbia and determine what they would be willing to pay for the township permitting them to create the service road and for the cutting of trees outside the apparent right of way. Trustee Sargent is to talk with Almendingers regarding the possible sale of the cut trees.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the roads department:

1. F.O. Kennedy reported that the request for bids for the 2006 roadwork projects had been advertised in accordance with the ORC and that two bids had been received for opening at tonight's meeting. The bids were: Kokosing Construction Company \$143,737.75; The Shelly Company \$152,344.00. The County Engineer's estimate for this project was 146,385.00. F.O. Kennedy asked that the Trustees tentatively accept the Kokosing Company bid and give him time to review the paperwork documentation provided with the bids. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept the bid from the Kokosing Construction Company for the 2006 Roadwork subject to review and approval of the attached

bid paperwork by F.O. Kennedy. If the paperwork is in order Kennedy is authorized to execute a contract in the amount of \$143,737.75 which Kokosing Construction. F.O. Kennedy indicated that the bid specifications called for the work to be completed by September 22<sup>nd</sup>. As some of the work will require complete closure of the road he asked if the drainage portion of the project could be completed before school begins on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Young indicated that he would talk with the sub-contractor for this work and determine if it could be completed before school begins.

2. There was discussion that roads department employee Donald Smith was retiring on July 31<sup>st</sup> after 30 years with the township. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following resolution of Recognition for Donald E. Smith was passed:

WHEREAS the Board of Granville Township Trustees is the local political subdivision charged with the administration of the unincorporated area of Granville Township, and

WHEREAS Donald E. Smith has announced his retirement from employment at Granville Township after thirty years, having first been employed on a part-time basis beginning in 1972, and

WHEREAS Mr. Smith's first full-time employment with Granville Township was as the township's Cemetery Sexton, responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery, burial of our residents, and keeping track of the paperwork surrounding operation of our cemetery, a position which his father Albert Smith held for many years, and

WHEREAS Mr. Smith subsequently moved into our Roads Department where he worked as our mechanic and equipment operator, responsible for operating all of our equipment and keeping it in good running order, and

WHEREAS Mr. Smith spent many hours working to improve, maintain and keep the township's roadways open for vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS he has now decided to retire effective July 31, 2006,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Granville Township Trustees wish to recognize Mr. Smith for his years of service and contributions to the operation of the township, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution of Recognition be provided to Mr. Smith as well as being recorded in July 12, 2006 minutes of the Board of Granville Township Trustees.

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Wes Sargent, Trustee Chair

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James Havens, Trustee Vice-Chair

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Lyle King, Trustee

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Norman Kennedy, Fiscal Officer

It was also agreed to give Mr. Smith a \$100 gift card from Lowe's as a retirement gift.

3. Superintendent Annarino reported that the employees have been working on culvert work and preparatory patching on Jones Road. He also indicated that a culvert in Hickory Hills must be replaced but since it is 42" in diameter he will be contacting the County Engineer.
4. There was discussion that the Gordons, on Brecon Cir, are still having a water problem across the back of their property. Trustee King was asked to meet with Mr. Gordon and discuss the problem.
5. Superintendent Annarino reported that he checked the references of the crack sealing company and found them to be satisfactory. He has scheduled them to seal Denison Dr and Ct in order to evaluate their work.

The following matters were discussed with respect to cemeteries:

1. The Trustees executed deed #06-2293 Section 8, Lot 71 Graves 5-6NE to Paul C and Sharon Simms, 600 Lakeview Terrace, Glen Ellen IL 60137; for \$1,100.
2. Trustee Sargent indicated that he is still attempting to work with surveyor Scott Harmon to obtain completion of the cemetery surveying project.
3. Superintendent Annarino reported that three of the cemetery mowers need to have extensive servicing in order to keep them in running order. Annarino was asked to obtain prices and present a proposal to the Trustees for new mowers to accomplish the work necessary in the cemetery.
4. Superintendent Annarino also reported that there are trees in the cemetery in need of trimming, including several of the newer maple trees (planted within the past 15 years) that must be removed because they have died.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the fire department:

1. Trustee Havens reported that he and F.O. Kennedy continue to meet with representatives of the fire department and Circuit Rider Mgt Group regarding the transition from a private corporation to a township fire department.
2. Superintendent Annarino reported that he talked with Fire Chief Essick and told him there is room at the township garage to park a "spare" emergency squad which the department is thinking of keeping as a backup vehicle.

The following matters were discussed with respect to parks:

1. F.O. Kennedy reported that on January 13, 1999 the Granville Township Trustees purchased a total of 121.83 acres from the Estate of Paul Kent a/k/a the Kent Family Trust. In order to accomplish the purchase it had to be paid for from two different township Funds. The property was therefore divided into two parcels representing the ratio of the money from each Fund used to purchase the property. The 48 acre parcel was roughly along SR16 and to the south, located above the 73 acre parcel facing SR37.

72.824 acres from the Open Space Preservation Fund 60%  
48.006 acres from the Opera House Fund (General Fund) 40

He indicated that while the access point provides direct access to the Open Space parcel it is his feeling that the two access points, one along SR37 and one along SR16 across from the former Spring Valley Pool, form a joint access to all of the acreage purchased from the Kent Estate. There are informal driveways between the various farm fields that make up the Open Space property and on into the Opera House Fund property that has access to SR16. He therefore recommends that the payment from ODOT and the expenses related to verification of the reasonableness of the ODOT offer be allocated to the two township Funds in the original ratio of the purchase price and property acreage. This would mean that approximately \$55,000 would be returned to the Opera House Fund.

Trustee Havens proposed that a portion of the money received from ODOT for the closing of township's existing unlimited access point along SR37 and .3 acre needed to align the roadway be allocated from the Opera House Fund to the Recreation Commission for its refurbishment/improvement project at McPeck Lodge which was purchased by the township last year. On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to allocate up to \$25,000 to the Recreation Commission for its improvement project to make the McPeck Lodge usable for public purposes.

2. Trustee Sargent reported that he and F.O. Kennedy met with Brad Maurer on July 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status of repairs to the weir system at Raccoon Valley Park. There is the possibility of a 50% matching grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the project.

3. Township resident Grace Gordon was present to talk about her idea for the preservation of the Spring Valley Pool property, but not necessarily the pool. She hopes to create an environmental education center on the property. The Licking Land Trust is supportive of this project and she is looking for assistance. As the township owns the parkland to the west of the property she wanted to know if the trustees would be willing to combine efforts to preserve the area. Trustee Havens indicated he is open to ideas for involving the community in the parks. Trustee Sargent stated that he is receptive depending on what she is proposing and that it be a positive use that would not involve a financial commitment from the township. The people who live around Salt Run Park consider it to be their property.

Ms. Gordon indicated she has met with the director of the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Group as well as a national environmental association group. Chip Gordon indicated there would still be development at the former Spring Valley Pool site, but that this proposal would save the valley. Trustee Havens stated that perhaps access to this center could be thru Salt Run Park. Ms. Gordon wanted to know about bus access. It was indicated that the meadow is being farmed for hay in order to keep the brush down. The state law requires that noxious weeds be mowed before they go to seed.

Ms. Gordon wanted to know if there was any interest in acquiring green space at the Spring Valley Pool site. Trustee Havens indicated that the Trustees had been interested in the property but reminded her that the .8 mill levy to purchase the pool and property failed. There is also the issued of limited uses permitted on property acquired thru the

use of Open Space Levy monies. It is fortunate that the Trustees purchased the Salt Run Park property with General Fund money before the Open Space Levies were presented to the community which gives the Trustees a little more flexibility with the property. Future purchases with Open Space Levy proceeds would be more restricted.

Ms. Gordon wanted to know if there were any financial resources available. Trustee Havens indicated that she needed to develop a plan which would be used to try and qualify for funding. She thinks that initially the education center would have daily visits. As it expanded perhaps a dormitory would be constructed for overnight stays. There was discussion about lack of municipal water and sewer to the parcel.

F.O. Kennedy suggested that perhaps she could work with Denison regarding the geological features of the parcel. Ms. Gordon indicated she has already made contact with Abram Kaplin.

The Trustees asked Ms. Gordon to keep them informed as she progresses with her environmental center concept.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy presented the June 30, 2006 bank reconciliation for review and approval by the Trustees.

F.O. Kennedy discussed the present one mill Open Space Levy which expires in tax year 2006, last collected in 2007. State law permits a levy for an existing to first be put on the ballot in a General Election during the tax year it expires. Kennedy recommended that the levy be placed on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot so that this particular levy would not be in conflict with any special bond levy for the acquisition of the Kraner property. The present one mill levy is being collected at an effective rate of .72 mill for residential and agricultural purposes. Replacing the levy would result in an increase of \$8.58 per \$100,000 and Kennedy recommended the levy be replaced as opposed to renewed to restore the levy to its original voted one mill.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT  
THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY VALUATION  
AND REVENUE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03(B)

The Board of Trustees of Granville Township met in regular session at the Granville Township House on July 12, 2006, with the following members present:

Wes Sargent,        James Havens,        Lyle King

Mr. Havens moved adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR PROTECTING OR PRESERVING "GREENSPACE" AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A ONE MILL REPLACEMENT LEVY.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of Granville Township and it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, this Board must request certified information from the Licking County Auditor before submitting the question of a tax to the electors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Granville Township:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy a greenspace preservation property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of acquiring, other than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or wetlands, or to restore or maintain land, water, or wetlands in which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of recreation, but for purposes of protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use as authorized by Section 5705.19(HH) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that it intends to submit the question of the addition of that levy to the electors at an election on November 7, 2006.

Section 2. This Board requests the Licking County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the Township and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a one mill replacement levy.

Section 3. The Township Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Licking County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. King seconded the Motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Yea: Sargent, Havens, King

Nay: none

**FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the regular meeting on July 12, 2006, of the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, showing the adoption of the resolution herein set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_ July 20, 2006  
Norman S. Kennedy Date  
Granville Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Robert L. Becker  
Prosecuting Attorney

**CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY AUDITOR  
TO THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP**

I certify that:

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, there was filed with me a certified copy of your Resolution adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ determining the necessity of levying a tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of acquiring, other than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or wetlands in which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of recreation, but for purposes of protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use as provided in Section 5705.19(HH) of the Ohio Revised Code, and requesting that I certify the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 1 mill replacement levy; and

2. The total current tax valuation of the Township is \$\_\_\_\_\_;  
and

3. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy specified in the Resolution is \$\_\_\_\_\_ annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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J. Terry Evans  
Licking County Auditor

On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation transfer was approved:

From 1000-110-322 Garbage & Trash Removal	1,445.00
To 1000-110-313 UAN fees	1,445.00

On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee King , by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants and EFT's for both 7/12 and 7/26/06 were approved for pymt:

3404	Betty Montgomery, AOS	915.00	3405	Perma-Fix of Dayton	501.40
3406	Stacy Engle	29.14	3407	Kurf Turf Inc	348.89
3408	Shelly Materials	28.27	3409	Kokosing Materials Inc	2095.51
3410	Granville Milling	162.40	3411	Mt Vernon Tractor & Equip	409.15
3412	Jae's Towing	258.50	3413	KPS/NAPA	331.08
3414	Wright Bros Power LLC	10.94	3415	IMSCO	19.24
3416	RAK Industries	398.73	3417	ED Stone Insurance	14.18
3418	Cintas Corporation	304.74	3419	Granville Lumber	88.52
3420	Angeletti Overhead Door	44.00	3421	PNB – VISA	42.39
3422	Ohio Dept of Admin Ser	100.00	3423	Certified Oil	1589.30
3424	James Murr & Assoc	750.00	3425	Samuel Koon & Assoc	875.00
3426	PNB – IRS	2677.76	3427	Deferred Compensation	1042.00
E130	Annarino	1510.07	E131	Binckley	1063.70
E132	Butt	612.42	E133	Engle	17.77
E134	Giles	968.77	E135	Havens	291.79
E136	Huhn	612.42	E137	Kennedy	548.70
E138	King	371.75	E139	Main	201.62
E140	May	633.09	E141	Meisenhelder	583.15
E142	Polk	456.13	E143	Sargent	360.45
E144	Smith	1135.64	E145	Westall	44.02
3428	Wendy Lewis	60.00	3429	Fred Abraham	2000.00
E146	Annarino	1230.90	E147	Binckley	1009.75
E148	Butt	612.42	E149	Giles	968.77
E150	Huhn	612.42	E151	Main	201.62
E152	Meisenhelder	583.15	E153	Polk	456.13
E154	Smith	1832.48	3430	PNB – IRS	1078.26
3431	OIT	814.48	3432	SDIT	40.45
3433	Deferred Comp	620.00	3434	PERS – Buy back	250.00
3435	PNB – OPERS	5899.30			

I hereby certify that 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

After a period of discussion the meeting was returned to regular session and adjourned at 9:25PM.