

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 12, 2008

Present: Trustees Fred Abraham, and Bill Habig, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Absent: Trustee Sargent

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Vince Hitt, 3156 Columbus Rd
Scott Harmon, 55 Margaret Ln
Jean Coombs, 2371 Silver St
Brian Miller, Sentinel

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

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of the February 27, 2008 minutes were approved as previously presented.

Vince Hitt was present to inquire as to the status of the fence issue on Jean Coombs property. He believes that the ORC permits a property line fence and that her barbed wire fence is legal. He also stated that he has offered to mow Mrs. Coombs field for free. Trustee Habig indicated that the Trustees are still researching the matter.

Scott Harmon was present to state that several meetings ago he was at the Trustee's meeting as a friend of Jean Coombs and that none of his comments were meant to imply that he was providing her legal advice. He also said that the County Health Department does not install drainage culverts. Trustee Habig stated that as he told Mr. Hitt the Trustees are still researching the entire matter and hope to resolve the matter before the weather breaks.

Mrs. Coombs was also present to provide some pictures regarding her property. Trustee Abraham indicated that he would contact her soon when he visits her property.

Trustee Habig reported that he met with Bill Hoffman and Bill Lozier to discuss the plan they presented at the last Trustee meeting to construct a bicycle/walking path from the TJ Evans path to Kendal. He believes that this proposal is only a piece of the work that needs to be done in the Granville community to make it more pedestrian friendly. He has set up a meeting next week with the Village administration and Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Lozier to discuss the matter. He wants to develop a community wide plan as opposed to working on bits and pieces.

Trustee Habig also reported that he has responded back with answers to all of the questions submitted by Phil Honsey with Poggemeyer Design Group. He hopes this is all of the information Honsey needs to finalize the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Habig further reported that HB385 regarding the incidental recreational use of property purchased with Open Space Levy funds was adopted in committee and that 22 additional representatives signed on as co-sponsors. With such strong support he

believes that it will pass in the House and then it must be considered in the Senate. He plans to testify at the Senate Committee Hearings when they are scheduled as he did with the House Hearings.

Trustee Abraham reported that Josh Hardbarger is making good progress on the installation of the insulated windows in the Spring Valley rental property. He presented an additional proposal in the amount of \$5,630 for installation of three new exterior doors, installation of drywall and other sundry work. 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 accept this proposal in the amount of \$5,630 for the work previously described.

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

1. Trustee Abraham reported that he met with a local architect to blue sky about the proposed new township garage. He is waiting for County Engineer Lollo to flag the corners of the township owned parcel that is proposed for location of the garage. F.O. Kennedy indicated that he has received several telephone calls from persons concerned that the Trustees were planning to build a garage on property purchased with Open Space Levy funds. He told those people that the Kent [formerly Quisenbery] property was purchased as two different sets of funds. The property to the west was acquired with Open Space money. The property to the east was purchased with General Fund money and thus can be used as a location for the garage.
2. F.O. Kennedy indicated that he had received several telephone calls and emails expressing gratitude to the township employees for the work performed over the weekend during the blizzard.
3. There will be a test of the tornado sirens on March 26th at 9:50AM. The Superintendent was asked to have someone at the sirens to make sure that they work.
4. Superintendent Binckley reported that one of the employees was sick over the blizzard weekend and it was necessary to temporarily hire a former employee, Curtis Ufert, at a rate of \$15 per hour to plow snow. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to ratify the temporary employment of Curtis Ufert to plow snow at a rate of \$15 per hour.
5. Superintendent Binckley reported that they used 15 tons of salt and 155 tons of #9 gravel along with 255 employee hours to plow snow since the last meeting. The blizzard weekend snow was very hard on the employees and the equipment but everyone worked hard and the equipment has all been repaired. Additional salt has been received and should be sufficient to get the township thru the remainder of the snow falls.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley presented deed number 02320 to Kalinoski - Section 18, Lot 78, Grave 1 for signature.
2. F.O. Kennedy reported that the cemetery levy on the March 4th ballot passed. As this new levy will begin to collect in January 2009 the Trustees will let the present Current Operating Expense levy expire on December 31, 2008.
3. The township received a letter from Lisa Bowers with ODNR. She indicated that after she had an opportunity to review additional materials she is now recommending

that the maple trees in the cemetery not be tapped. She came to this conclusion for the following reasons:

- a) At this time of the year, it is difficult to make a complete informed assessment of the health of these trees.
- b) Sugar maples growing along the street in the cemetery are subject to numerous stresses. Just to mention a few: restricted root zones, lawn around the remainder of the root zone that capture and compete for water and nutrients, reflected heat from the road and compacted soils.
- c) These trees are a public resource for the benefit of the visitors of the cemetery. They provide shade, beauty and value to the cemetery. Tapping of the trees will reduce the life expectancy of the trees. Public trees also warrant a concern for public safety. When trees decline a loss of structural stability can occur and internal decay is favored by deep wounding such as is proposed.
- d) If this is maintained as a modified sugarbush what management plan has been implemented in the past to keep these trees healthy. Sugar maples that are tapped should be managed as a resource in a woodland setting where stresses other than tapping are minimized.
- e) From the number of holes observed in the trees, it was evident that too many taps are occurring each year and many of the holes were not healing or sealing over which indicates signs of stress and may be an early indication of decline.
- f) In the North American Maple Syrup Produces Manual it states on page 87 that the conservative tapping guidelines are as follows: 1) 12-18" caliper = 1 tap, 2) 18+" = 2 taps. I might also mention that this book references practices in a woodland setting. If any tapping were to occur at the cemetery I would strongly recommend these guidelines be observed or reduced to account for added urban stresses."

Trustee Abraham indicated that on February 13th it had been decided that after a tree walk later in the month to evaluate individual trees that the Kiwanis would be permitted to tap the trees in the cemetery this year. The Trustees also said that they wanted to assess the maple tree tapping before it is done in subsequent years. A tree tapping policy was then adopted at the February 27th meeting to permit tapping of healthy trees with no more than three taps on any tree based upon the caliper of the tree. The trees have been tapped this year and will be evaluated again over the summer when the health of the trees can be more accurately determined.

4. Superintendent Binckley reported that there had been two funerals.

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

1. Chief Hussey indicated that the blizzard last weekend created a number of challenges for the fire department personnel. There were a number of accidents on Friday but fortunately most of those were non-injury. The remainder of the time it was necessary to run a four wheel drive vehicle with the emergency squad in order to make sure they could reach the patient.
2. The radio repeater has been installed on the Denison library rooftop and is working as of today.

3. The new grass fire pump/water/hose/foam skid unit purchased with a partial grant has been installed in the fire department pickup truck. He is glad this project has been completed in advance of grass fire season which will be starting shortly.

4. Chief Hussey asked for authorization to purchase four AC sensing TS1000 Sticks with the \$1,200 of grant money received from the Energy Cooperative Roundup Program. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to purchase four AC sensing TS1000 sticks as called for in the 100% grant received from the Energy Cooperative Roundup Program.

5. F.O. Kennedy indicated that the equipment specifications and bid packages were just about finished for the purchase of the previously approved Compressor System and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus being bought with grant money obtained by Chief Hussey. He requested that the Trustees establish April 9th as a date to open the bids for this equipment. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to set April 9th as the date to accept and open bids for the Compressor System and the SCBA equipment.

F.O. Kennedy indicated that the township has several parcels of property which are being used for agricultural purposes such as bean and corn crops as well as raising livestock and growing of hay. The County Prosecutor had previously recommended that leases not be entered into for more than four year periods. Conversely the renters wanted multi-year leases so they might recover the cost of fertilizing and other improvements over the term of the leases. For this reason the Trustees had previously established three year lease terms, all of which expired December 31, 2007. The farmers will be needed to apply for crop subsidies and make plans for this years planting in the very near future. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to permit F.O. Kennedy to enter into negotiations to lease these properties for another three year period.

F.O. Kennedy presented the February 29, 2008 bank reconciliation for the Trustees review and approval.

F.O. Kennedy reported that he delivered the 2008 permanent appropriations to the County Auditor.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos and EFT's and any Then and Now Certificates included herein, were approved for payment:

E1220	Abraham	877.20	E1221	Barnhill	296.68
E1222	Baucher	108.42	E1223	Binckley	2334.62
E1224	Borden	1336.58	E1225	Bowman	1458.91
E1226	Butt	1057.13	E1227	Coyle	119.24
E1228	Curtis	1609.42	E1229	DuBeck	201.62
E1230	Duncan	385.08	n/a	Engle	.00
E1231	Essick	723.89	E1232	Giles	1329.16
E1233	Gottfried, N.B.	139.51	E1234	Habig	558.00
E1235	Hall	1322.28	E1236	Hill	207.26
E1237	Huhn	998.04	E1238	Hussey	2371.57
E1239	Jones, A	295.32	E1240	Jones, B	307.55

E1241	Kennedy	576.60	E1242	Lynn	427.16
E1243	May	515.15	n/a	McDonald	.00
E1244	Meisenhelder	564.84	n/a	Piper	.00
n/a	Polk	.00	E1245	Principe	368.89
E1246	Reece	892.72	n/a	Riley	.00
E1247	Sargent	491.47	E1248	Smith, D	343.47
n/a	Thomas	.00	E1249	Thompson	1471.86
E1250	Westall	43.52	4928	Ohio Insurance Services	1871.46
4929	PNB – VISA	1132.51	4930	Compu-fax Systems	110.70
4931	Newspaper News N.W.	66.99	4932	Kessler Sign	160.00
4933	Poggemeyer Design Grp	14076.87	4934	Stacey Engle	49.64
4935	Jobes & Henderson	3969.00	4936	Newark Winnelson	8.96
4937	Johnson Electric	85.43	4938	Travis Binckley	380.00
4939	Enviro Kleen	157.41	4940	KPS/NAPA	999.69
4941	Lawson Products	47.58	4942	Travis Binckley	20.00
4943	Cintas Corporation	325.87	4944	Action Signs	142.50
4945	Granville Lumber	113.95	4946	Granville Village Market	76.17
4947	Morton Salt	3425.28	4948	Certified Oil	4387.24
4949	CVS Pharmacy	54.51	4950	ACS Government Systems	1035.00
4951	Heart Specialists of Ohio	562.15	4952	MT Business Tech	166.20
4953	B&C Communications	10635.04	4954	Ohio Fire &ES Foundation	2500.00
4955	Fire House	22.00	4956	Time Warner	44.95
4957	Finley Fire	11995.00	4958	PNB-IRS	5143.70
4959	Deferred Comp	1055.00			

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 Trustee Abraham yes and Trustee Habig yes, the meeting was moved into Executive Session to discuss possible property acquisition in accordance with ORC Section 122(G)(2).

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, with Trustee Abraham yes and Trustee Habig yes, the meeting was returned to regular session.

The Trustees accepted the report from the Open Space Committee with thanks for all the hard work. No list of possible properties for acquisition of fee title or development rights was presented. The Trustees will review this report and asked that the committee members return for another meeting on April 9th when Trustee Sargent is back in town for the committee to present the list of properties proposed for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.