

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 25, 2009

Present: Trustees Abraham, and Habig, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Absent: Trustee Mason

Guests: Travis Binckley
James White, Loudon ST
Jonathan Downes, Pinetree Dr
Brian Miller, the Sentinel
Dr. John Weigand, 704 Newark Granville Rd
Paul Jenks, 190 Pinehurst
Martha Spohn

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

On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2009 were approved as previously presented.

Dr. Weigand, former Granville Rotary President, was present to provide the Trustees with information regarding the proposed Rotary Legacy bridge project to link up the T.J. Evans Bicycle Path and Raccoon Valley Park. He indicated that the proposal to construct a pedestrian bridge is a multi-year project. There have been several other efforts to build a bridge but none have been successful. It will be necessary to update the engineering studies which were done at the time. It must be determined where the bridge should be located, how long it will be and how much it will cost to construct. The bridge must be located at least two feet above the 100 year flood level. The Granville Rotary board and club members have approved this project and the donation of \$150,000 toward the engineering study. The amount exceeding the engineering study cost will be donated toward the project. Rotary will not pay for any ongoing maintenance. The engineering study conducted to date has indicated a cost estimate of between 1 million and 1.2 million for a truss style or I beam type bridge and the paths leading up to it. He indicated that the plans call for the bridge to be based to the east on the township's Schwartzkopf property. After a short period of question and answer the trustees on a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham agreed to permit the 7.5 acres owned by the township (known as the Schwartzkopf property) to be used the paths and base of the bridge. The next step will be to review this with the Pathway Advisory Committee

Trustee Habig indicated that since the last meeting he attended a Government Affairs Committee meeting of the Granville Chamber. He also indicated that he testified at he state legislature regarding the ODOT budget on behalf of Transportation Matters.

F.O. Kennedy reported that he filed annual Current Agricultural Use Valuation application forms with the County Auditor. Each year the township must reapply with the Auditor to maintain the CAUV tax valuation on properties it owns that are being rented for agricultural purposes. These properties continue to pay the property taxes that would have been paid had they not been purchased by the township.

F.O. Kennedy presented information which was received from the Licking County Recycling and Litter Prevention Bureau and Local Solid Waste District. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to again hold a Fix-up Clean-Up Week at the same time as the Village. There was some discussion regarding making some modification to the program and Trustee Abraham and Superintendent Binckley are to make recommendations to the other Trustees.

Trustee Abraham reported that he is going to be attending a meeting of the Comprehensive Plan steering committee tomorrow night at 5:30 in the Village Hall. He anticipates this meeting will begin the process of finalizing what needs to be done in order to have a Comprehensive Plan that meets the desires of the community in terms of restricting development.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley reported that he and Trustee Abraham have completed a review of the township's roads and recommended that the following roads be bid for repair and paving this year: a) Burg St, b) Carmarthan Way, c) Chelsea Dr, d) Walnut Hills Rd, e) Miller Av, f) Denbigh Dr, g) Linnell Dr, h) Rose Dr and Seymour Pl.- a total of approximately 4 miles. This work would consist of varying depths of base and top coat concrete asphalt as well as tack, paint striping and related contractor costs. The totals are 3,436 tons of 448T-1 and 1,999 tons of 448T-2, both concrete asphalt, 2,340 gallons of tack, with paint application where warranted. After a short period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to seek bids for the work recommended by Superintendent Binckley. Fiscal Officer Kennedy is to determine when the bids can be scheduled for opening.
2. Superintendent Binckley reported on two special projects for 2009. They are the correction of water drainage issues near Jones Road and Pleasantview and the removal of a dirt pile on the James Road property owned by the township. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to undertake both of these projects in 2009.
3. Trustee Abraham indicated that he and Superintendent Binckley have been studying the township road equipment. They feel it is time to replace a 1983 dump truck which has 61,000 miles with a used 2001 Sterling L7501 dump truck being traded in by the County. While this truck has approximately 100,000 miles it has an air brake system (as opposed to hydraulic on the 1983), more horsepower, a heavier GVW, as well as more legal hauling capacity which will be more efficient for the township's purposes. It is becoming more difficult to obtain repair parts for the 1983. The township has had good success with the previous purchase of a used dump truck which was traded in by the County Engineer. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to declare the 1983 International dump truck as unneeded equipment to be sold and to acquire the 2001 Sterling referred

- to above from Fyda Freightliner for \$13,600 and to provide for an additional \$2,000 to pay for a used plow, spreader and control unit and perhaps tires.
4. F.O. Kennedy reported that he submitted the 2009/10 State salt bid request as required.
 5. Trustee Abraham reported that the new garage building has been delivered to the construction site.

The following matter was discussed with respect to the cemetery department:

1. It was reported that there was one funeral and two graves were sold since the last meeting.

The following matter was discussed with respect to the parks department:

1. Trustee Abraham indicated there has been interest from some groups in possibly camping on the Spring Valley/Salt Run Park Properties. He had referred this matter to the Township's Land Management Committee for review, consideration and recommendation. The LMC subsequently recommended that recreational camping be permitted at Spring Valley/Salt Run Park, with restrictions. The committee recommended that only short-term organized recreational camping be permitted and that it be limited to groups which have assisted in maintenance of and making improvements to the park. It is hoped that the Granville Recreation Commission could be used to coordinate scheduling and that groups would be required to adhere to the Proposed Rules/Guidelines that follow

Proposed Rules/Guidelines for Organized Camping at Spring Valley and Salt Run

- Limited to organized Scout Troops, Service Organizations, and School Groups which have assisted in maintenance of the and making improvements to the park(s)
- Reservations to be made through the Granville Recreation Commission.
- All visits must be coordinated with a representative from the Land Management Committee.
- Groups should get written permission form the Trustees (This will serve as their "permit").
- Must follow the "*Leave no Trace*" Policy and Procedures.
- Pack out Trash (Do not use trash cans).
- Bring own Water and use "porta-potty"
- Tents on grassy areas only.
- Fires are permitted in the fireplace located in the shelter house only. No other campfires are permitted.
- Motorized vehicles and horseback riding are prohibited.
- Collection of mushrooms, wildflowers or any organism is prohibited
- No off-trail hiking is permitted.
- Hunting and the discharge of firearms are strictly forbidden.
- Mountain bikes are not permitted.
- Consumption of alcohol or drugs prohibited.
- Trails may be subject to seasonal closure to prevent trail damage.

After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to permit short-term recreational camping at Spring Valley and Salt Run, as recommended by the Township's Land Management Committee, subject to the Proposed Rules and Guidelines detailed above.

F.O. Kennedy presented informational pieces from the County Litter Control Department and the Solid Waste District regarding clean up programs they will be conducting in 2009. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to hold another fix up clean up week in 2009 during the same week as the Village. It was decided that Trustee Abraham with F.O. Kennedy will work on any possible changes to the previous programs.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig the following appropriation transfers were approved:

From 1000-110-599-0000	Gen – Misc	1,501.00
To 1000-110-599-0007	Gen – Real Estate Taxes	1,501.00
From 1000-110-599-0000	Gen – Misc	1,700.00
To 1000-110-599-0007	Gen – Real Estate Taxes	1,700.00
From 1000-110-599-0000	Gen – Misc	23,100.00
To 1000-610-599-0007	Gen, Parks Real Est Taxes	23,100.00
From 2031-330-599-0000	Road & Bridge – Misc	3,000.00
To 2031-330-599-0007	R&B – real estate taxes	3,000.00
From 2041-410-599-0000	Cemetery – Misc	75.00
To 2041-410-599-0007	Cemetery –real estate taxes	75.00
From 2191-220-380-0000	Fire – workers' comp	4,100.00
To 2191-220-599-0007	Fire – real estate taxes	4,100.00
From 2195-760-710-0000	Open Space – Land & Dev	6,500.00
To 2191-110-599-0007	Open Space – real est tax	6,500.00
From 2191-760-740-0004	Fire – Pers Gear	1,500.00
To 2191-760-740-0005	Fire – Capital Items	1,500.00
From 2191-220-430-0000	Fire – Small Tools & Equip	400.00
To 2191-220-380-0000	Fire – insurance	400.00
From 1000-110-315-0000	Gen – Election Expenses	100.00
To 1000-110-519-0000	Gen – Dues & Subs	100.00
From 2191-220-215-0000	Fire – OP&FPP	15,000.00

To	2191-110-230-0000	Fire – Workers’ Com	15,000.00
From	2191-220-190-000 0	Fire – Wages	13,000.00
To	2191-110-230-0000	Fire – Workers’ Comp	13,000.00
From	2191-110-315-0000	Fire – Election Exp	2,000.00
To	2191-220-599-0000	Fire – Other	2,000.00
From	2191-110-315-0000	Fire – Election Exp	1,000.00
To	2191-760-720-0000	Fire – Buildings	1,000.00
From	2031-330-599-0000	R&B – Misc	15,000.00
To	2031-760-740-0000	R&B – Veh & Equip	15,000.00

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

E2009	Abraham	833.12	E2010	Barnhill	194.85
E2011	Baucher	112.79	E2012	Binckley	1721.55
E2013	Bishop	1132.40	E2014	Borden	1443.47
E2015	Bowman	1792.61	E2016	Butt	727.15
E2017	Coyle	350.74	E2018	Curtis	1568.25
E2019	DuBeck	425.18	E2020	Duncan	390.06
n/a	Engle	.00	E2021	Essick	546.85
E2022	Gottfried, N.B.	265.65	E2023	Habig	821.53
E2024	Hall	1472.04	E2025	Harrison	237.09
E2026	Henry	645.01	E2027	Hill	246.45
E2028	Huhn	813.58	E2029	Hussey	2452.66
E2030	Jones, A	241.43	n/a	Jones, B	.00
E2031	Kennedy	257.96	E2032	Lynn	117.49
E2033	Mason	812.82	E2034	May	846.39
E2035	Meisenhelder	563.23	E2036	Moore	43.52
E2037	Pack	206.44	E2038	Principe	445.55
E2039	Reece	958.89	E2040	Riley	267.58
E2041	Smith, D.	356.47	E2042	Thomas	127.12
E2043	Thompson	1612.40	5935	Licking Cty Treasurer	38096.95
5936	PNB – IRS	5960.45	5937	Deferred Comp	1175.00
5938	Workers’ Comp	31129.00	5939	Nextel Communications	206.06
5940	Minute Man Press	519.78	5941	Robertson Construction	147817.07
5942	Gaber & Assoc	4413.25	5943	GACC	110.00
5944	Standard Insurance Co	182.00	5945	Wince Welding	58.84
5946	Wendy Lewis	60.00	5947	C-Tec	540.00
5948	LifeLink	200.00	5949	West Licking Jt Fire Dist	600.00
5950	Howell Rescue Sch	2100.00	5951	Ohio Public Entity Cons	1007.57
5952	Jan’s in Stitches	136.00	5953	Work Health	750.00
5954	Office Equip Fin Section	99.66	5955	Bishop Scovell Ins	1123.00
5956	Emer Serv Mkting Corp	850.00	5957	Phil Black	450.00
5958	Racc Vall Conserv Club	18150.00	5959	James Murr	2950.00
5960	Homestead Farm	65958.00	5961	Joseph & Terese White	4230.00

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 Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, with Abraham yes, and Habig yes, the meeting was moved into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible property acquisition under ORC 121.22(G)(2).

After a period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to return to regular session.

Trustee Habig explained that the Trustees have been working on the acquisition of development rights (conservation easements designed to limit development) or the purchase of property in order keep open spaces in the township and limit development. The money being used is from the Open Space levies passed by the residents. A list of potential acquisitions was developed by a committee of community members who spent a great deal of time analyzing properties that might meet the criteria set forth by the residents of the Granville community. One of those properties was the 44.5 acre farm property owned by Row Farms Inc on Loudon Street. The Trustees had this property appraised and determined that excess of development value over the agricultural use value (the development right value) was \$274,000.

After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Board of Granville Township Trustees agree to make an offer in the amount of \$274,000 for the purchase of a Conservation Easement to be placed on approximately 44.5 acres located in the northwest quadrant of Granville Township along Loudon Street, from Row Farms Inc., in accordance with the terms a Conservation Easement Purchase Agreement between Granville Township and Row Farms Inc.. Further, the Township Fiscal Officer and any one Township Trustee are authorized to execute the Conservation Easement Purchase Agreement and further to execute any and all other documents necessary and/or convenient to effect the closing to purchase the Conservation Easement to prevent development of this property.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.