

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 22, 2009

Present: Trustees Abraham, Habig and Mason, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Chuck Peterson, Sentinel
Paul Jenks, Pinehurst Dr, G
Jim White, Loudon St., G
Melanie Schott, W. Broadway, G

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

Presentation by The Energy Cooperative:

Bruce Sumner, Vice President and Operating Officer of The Energy Cooperative stated that better service to their membership is their main goal. Mr. Sumner stated that they are establishing their tree trimming plan to protect the electric lines and try to prevent power outages. Nelson Tree Service got bid for this year and next year. He explained that Nelson will be covering approximately 400 miles of roads from Johnstown, Northridge, Welsh Hills Sub Station, Beachwood (Pataskala), and areas of Hebron. Mr. Sumner stated that their plan is to complete tree trimming in Granville after the foliage is off of the trees. Mr. Sumner went on to say that with respect to road projects if there are any poles in Township right-of-way they absorb the cost to remove them if needed and if they are out of the right-of-way then the Township would incur those costs. Mr. Sumner explained that with good communication between them and the Township they can work together to coordinate schedules. Mr. Sumner also stated that they have a safety demo team that coordinates training with local fire departments. He left a business card with each Trustee and asked to be called with any questions or concerns.

Trustee Bill Mason asked how responsive the crews are – say in the event of a car accident. Mr. Sumner stated that they have a 24/7 staff and the majority of the crews live in Utica, St. Louisville, Nashport, and some in Buckeye Lake.

Approval of the Minutes: June 10, 2009

Trustee Bill Mason moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2009.

Seconded by Trustee Fred Abraham. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence Received/Sent:

F.O. Mr. Kennedy read a thank you note addressed to Travis Binckley and the employees for their service in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

F.O. Kennedy stated that they also received a thank you note for flowers that were sent from the township to the funeral service of employee Buck Miesenhelder's father.

F.O. Kennedy stated that the Village of Granville has requested that any available Trustees attend the August 5th Council meeting (7:30 PM) to discuss single trash hauler systems and provide any input. The Trustees have also been invited to attend a 6PM session (also August 5th) pertaining to discussions regarding the pre-annexation of land

along the east side of Lancaster Road. Trustees Mason and Abraham indicated that they plan to attend the Council meeting on August 5th.

F.O. Kennedy reported that he has been informed that the new levy language Senator Schaffer attempted to insert in the state Budget Bill, as requested the Joint Recreation District Board, was left off the final version of the bill. Thus the JRD levy language will indicate the 1.0 mill levy proposed by the JRD is an “additional” or “new” levy. Kennedy reminded everyone that the township resolution passed in January to help establish the JRD committed the township trustees to not collecting the existing 1.0 mill township Recreation Levy if the JRD levy passes. This point will need to be heavily advertised in conjunction with the JRD levy campaign so that voters will be aware the existing 1.0 mill Recreation Parks Levy will no longer be collected by the township is the JRD levy passes..

F.O. Kennedy stated that on July 14th he and Trustee Mason attended the closing for the Gordon property. He distributed a map of the various contiguous properties the township has acquired in the Spring Valley area. They are Salt Run Park (53.63 acres), the Roseview property (7.41 acres), Spring Valley Property (45.569 acres) and now the Gordon Property (35.207 acres).

F.O. Kennedy reported that three environmental consultants responded to the township’s request for an RFQ. Paul Jinks sent each of those consultants a Request for Proposal for work to be done at the township’s BiCentennial Park (f/k/a Whitepoint) to assist the township in eventually clearing the property and obtaining a letter of closure from BUSTR. The replies are due back by July 31st and Kennedy hopes to have a consultant recommendation for the trustees at the next meeting.

Trustee Fred Abraham stated that he attended several Pathway Advisory meetings and there is another one scheduled for July 24th. He also indicated that he has met with the GACC (Granville Area Chamber of Commerce) regarding a “welcoming station” at the old railroad station on Main Street. He stated that the GACC is trying to determine how to remodel the structure. Trustee Bill Habig asked who is funding the remodeling efforts and Trustee Abraham stated that is yet to be determined.

F.O. Kennedy stated that there is a tourism (bed) tax in Licking County and he questioned if the GACC can qualify for this money to promote tourism in the Granville area. Trustee Abraham stated that he is aware of this tax but he has been told it is not an option. He also indicated that he will look into matter again. Trustee Mason stated that while part of the railroad building is in disrepair it is a fantastic community landmark.

Trustee Mason stated that he was contacted regarding by a resident in the Mill Race Subdivision who had 22 deer in her front yard last night. Trustee Mason stated that he had a discussion with Mollie Prasher at the Village of Granville regarding its deer hunting program. She indicated the Village would be willing to cooperate with the Township on this endeavor. Trustee Habig questioned if residents can self select this program if they choose. Trustee Mason stated yes and he stated that Mollie Prasher is

willing to offer assistance on an individual basis. He went on to say that this is another case of the Village and Township working together.

F.O. Kennedy stated that he asked Phil Watts about his success in taking deer on the Pohm Property which is across from Mill Race. Watts said they have been able to take 35 deer on the various properties he farms but only one on the Pohm Property. The corn is now too tall to permit more nuisance permit hunting. Last year almost 50% of his corn was destroyed in this particular field. He anticipates that it will be as bad this year. Kennedy told him the township is interested in helping him since he is renting the township property and that next year he might start the nuisance hunting program earlier.

Trustee Mason stated that they are still moving forward on the Benson property. The overgrown weeds have been mowed but there is now the matter of junk cars which must be removed. The Prosecutors Office will be asking them (by letter) to remove the junk cars and if this is not done the Sheriff's Office may have to be contacted.

Trustee Habig stated that he had attended a meeting at the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission earlier today. He stated that MORPC was hoping Congress would pass a bill regarding roadway improvements because the present enabling legislation is about to expire, but instead the current bill will be extended for 18 months. Trustee Habig also stated that the Climate Change Bill passed the House, but has not yet been up for vote in the Senate. He stated that this bill will control autos and carbon and force more money into public transit. Trustee Habig stated that there will be little affect here, but there is a lot of policy in Congress that could be restrictive on rural areas like Licking County. He also stated that they are monitoring a statewide mandate by ODOT to take \$30 million of transportation funds currently programmed statewide by agencies like MORPC and transfer it to be spent for public transit.

Trustee Habig also reported that work continues on the Comprehensive Plan and that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 4th. He will be gone that day but Trustee Abraham, who's also a member of the Steering Committee, will provide the trustee's input in Habig's place.

Mr. Jenks was asked to comment on the Community Emergency Notification Project. He indicated that he has been working with Mollie Prasher at the Village. They have developed a list of 13 prospective vendors and are in the process of contacting each vendor to determine their individual capabilities. There will be a further report in the future.

Trustee Mason reported that he attended a meeting called by the County Commissioners to discuss the matter of building inspections in Licking County. Many years ago the Commissioners contracted with the City of Newark building code department to perform residential construction inspections in the unincorporated area of the county. This system worked well for a number of years but because of the economic declines in the area the City has found its code department is no longer self sustaining and cannot continue to operate in this manner. It may be necessary to either eliminate the

department or the performing of inspections outside of Newark. The County Commissioners indicated they believe the inspections are still important and that they need to explore other alternatives. A small committee was established to explore other possibilities for having this work done. There was consensus among the township trustees that this was an important function and that they were willing to work to find an acceptable solution to the problem.

F.O. Kennedy presented information regarding participation in the Ohio Township Association's Group Rating program for 2010. The township saves a significant amount by being in Group Rating and will pay Frank Gates approximately \$4,000 as its fee. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to participate in the Ohio Township Association Group Rating program for 2010.

F.O. Kennedy indicated that one of the township's cell phones is still through Nextel and that service is becoming more and more unreliable. He proposed a new two year program at \$95 per month, less government discount, provided by Sprint. Trustee Mason concurred with the problem with Nextel service. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to convert from the present Nextel account to the Sprint account.

Roads Department:

1. Superintendent Binckley stated that the employees have replaced driveway culverts on Welsh Lane and on Bridlepath. They also installed 200' of drain tile, a driveway culvert and rebuilt the catch basin at the corner of Denison Drive and Denison Court. 320' of drainage tile was installed along Wesleyan Circle. Patching was also completed on New Burg Street and North Hankinson Road.
2. Superintendent Binckley stated that Kokosing is supposed to start the 2009 paving work by the end of the week.
3. Superintendent Binckley further reported that the Jones Road drainage project was finished by Down to Earth Excavating.
4. Trustee Abraham reported that work continues on the township garage which is still scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.
5. Trustee Mason stated that he was contacted by a resident in McKean Township about a McKean Township bottling business located on its segment of Hankinson Rd which is expanding and will be using Cambria Mill and Hankinson Rd in Granville Township for a great deal of large truck traffic. He spoke with Trustee Melvin McInturff of McKean Township regarding the problem. Mr. McInturff said are aware of the matter but have no control over the situation. Trustee Mason stated that he also later got a call from a Granville Township resident asking if the road can be widened in that particular area. It was decided that Trustee Abraham and Superintendent Binckley need to contact the County Engineer to discuss the matter and possible solutions.
6. F. O. Kennedy reported that at the previous meeting the trustees voted to request a certificate of valuation and amount from the County Auditor for a 2.75 mill replacement levy for a continuing period of time. He has received that certificate

which reflected a total valuation of \$149,244,830 and an amount to be raised of \$427,410. He indicated this is an increase of approximately \$36,000 which would cost an additional \$6.34 per \$100,000 of owner occupied residential property per year. If approved the increase would not take place until 2011. There was discussion about the increased costs to provide services in the roads department. The majority of the annual Road and Bridge Fund costs are related to asphalt work which is petroleum based. As the price of oil increases so do most of the expenses in the department. F.O. Kennedy presented the following resolution which was moved and second as indicated:

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX
IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION
5705.19(G)

The Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, met in regular session at the Granville Township House on the 22 day of July, 2009, with the following members present:

Fred Abraham

William Habig

William Mason, Jr.

Mr. Mason moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby determined, by the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Granville Township, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitation for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Granville Township as provided in Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT RESOLVED that a replacement levy of 2.75 mills for each year be placed upon the tax duplicate for such purposes, pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, said levy to be for a continuing period of time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy be placed upon the tax list beginning with the tax year 2010, and for the tax years thereafter to be first collected in calendar year 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of such levy be submitted to the electors of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio at the same time as the General Election, to be held in the usual voting places within said Township on the 3rd day of November 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of the ballots cast at such election shall be:

A majority vote shall be necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax of 2.75 mills for the benefit of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Granville Township at a rate not exceeding two and three-fourths (2.75) mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to twenty-seven and one-half cents (\$.275) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a continuing period of time commencing in tax year 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.

<p style="text-align: center;">FOR THE TAX LEVY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</p>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of Granville Township be, and hereby is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, along with a copy of the certified information from the Licking County Auditor pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B) and cause notice of the same to be given as required by law.

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

Yea: Abraham, Habig, Mason

Nay: None

Dated this 22 day of July, 2009.

Norman S. Kennedy
Granville Township Fiscal Officer

Cemetery Department:

1. Superintendent Binckley reported that there has been one funeral since the last meeting.

Park's Department

1. Trustee Abraham indicated that he is working with the Licking County Land Trust on the installation of the vernal pool at Spring Valley Park.
2. Trustee Abraham also indicated that there is an issue with garbage/trash being left in the Spring Valley Park area. Trustee Abraham stated that he has posted 'No Smoking signs and he will continue to keep an eye on the property. He also stated that the Township needs to install a chain across the drive to the lower shelter house to keep vehicles out. F.O. Kennedy questioned if people renting the lower shelter house will be able to drive back to the shelter if a chain is

installed. Trustee Abraham said he will provide a key to Lesa Miller who will make it available when the shelter is rented.

- Trustee Abraham reported that Craig McDonald will be resigning from his position on the township's Land Management Committee due to a busy schedule. Trustee Habig asked if there is anyone else who has shown interest in serving on the Board. Trustee Abraham indicated he would try to follow-up by working with Rob Schaadt.

Fire Department

- Chief Jeff Hussey reported that the new employees are doing well and they are currently in an orientation program.
- He reported that the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) will begin its evaluation of the department, water system and 911 emergency dispatch center in the next few weeks. Based upon the improvement of service delivery he is hoping for a improvement in the current rating which was last evaluated 20 years ago.
- On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation requests submitted by Chief Hussey were approved: a) Front door station call box (Datatalk Telecom) - \$895.66; b) Technical Service Support Agreement for 12 Heart Monitors and 5 AEDs and battery systems (Physiocontrol) - \$3637.00; c) Annual fleet maintenance certification (Ours Garage) - \$3,000.00.
- F.O. Kennedy reported a workers' compensation claim when a firefighter incurred an eye injury while at a truck fire. Fortunately the injury was minor, with complete recovery and the employee was able to return to work.

Financial Matters:

F.O. Kennedy reported he received a listing from Park National Bank and Huntington National Bank of the pooled collateral securities pledged during the second quarter for public deposits, as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

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

From	2031-330-360-0000	R&B – Contracts	2,500.00
To	2031-330-360-0006	R&B - Culvert Install	2,500.00
From	2191-220-599-0004	Fire – C/O	2,500.00
To	2191-220-310-0004	Fire – FIT testing	2,500.00
From	2191-220-323-0000	Fire – M&R	850.00
To	2191-220-310-0002	Fire – Ladder testing	850.00
From	2191-220-323-0000	Fire – M&R	751.00
To	2191-220-310-0005	Fire – Pump testing	751.00

From 2191-220-323-0001	Fire – M&R, all other	2,501.00
To 2191-220-310-0006	Fire – SCBA,Compr Test	2,501.00
From 2031-330-360-0000	R&B – Contracts	300.00
To 2031-330-190-0006	R&B – Wages, cell	300.00
From 2041-760-710-0000	Cem – Land	100.00
To 2041-410-190-0006	Cem – Wages, cell	100.00
From 2191-220-599-0004	Fire – C/O	400.00
To 2191-220-310-0006	Fire – SCBA,Compr Test	400.00
From 2191-220-323-0000	Fire – M&R, Vehicles	3,001.00
To 2191-220-323-0005	Fire – Annual Equip Cert	3,001.00
From 2191-220-323-0001	Fire – M&R, all other	4,001.00
To 2191-220-310-0007	Fire – Annual Gas Mon Test	4,001.00

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

n/a	Abraham	.00	E2360	Barnhill	384.29
n/a		.00	E2361	Binckley	1722.75
E2362	Borden	1250.77	E2363	Bowman	1541.91
E2364	Bryan	1007.04	E2365	Butt	804.34
E2366	Clemens	1184.02	E2367	Coyle	424.69
E2368	Curtis	1530.59	E2369	DuBeck	544.10
E2370	Duncan	175.68	n/a	Engle	.00
n/a	Essick	.00	E2371	Gottfried, N.B.	216.07
n/a	Habig	.00	E2372	Hall	1379.92
n/a	Harrison	.00	E2373	Henry	721.48
E2374	Hill, J.	238.27	E2375	Hill, B	1172.01
E2376	Huhn	810.13	E2377	Hussey	2483.41
E2378	Jones, A	293.09	E2379	Jones, B	197.72
n/a	Kennedy	.00	E2380	Lynn	573.69
E2381	Mack	644.70	n/a	Mason	.00
E2382	May	526.96	E2383	Meisenhelder	580.63
E2384	Monroe	1144.18	n/a	Moore	.00
E2385	Pack	658.98	E2386	Principe	276.38
E2387	Reece	877.56	E2388	Riley	134.10
E2389	Smith, D.	480.50	E2390	Thomas	364.98
E2391	Thompson	1534.80	6293	Frank Gates Company	4080.00
6294	Mid-Ohio Properties	97.50	6295	Shelly Materials	1795.52
6296	Ohio Public Entity Cons	286.00	6297	Standard Insurance Co	182.00
6298	McDonald Auto & Tr	313.87	6299	TCI	27.30
6300	Time Warner	59.45	6301	Elm Recycling LLC	933.93
6302	Cintas Corporation	342.32	6303	Robertson Const Co	247983.12
6304	United Aggregates	1859.29	6305	Gutridge Plumbing	105.00
6306	Thomas Gallant	1800.00	6307	Affordable Portables	75.00

6308	Ohio Health Cons	116.00	6309	LMH	1.20
6310	Wince Welding	71.30	6311	Jan's in Stitches	90.00
6312	The Fire House	1700.00	6313	Derwin Clemens	156.95
6314	Ohio Health/Behavior H	119.85	6315	Office Equip Fin Serv	99.00
6316	Ours Garage	611.95	6317	A Quality Fire Protection	258.00
6318	Finley Fire Equip	2350.00	6319	AEP	91.04
6320-3	VOID	.00	6324	PNB – IRS	4239.91
6325	OIT	2280.97	6326	SDIT	182.92
6327	Deferred Comp	1150.00	6328	AFLAC	504.72
6329	PNB	5461.40	6330	OP&FPP	12714.88

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

Trustee Abraham made a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible property acquisition under ORC section 121.22(G)((2). Seconded by Trustee Mason. Roll call: Abraham yes, Habig yes and Mason yes.

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

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to authorize any one Trustee and Fiscal Officer Kennedy to execute any and all paperwork necessary to complete the purchase of the development rights on the 72.612 acre Goss property as approved at the June 10, 2009 township trustees' meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM