

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 8, 2009

Present: Trustees Abraham, Habig and Mason, F.O. Norman Kennedy

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Chuck Peterson, Sentinel
David & Erma Clemens, Millersburg OH
Kelli Clemens, Millersburg OH
Rick, Cathie and Heath Monroe, Marysville OH
Marge Morley, Marysville OH
Kris Thompson, Granville
Charlie Borden, Tom Bowman, Russ Thompson, Larry Thomas, Brad
Leckrone, Dave Kishler, Cameron Evans, Ryan Hussey – fire department
members

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

Trustee Habig reported that he has been keeping in touch with the political activity in Columbus. Unfortunately there appears to be complete paralysis with respect to the State budget for the next two years. The legislature has now passed its second temporary budget and the governor has indicated he will not sign a third extension. What has been proposed to balance the budget includes reducing Local Government Funding received by entities sure as Granville Township. He also reported that the Commission studying local governments has begun to meet.

Trustee Mason indicated that the Joint Parks Recreation Board has approached Senator Tim Schaffer and asked if legislation could be introduced that would clarify that a new levy for the District would in fact be a replacement as the Granville Township Trustees have voted to not collect the existing Recreation Commission Levy when this one passes. It was pointed out that the present levy is paid only by the properties in Granville Township (both the Village and the Township) while the JRD levy would be placed on the same jurisdiction covered by the School District which includes other political subdivisions. Thus the levy would be new for those jurisdictions rather than a quasi “replacement” of an existing levy. F.O. Kennedy was asked to contact the Senator’s office to discuss the matter.

Trustee Mason indicated that the township portion of the community emergency warning system has been completed. He hopes that this will be a joint venture with the Village in order to be a true community wide project.

F.O. Kennedy reported that since the last meeting it has come to his attention that the township may need to take a different approach to determining the status of any possible contamination at the township’s BiCentennial Park property and obtaining a closure letter from BUSTR. He would like to involve other environmental consulting companies and determine not only their respective qualifications but also their recommended

approach to what should be done to evaluate the property and obtain a closure letter. Working in conjunction with Paul Jenks, as a volunteer member of the community, he has obtained a listing of approximately ten environmental consulting firms and would like permission to send out inquiries soliciting a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Those firms deemed to be qualified would be asked for a proposal to meet the township's needs and the cost thereof. On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to solicit RFQs to aid in making a selection of an environmental consultant to work with the township on the BiCentennial Park (Whitepoint) property.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley reported that the majority of the drywall has been completed in the new garage. There is still a great deal of work to be done in order to move in by the end of the month.
2. F.O. Kennedy reported that this is the final tax year for the existing 2.75 mill road and bridge levy. It is possible for the Trustees to place this levy on the November ballot with any change taking effect in 2011. Kennedy indicated that he is recommending that the levy be put on the ballot as a replacement levy, for a continuing period of time. This means that the levy, which has a present existing effective rate of 2.54 mills for residential and agricultural properties would be restored to its original voted amount of 2.75 mills. This voter approved change would cost an additional \$6.34 per \$100,000 of market value for an owner occupied residential property. The County Auditor has indicated that the levy is presently raising approximately \$391,000 per year before auditor collection fees and delinquencies. Replacing the levy to its original voted amount would raise approximately \$36,000 more per year. Kennedy indicated the reason that he is recommending an increase is to be able to continue to provide the same level of service. A significant part of the annual road and bridge budget is asphalt for paving. In 2004 when this levy was last voted upon asphalt cost \$29 a ton. This year it is \$50 per ton. While diesel fuel costs have moderated the current price is much higher than several years ago and there will be future pressure upon fuel and all petroleum related expenditures. Road salt used for winter snow and ice control has increased from \$37 per ton to \$61 per ton. The township does everything it can to keep costs down. It applies for grant money for paving projects and reimbursement of disaster type emergency costs. Unfortunately the state has been passing its budget problems down to the local level by reducing its subsidies of various transitional taxes. The roads department operates with four full-time employees including the working supervisor. These employees also work in the township cemeteries and parks when it is necessary.

The following resolution was adopted:

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 8, 2009, with the following members present:

Fred Abraham Bill Habig Bill Mason

Mr. Abraham moved adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP 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 2.75 MILLS 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 tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Granville Township as authorized by Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that it intends to submit the question of the addition of that levy to the electors at a general election on November 3, 2009.

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 2.75 mills 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. Mason, seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Yea: Abraham, Habig and Mason Nay: None

Dated this 8 day of July, 2009.

Norman S. Kennedy, Granville Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth W. Oswalt
Licking County Prosecutor

F.O. Kennedy reminded everyone that should this levy pass it would not collect at the new amount until 2011. He will file the resolution with the County Auditor.

3. Superintendent Binckley presented a purchase request for a Massey Furgeson 5455 tractor (\$29367.21 after 27% State Purchasing Program discount and trade-in of the old mower for \$15,000.00) and 18' Boom Mower (\$38,988.96 after 27% State Purchasing Program discount). Superintendent Binckley indicated that the tractor and mower being traded is in excess of 20 years old and is beginning to need frequent repairs. The township participates in the State Purchasing Program and is able to save money by obtaining a larger discount (\$16,409.79 and \$6,347.04) and because the state has already bid the equipment the township benefits by not having to go thru the bidding process. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to pass a Resolution declaring the old tractor and mower as surplus to be traded in and approve the purchase of the equipment outlined above.

4. Superintendent Binckley reported that the employees continue to preparatory work on the roads which are to be paved this year. Kokosing has been delaying starting the township's work in order to coordinate this work which other bids they obtained in the County. He anticipates they will be starting in the next two weeks.

Trustee Habig reported that he has spoken to Leonard Hubert and Stacey Engle and each has agreed to step up one position, Hubert to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Engle to first alternative for the BZA. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to approve Trustee Habig's recommendation to make these changes.

The following matters were discussed with respect to cemeteries:

1. Superintendent Binckley reported there has been one funeral and three graves were sold.
2. It is anticipated that the Fannins will complete their work at Philipps Cemetery this coming Friday.

The following matters were discussed with respect to parks:

1. Trustee Abraham reported that there is an abandoned car which has been parked at the Spring Valley Park for several weeks. He is working with the Sheriff's Office to have the car removed.
2. Trustee Abraham also indicated that there is a problem with people littering and vandalizing the shelter houses at Spring Valley Park. He is planning to work with the Land Management Group to determine what steps should be taken to eliminate this problem.
3. Trustee Abraham asked for approval to pay for several repair projects at the brown house in Spring Valley. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to spend up to \$1,000 on various repairs as outlined by Trustee Abraham.

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

1. Chief Hussey reported that one of the new employees that was provisionally hired at the June 10th meeting decided to stay with his present employer. Chief Hussey recommended that Derwin Clemens be hired in his place, retroactive to July 5, 2009 for the same \$13.98 per hour rate.
2. Chief Hussey introduced Derwin Clemens, Brady Monroe and Brianne Hill who are to be the three new full-time probationary firefighter/paramedics. He indicated they satisfactorily completed all the employment steps which needed to be done back on June 10th. On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to hire these three individuals as full-time probationary firefighter/paramedics retroactive to July 5, 6 and 7 respectively. Trustee Habig administered the Oath of Office to the new employees.

F.O. Kennedy presented the 6/30/09 bank reconciliation for the trustees review and approval.

He further reported that he had received a new Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Auditor for an additional \$350,000 and \$73,323 of “Other Income” in the Kendal TIF and FEMA Funds, respectively. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept the new Amended Certificate and increase estimated Kendal TIF – Other Taxes (2901-199) by \$350,000 and FEMA Fund – Other Federal Receipts by \$5,343 (2903-511-0000) and \$67,980 (2903-511-0001). Kennedy discussed his recommendations for appropriation of the funds. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to increase 2009 appropriations as follows:

Kendal TIF – Legal fees	2901-760-311	+\$	3,000
- Capital Exp	2901-760-700		347,000
FEMA - Fire	2903-220-599		5,343
- Roads	2903-330-599		67,980

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

From 2193-110-599 0000 Opera House – Misc	2,000.00
To 2193-610-323-0000 Opera House – Parks M&R	2,000.00
From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire – C/O	3,000.00
To 2191-220-310-0200 Fire – SAFER, background/testing	3,000.00
From 2041-760-710-0000 Cem – Land/Dev Rights	2,000.00
To 2041-410-599-0008 Cem – Old Colony Exp Adv	2,000.00
From 2041-410-190-0000 Cem – Salaries	100.00
To 2041-410-599-0001 Cem – Mulch	100.00

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

n/a	Abraham	.00	E2300	Barnhill	212.25
E2301	Baucher	112.79	E2302	Binckley	1485.49
E2303	Borden	1261.94	E2304	Bowman	2711.80
E2305	Bryan	948.00	E2306	Butt	744.55
n/a	Coyle	.00	E2307	Curtis	1530.59
E2308	DuBeck	335.87	E2309	Duncan	313.39
n/a	Engle	.00	n/a	Essick	.00
E2310	Gottfried, N.B.	265.65	n/a	Habig	.00
E2311	Hall	1379.92	E2312	Harrison	43.65
E2313	Henry	662.41	E2314	Hill	368.58
E2315	Huhn	751.09	E2316	Hussey	2483.41
n/a	Jones, A	.00	E2317	Jones, B	313.76
n/a	Kennedy	.00	E2318	Lynn	356.06
E2319	Mack	644.70	n/a	Mason	.00

E2320	May	412.38	E2321	Meisenhelder	580.63
n/a	Moore	.00	n/a		.00
E2322	Pack	219.75	n/a	Principe	.00
E2323	Reece	877.56	E2324	Riley	267.58
E2325	Smith, D.	373.87	E2326	Thomas	480.50
E2327	Thompson	1394.14	6225	PNB –IRS	3424.44
6226	OIT	2014.00	6227	SDIT	153.52
6228	GIT	699.36	6229	Deferred Comp	1150.00
6230	AFLAC	504.72	6231	Granville Township	3007.96
6232	NIT	106.89	6233	HIT	8.97
6234	JIT	4.48	6235	PNB – Columbus	12.56
6236	PNB – OPERS	5636.09	6237	OP&FPP	11845.53
6238	Ohio Public Entity Cons	650.00	6239	Nextel Communications	203.53
6240	Treas State of Ohio	100.00	6241	Licking Cty Treasurer	27.82
6242	MT Business Tech	42.35	6243	Shelly Materials	2147.57
6244	Ohio Public Entity Cons	2199.82	6245	Standard Insurance Co	182.00
6246	Angeletti OH Door	336.50	6247	Environ Specialists	40.00
6248	McDonald Auto Repair	648.08	6249	Southeastern Equip Co	88.68
6250	Lawson Products	171.94	6251	ELM Recycling	456.00
6252	Kuhn Turf Equip	92.53	6253	C-Tec	1775.00
6254	Indoff Inc	78.29	6255	Boundtree Medical	60.78
6256	Firehouse	171.00	6257	Vogelmeier Hardwood Fl	1200.00
6258	ResponseSoft	500.00	6259	Hardbarger Remodeling	650.00
6260	DANR Electric	45.50	6261	AEP	1.27
6262	Columbis Gas	14.97	6263	Reese, Pyle, Drake & Meyer	55.50
6264	GEVSD	120110.40	6265	Kendal at Granville	46789.30
6266	Kendal at Granville	45450.63	n/a	n/a	.00
E2328	Abraham	833.42	n/a	Barnhill	.00
n/a	Baucher	.00	E2329	Binckley	1485.49
E2330	Borden	1827.73	E2331	Bowman	1636.80
E2332	Bryan	948.00	E2333	Butt	744.55
E2334	Coyle	269.68	E2335	Curtis	1558.70
E2336	DuBeck	221.69	E2337	Duncan	431.50
n/a	Engle	.00	n/a	Essick	.00
n/a	Gottfried, N.B.	.00	E2338	Habig	821.53
E2339	Hall	1401.93	E2340	Harrison	43.65
E2341	Henry	685.76	E2342	Hill	107.09
E2343	Huhn	751.09	E2344	Hussey	2483.41
E2345	Jones, A	852.96	E2346	Jones, B	313.76
E2347	Kennedy	72.08	E2348	Lynn	467.56
E2349	Mack	609.36	E2350	Mason	800.91
E2351	May	526.96	E2352	Meisenhelder	580.63
E2353	Moore	43.52	n/a		.00
E2354	Pack	751.80	E2355	Principe	265.47
E2356	Reece	1023.99	E2357	Riley	134.10
E2358	Smith, D.	480.50	n/a	Thomas	.00
E2359	Thompson	1590.96	6267	PNB – IRS	4917.94
6268	Deferred Comp	2050.00	6269	Mary Taylor, AOS	1125.00
6270	Elan Fin Serv- f/k/aPNB	86.98	6271	Auto Trim Design	100.00
6272	Curb Lawn Appeals	800.00	6273	Southeastern Equipment	488.77
6274	KPS/NAPA	193.55	6275	Granville Village Mkt	98.08
6276	Certified Oil	2730.34	6277	United Aggregates	3264.96
6278	Granville Lumber	205.13	6279	Lifelink	200.00

6280	Boundtree Medical	48.50	6281	Capital Consulting	837.00
6282	Finley Fire	330.10	6283	Industrial Scientific	563.77
6284	B&C Communications	162.00	6285	Work Health	2193.00
6286	Time Warner	164.82	6287	Granville Milling	102.00
6288	Romei & Son Plumbing	207.75	DM57	Windstream	443.17
DM58	AEP	730.26	DM59	Village of Granville	224.50
DM60	Columbia Gas	330.37			

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.