

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 27, 2010

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

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Brian Miller, Sentinel
Richard VanMeter, Llanberis Dr
John Weigand, 704 Newark-Granville Rd
Abigail Milton, Kasi Eastep, Wendell Taylor, Max Newton – Denison University
Roger Dunifon, 3464 Loudon St
Justin Lodge, Granville Recreation District
Randall Howard, Pickerington OH
William Hoffman, Kendal
Doug Helman, 105 Wicklow Dr
Doug Wagner, 300 Pinehurst
Kim Miles, 2058 Welsh Hills Rd
Deb Tegtmeier, 132 Thresher ST
Bill Wernet, 347 N. Granger
Bill Hoekstra, 133 S. Pearl
Leonard Hubert, 3806 Columbus Rd

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

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the January 13, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence

F.O. Kennedy stated he has received two workers compensation claim notices. One is for a 2008 injury and the other involved a sprained thumb which needed to be checked for possible nerve damage.

F.O. Kennedy acknowledged the receipt of information from Jeff Walker/Homeland Security regarding maintenance of the tornado warning sirens in the Township. This information was provided to Mr. Binckley.

F.O. Kennedy indicated he received a request for employment with the Township. He sent a return letter stating that the Township does not have any open positions at this time and in accordance with Township policy the letter will be maintained for a maximum of sixty days before disposal.

Utility Easement - American Electric Power

Trustee Abraham stated AEP needs an easement across Township property to permit installation of electric lines at Raccoon Valley Park as requested last year by the Granville Recreation Commission. Trustee Abraham indicated there is no cost to the Township and the lines crossing the driveway will be installed underground.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to approve a utility easement for power lines at Raccoon Valley Park.

F.O. Kennedy stated he has received an inquiry from a resident of Eden Township who is a candidate for County Commissioner about the Township's sole residential trash hauler program. The form was completed and returned by Trustee Mason.

Public Comment

None.

Elected Official Reports

Trustee Mason reported he attended the following since the last Township meeting:

- 1) the monthly Joint Communications meeting with representatives from the School District, Village, Granville Area Chamber of Commerce, Granville Recreation District and Denison University.
- 2) A budget meeting with Chief Hussey and F.O. Kennedy.
- 3) A meeting on the Comprehensive Plan which resulted in several revisions to the map..
- 4) A meeting with Granville Rotary representatives regarding the proposed bridge linking the bikepath with Raccoon Park.
- 5) The special Township meeting on 1/23 for the financial workshop conducted by F.O. Kennedy.

Trustee VanNess indicated he also attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting which was his first as a Trustee. The Plan Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan on March 1st at the Granville Intermediate School on Burg St. The time and place will be advertised in the paper and on the Township's website. A copy of the draft Plan will also be posted on the website.

Trustee Abraham reported Village representatives are meeting with some residents along the west side of Lancaster Road to determine if the Village might be able to annex the now State controlled right of way along SR661 which begins at Weaver Drive. They believe if the right of way is annexed to the Village, it would then fall under jurisdiction of the Village. It appears nothing has been resolved as of yet.

F.O. Kennedy indicated he conducted a financial workshop for the elected officials and department heads at a special meeting on January 23rd. During the three hour meeting he covered matters such as sources of Township funding, how levies work, fund accounting and a preliminary five year financial plan. The plan indicated some Township Funds will have deficit balances at various points during the 2010 – 2014 five year period. As the Township cannot operate at a deficit there will need to be revisions to the spending plans after the 2010 Certificate of Estimate Resources is received from the County Auditor. He indicated the meeting is covered in more detail in the January 23, 2010 minutes.

Roads Department:

F.O. Kennedy stated the County Engineer’s office has provided the ODOT Annual Mileage Certification Report showing 36.69 miles of roadway for Granville Township which must be accepted by the Trustees. This figure translates into 73.39 lane miles of roadway to be plowed and maintained.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the ODOT Annual Mileage Certification Report was accepted by the Trustees.

Superintendent Binckley reported the employees have completed installation of about 50% of new federally required reflected road signs in the southwest quadrant of the Township. They will continue to work on this project as time and weather permits. They also trimmed trees along Canyon Road. He also stated the employees used approximately 20 tons of salt, and 23 tons of #9 gravel since the last meeting.

Asphalt grindings are being put on the driveway to the new garage and drainage work is being done around the building.

F.O. Kennedy reported he filed the Township’s annual equipment inventory report and culvert inventory report with the County Engineer.

Cemetery Department

Superintendent Binckley stated there were two funerals conducted and three graves have been sold since the last meeting.

Superintendent Binckley indicated he recently completed a comparison of cemetery fees for lot sales and services charged by other cemeteries in the area. Based upon this analysis and the fact that raises were given to Township employees who work in the cemetery he proposed the following fee structure for 2010:

No burials on township holidays

All burial services must be completed within two hours.

OPENING and CLOSING FEES -

TRADITIONAL ADULT BURIAL

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:00PM	\$625.00
Saturdays and Sundays	800.00

YOUTH SIZE CASKETED REMAINS (72" OR > CONT

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:00PM	\$400.00
Saturdays and Sundays	600.00

CREMATIONS

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:00PM	350.00
Youth (age 17 and under)	225.00
Saturday and Sundays	525.00
At township schedule	250.00

DISINTERMENT

Base charge for full disinterment	\$650.00
Base charge for cremation disinterment	350.00
Per hour charge >4 hrs	150.00

Burial Rights (lot) Sales & Transfers

Present Resident or Former 20 year resident	\$700.00
Non-Residents	1,200.00
Cremation Grave Space (not a full plot)	less \$50.00
Deed transfers	75.00

FOUNDATIONS (PER RUNNING INCH)

Per square inch, 32" in depth	\$.80
Minimum Charge	\$150.00

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees accepted Mr. Binckley’s recommendations to adjust the cemetery lot sale prices and certain fees for services for 2010.

Fire Department

Chief Hussey presented four people who had previously been accepted for probationary status at the Fire Department to take the Oath of Office. Board Chair Abraham administered the Oath of Office to Abigail Milton, Kasi Eastep, Wendell Taylor and Max Newton.

Chief Jeff Hussey reported since one of the new probationary members already has his EMT Certification three of the new members will be attending EMT training at CTEC starting next week. Lt. Curtis has been accepted into the Ohio Fire Executive Officer program approved by the Trustees several meetings ago. Captain Thompson will be filling in for Chief Hussey when he is out of town on vacation.

Chief Hussey presented a \$2,400 purchase request for a two-day training course for twenty-five people, to be conducted in Granville by Children’s Hospital. Some of this money may be reimbursed if there are students from other fire departments in the area.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees’ approved the request for a two-day pediatric training course at the cost of \$2,400.

Chief Hussey reported volunteer member Josh Bow has joined the military and therefore submitted his letter of resignation from the Department. On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees accepted the resignation of Josh Bow from the Fire Department.

Chief Hussey explained in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code the Township Trustees were required to establish a ‘Volunteer Dependent Board’ which was done back

in 2007. The purpose of this Board is to evaluate the Fire Department's physical program and any disability or death claims submitted in behalf of volunteer members of the Department. Two of the five members are to be appointed annually by the Township Trustees. F. O. Kennedy recommended Janet Curtis and Gary Hamilton be appointed in these positions for 2010.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees appointed Janet Curtis and Gary Hamilton to the 'Volunteer Dependent Board.'

Chief Hussey stated he attended training on January 27th for the 'Community Communications System.' He stated this program is a joint venture with the Village and will function in a similar manner to a reverse 911 system for notifying residents in the community during emergencies. He stated they hope to have this fully working within the next ten days. Trustee Mason questioned who controls the system. Chief Hussey stated that at this time it is a joint venture and the following individuals have been trained on the system: Don Holycross, Molly Prasher, Lt. Casey Curtis, and Jeff Hussey.

Trustee VanNess asked if this system could potentially be used in addition to tornado siren system as he is unable to hear the tornado sirens where he lives on Morse Road. Chief Hussey stated the system could be used alerting about bad weather conditions.

Letter of Interest - Southwest Quadrant Pathway:

Randall Howard presented a draft letter he prepared, from the Township Trustees, to ODOT outlining the southwest quadrant pathway project as presented at a previous meeting. Trustee VanNess asked when Howard expects to have a response from ODOT. Mr. Howard stated he hopes to know by the end of February whether or not ODOT will accept a full application for the grant money. If they are permitted to submit an application he does not expect to have a response until August. Fund will probably not be available until fiscal year 2012 or 2013. F.O. Kennedy noted there are some specifics the Township would like addressed in the letter of interest regarding funding and it must be noted in the letter that the Township would not be offering money to fund any portion of this project. Trustee Abraham asked what amount of funding is available. Mr. Howard indicated it could be close to 20 million for the entire State but will confirm this amount at a later date. The Trustees indicated they support this project and on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to authorize Trustee Abraham to sign this letter with revisions.

Letter of Interest - Raccoon Park Bridge

John Weigand stated the Granville Rotary Club is asking for the Trustee's support for its project to connect the bikepath with Raccoon Valley Park. A pedestrian bridge would be constructed to span Raccoon Creek between the TJ Evans path and the east side of Raccoon Valley Park. The bridge would complete the pathway loop which connects with the new south Main Street truss bridge just installed by the Village. Dr. Weigand stated an engineering study has already been done and paid for by Rotary. The Rotary club has committed \$150,000 towards this project and approximately \$914,000 would come from

the State if this project is awarded funding. Dr. Weigand stated this would leave a balance of roughly \$80,000 to be funded by the community with future maintenance costs falling to the Township. F.O. Kennedy questioned to whom the Pathway Reserve Fund money will belong. Dr. Weigand stated there is approximately \$228,000 in this fund for fiscal year 2010 which is coming from the Village. It is possible they can request to use part of this for their project.

Trustee Mason, Trustee VanNess, and Trustee Abraham stated the Raccoon Park pedestrian bridge is a good project for the community and they would propose moving forward with a letter of support. The Trustees indicated they support this project and on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to authorize Trustee Abraham to sign this letter with revisions.

Open Space Levy:

F.O. Kennedy indicated a decision needs to be made regarding the 2.5 mill Open Space Levy which is expiring this year. F.O. Kennedy stated there will be several other levies on the May ballot, including a levy for the Granville Library (1 mill), C-Tec(1 mill), and County Parks (.2 mill) as well as another possible County levy. Trustee VanNess has indicated there will probably be a school district levy on the November ballot. He stated he fears it would not be beneficial to wait until November to put the levy on the ballot. F.O. Kennedy provided voting statistics indicating the initial 2.5 mill Open Space Levy passed 62% to 38% in November 2000. It was replaced in November 2004 (to be first collected in 2006) by 57% to 43%. The 2.5 mill levy has a current efficient residential and agricultural tax rate of 2.28 mills. Requesting renewal of this levy would result in collecting on average the same amount as presently being collected. Trustee Mason stated this is a very good program which accomplished a great deal since its inception however it requires a great deal of effort to conduct. Trustee VanNess indicated there has been some talk about the possibility of a presenting a new levy in place of the current 2.5 mill levy which would allow expenditures for both Open Space and Recreation which he believes would include the construction of pathways. However, based upon the presentation from the newly formed Granville Recreation District and its request to hold off on funding of pathways until they have an opportunity to survey the community he feels that Trustees should hold off on this proposal and keep the money separated. He believes the 5705.19(HH) levy category should remain as is and at the end of the year maybe they will know more regarding potential funding for pathways.

Following this period of discussion Mr. Mason 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 TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLS RENEWAL 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 May 4, 2010.

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 two and one-half mills renewal 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. VanNess seconded the Motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Yea: Abraham, Mason, VanNess; Nay: None

Dated this 27 day of January, 2010.

 Norman S. Kennedy
 Granville Township Fiscal Officer

Farm Lease Termination Agreement:

F.O. Kennedy stated the County Prosecutor has determined it will be necessary for Trustee VanNess cease leasing farmland from the Township because he recently assumed elected office as a Township Trustee. F.O. Kennedy stated 2010 is the final year of the three year lease. Trustee VanNess indicated the Prosecutor has stated he should pay prorated rent for the final year of the lease from January 1 – January 27 in the amount of \$185.00 which he will do.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, with Abraham yes and Mason yes and with VanNess abstaining, the Trustees agreed to execute an agreement canceling the Township’s farm lease with VanNess effective January 27. Trustee VanNess also executed the County Prosecutor’s proposed lease termination agreement.

Financial matters

F.O. Kennedy reported the receipt of quarterly Pooled Security Collateral statements from Park National Bank and Huntington Bank.

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

From 2031-330-599-0000 R&B – Other	4,401.00
To 2031-760-720-0000 R&B – Buildings	4,401.00
From 2031-330-599-0000 R&B – Other	801.00
To 2031-330-360-0004 R&B - Snow fence	801.00
From 2031-330-599-0000 R&B – Other	2,500.00
To 2031-330-599-0008 R&B – Safety equipment	2,500.00
From 2031-330-599-0000 R&B – Other	12,000.00
To 2031-760-720-0000 R&B – Buildings	12,000.00

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:

E2795	Abraham	805.07	E2796	Barnhill	327.43
n/a		.00	E2797	Binckley	2319.98

E2798	Borden	1705.28	E2799	Bowman	1822.91
E2800	Bryan	1465.98	E2801	Butt	764.19
E2802	Clemens	1252.97	E2803	Coyle	418.53
E2804	Curtis	1591.95	E2805	DuBeck	339.21
E2806	Duncan	395.53	n/a	Engle	.00
E2807	Essick	899.12	E2808	Gottfried, N.B.	272.10
n/a		.00	E2809	Hall	1405.48
E2810	Harrison	255.71	E2811	Henry	678.95
n/a	Hill,J.	.00	E2812	Hill, B	1137.12
E2813	Huhn	1102.07	E2814	Hussey	2532.81
E2815	Jones, A	225.06	E2816	Jones, B	300.24
E2817	Kennedy	71.41	E2818	Lynn	473.53
n/a		.00	E2819	Mason	800.74
E2820	May	557.66	E2821	Meisenhelder	577.36
E2822	Monroe	1438.09	E2823	Moore	43.52
E2824	Pack	257.74	n/a	Principe	.00
E2825	Reece	1568.45	E2826	Riley	274.08
E2827	Schott	195.86	E2828	Smith, D.	702.39
n/a	Thomas	.00	E2829	Thompson	1942.21
E2830	VanNess	1159.84	6788	PNB – IRS	6534.79
6789	OIT	2384.99	6790	Deferred Comp	2400.00
6791	GIT	866.30	6792	SDIT	212.28
6793	AFLAC	628.38	6794	AETNA Health	5892.00
6795	Ohio Insurance Services	1442.28	6796	Nextel	193.80
6797	Ohio Public Entity Cons	663.06	6798	Ohio Job & Family Services	1212.68
6799	Environmental Specialists	159.00	6800	Wendy Lewis	60.00
6801	United Aggregates	1370.93	6802	Jan's In Stitches	32.00
6803	The Firehouse	186.00	6804	Ohio Health/Behavior Health	114.75
6805	Office Equip Finance	99.00	6806	Verizon Wireless	134.28
6807	Fie Engineering	75.95			

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

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, 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 9:20 PM.