

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 12, 2007

Present: Trustees Jim Havens, Lyle King and Wes Sargent, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Chuck Peterson, The Sentinel
Roger Dunifon, 3464 Loudon St
Fred Abraham, 1901 James Rd
Josh Wilson, Warren Fire Equipment, Warren OH
Louise Denny, 41 Spangler Ct
Brandon Reece, Casey Curtis & Charles Borden Granville Fire Dept
Erin Curtis, 157 Fairview Ave
Janet Curtis, 1942 Columbus Rd
Fred Nickerson, 2025 North Street Rd
Maureen Havens, 3587 Loudon St
Jim Larimer, 166 Joy Ln
Steve Mershon, 405 E. College St
Cathy Borden, 4622 Lock Rd, Centerburg OH
Bill Habig, Raccoon Valley Rd

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

Trustee Sargent indicated that he attended numerous meetings since the last township meeting.

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

1. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King it was agreed to submit a quantity of 475 tons of rock salt at \$48.80 to Morton Salt Company for projected use in 2007-08.
2. County Engineer Tim Lollo indicated to the Trustees that the speed limit study conducted for the unincorporated segment of James Rd calls for a recommended speed of 47MPH. (the road is presently 45MPH). The Trustees believe that more and more traffic will use this road as the area continues to build out. Lollo indicated that he is willing to submit a request for 35MPH to match the existing speeds for the Village and City parts of the road if requested. On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Havens, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to request Mr. Lollo ask ODOT to make the speed limit consistent along the entire length of the road as long as the Union Township Trustees concur for the section of road which is in Union Township.
3. Trustee Sargent stated that he talked to ODOT regarding the need for a street name sign on SR37 at Rose View. They are to install a sign within the next month.
4. Acting Superintendent Binckley presented a report of work being done in the township. Most of the efforts are preparatory in nature for the paving work scheduled to begin Monday next week. The employees have been cutting back berms, ditching, replacing cross culverts, widening cul-de-sacs in Mill Race and at the end of Beechtree Lane.

5. Louise Denny said she was sorry to read in the paper that Havens was resigning his position. She expressed concern about the dead pine tree in the Spangler Ct. cul-de-sac. Acting Superintendent Binckley indicated he would look at the situation.

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

1. Acting Superintendent Binckley presented a list of work being done in the cemetery. The employees have been framing up foundations for the fall pour.

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

1. Chief Hussey indicated that the three new full-time members of the fire department, with a combined total of 30 years experience, selected during the hiring process were present to be sworn in. Trustee Sargent stated that he thought the hiring process was a good one and that the township had strong candidates. The township is fortunate to have people who want to work in the community. Trustee Havens concurred that the township had strong candidates.

Chief Hussey introduced Brandon Reece, a graduate of Denison University and member of the GVFD Inc since 2001. He also held a variety of administrative positions with the corporation. Casey Curtis has 10+ years experience and comes from Liberty Township Fire Department. Charles Borden is an experienced firefighter/medic with good skills and 15 yrs of experience. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to hire these individuals as full-time firefighters/medics. Trustee Sargent administered the oath of office.

2. Chief Hussey indicated that when the department was established in January 2007 he had recommended the appointment of temporary career company officers. He recommended that the following individuals be appointed as provisional permanent career company officers: Russell Thompson Jr. – Captain and Thomas Bowman and Casey Curtis – Lieutenants. He also recommended the appointment of Larry Scheiderer as a provisional volunteer Lieutenant. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to appoint these individuals to officer as recommended by Chief Hussey.

3. Fiscal Officer Kennedy opened the bids received for 26 sets of structural fire fighting gear. The were: a) The Fire House \$42,770; b) Warren Fire Equipment \$47,452.34; c) Fire Safety Services \$44,174; and d) Finley Fire \$44,148. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to accept these bids and permit Fiscal Officer Kennedy and Chief Hussey to review the bids and after determining compliance with the bid specifications award the contract to the lowest and most responsive bidder. The contract will be ratified at the next trustee meeting.

4. Chief Hussey recommended the purchase of 6 HT 1250 5 watt high band portable radios, with related equipment for \$4,988.00. On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Havens, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to make this purchase.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the Parks Department:

1. Trustee Sargent reported that Grace Gordon must be replaced on the township's land use management committee.

2. Trustee Sargent indicated that he has obtained quotes from two contractors to remove the concrete pool at Spring Valley. He is hoping to obtain one additional quote and plans to meet with the Land Trust Board members and township land management group before he makes a recommendation to the Trustees. He thinks this project should be completed before the end of October.

Mr. Habig was present to discuss the status of the Community Comprehensive Plan effort. He is the township's representative to the Comprehensive Plan Project. The joint project with the Village of Granville coordinated by Poggemeyer Design Group has been underway for one year. It is hoped that the Comprehensive Plan Update which is designed to identify and guide the future growth and development of the Village and Township will be completed by the end of 2007. The plan will provide a framework for land use decision making, local economic development and tax base stabilization, implementation of public improvements, and generation of private investment. Additionally, this plan will outline a vision for the direction of the community and provide a detailed strategy to achieve that vision.

A. Plan issues are:

- 1) Preserving Small Town Character – Reinvestment in Village Core, High Quality Design Standards and Expanding the Historic Preservation District
- 2) Preserving Rural Character – Limited growth in the Northwest quadrant of the township, use of scenic by-ways
- 3) Economic Development – Employment centers on Columbus Road, along with managed growth at freeway intersections
- 4) Transportation – Traffic flow, pedestrian and bicycle movement/connectivity
- 5) Housing – mix, affordability, quality and impact on the school district.
- 6) Environment – information, protection of prime farmlands and woodlands.

Trustee Havens asked about affordable housing. Everyone says they want it but resist placement near them. Habig indicated that the best place for affordable housing is along freeways, in locations where municipal utility services are available but not isolated in the community. They can be in buffer zones. Normally affordable housing must be subsidized, especially in a community like Granville.

B. Economic Development Sub-Issues

- 1) What kinds of jobs are being created?
- 2) Which political subdivisions win or lose financially from the type of development proposed?
- 3) How are existing businesses downtown impacted by new retail space?
- 4) How are the schools impacted?
- 5) Does it make sense to create a TIF and redirect tax revenue to pay for extra enhancements?

There was discussion about the possible development opportunities for the various properties acquired by Jack Lucks (River Rd, Weaver Dr and SR661). Trustee Sargent

indicated that he has been working with the Village for a number of months regarding efforts to annex the area so that municipal utilities might be provided.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy asked about the Hester Property on Columbus road because the neighbors had expressed concern about it being classified for commercial use. Habig indicated that the Comprehensive Plan Proposed Use Map has been revised to designate this property to be residential.

Trustee Havens thanked Habig for all the time he has spent working on this plan. Habig's background and expertise as 37 year Executive Director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has been invaluable to the project. This is a very important effort for the community.

Trustee Sargent read a letter of resignation from Trustee James Havens, to be effective October 11, 2007. He indicated that Trustee Havens worked diligently in his position and had accomplished many things for the township. He was the backbone of the Open Space effort. The strategic purchases that were made enabled the township to assist the property owners on James Road to annex to the Village and block the western expansion of the City of Newark thru the southeast quadrant of the township. He also worked hard to have a successful conversion of the fire department from private to public management. He has done a number of positive things and is always "for" things as opposed to being negative. Trustee Sargent indicated he learned a number of things from Havens and he has been a good friend. He regrets Haven's decision to resign and is sorry to see him go.

Havens said he has enjoyed the relationships over the years but everyone has a shelf life. He has lived in the community 20 years and been associated with the township via the zoning commission and board of trustees for 16 years. He has attended over 300 meetings. He believes there are a number of positive things going on and that he is leaving the township and the community in good hands.

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, with Sargent yes and King yes with Havens abstaining it was agreed to accept, with regrets, Havens resignation as of October 11, 2007.

Trustee Sargent proposed that the Trustees accept statements of interest through October 1st from registered voters in the township (both incorporated and unincorporated) who were interested in replacing Mr. Havens. The Trustees would interview these individuals the week of October 15 and make a selection during the regular meeting scheduled on October 24th. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, with Sargent and King yes and Havens abstaining, it was agreed to follow this procedure to replace Havens.

Fred Nickerson indicated that he was in attendance at the meeting as a result of the elected official changes that were going to take place in the near future. He has not always agreed with all of the Trustee's decisions but has always appreciated the effort

put forth. He thinks on an overall basis the Trustees have done a good job and especially wanted to thank Lyle for all his years of dedicated service.

Roger Dunifore also expressed his thanks for the work the Trustees had done.

Steve Mershon thanked Havens for the leadership he has provided. His efforts at Green Space preservation and planning have been good for the community. Mershon has enjoyed working with Havens over the past years.

Trustee Sargent indicated that he has been on the Trustee Board for six years and the township has the best relationship with the Village Council that it has had since he started.

Trustee Havens said he has appreciated everyone's support and thought that progress had been possible because many people were willing to work together.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he has been receiving assessment notices from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Court. He reminded the Trustees that last year he was able to obtain a reduction on the township's 40 acre Raccoon Valley Park reducing the proposed annual assessment from \$684 to \$48 saving the township \$13,000 over the twenty life of the assessment.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy further reported that he had received the requested tax advance for the Kendal TIF payments included within the second half property taxes. He has issued checks to both the Granville School District and Kendal for their portions of these payments.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy recommended that the Trustees switch life insurance carriers from the present carrier to Standard Insurance Company. The three year guaranteed premium is approximately the same plus Standard provides additional coverage for line of duty firefighter deaths. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent it was agreed to switch the township's term life insurance carrier to Standard Insurance Company.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy presented the August 31, 2007 bank reconciliation for review and approval by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy discussed his request for a new Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Auditor. The increases by fund are:

1000 General	\$ 54,000.00
2191 Fire	69,000.00
2193 Opera House	9,695.00
4402 OPWC	558,500.00
4901 Misc Capital Projects	224,295.09

He also recommended the following increases in appropriations, with two new funds 4402 and 4901.

1000-110-599-0000	Misc	54,000.00
2191-220-599-0000	Misc	69,000.00
2193-110-599-0001	Other	9,695.00
4402-760-710-0000	OPWC	558,500.00
4901-760-710-0000	Capital Proj	224,295.09

On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept the additional estimated resources for 2007, adopt the new appropriations for 2007 and approve the use of funds 4402 and 4901, all as recommended by Fiscal Officer Kennedy.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy discussed the County Auditor prepared Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor which must be adopted by the Trustees to collect the taxes voted by the residents of Granville Township. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent it was agreed to adopt this resolution for collection of the existing property taxes in calendar 2008.

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation transfers between August 23, 2007 and September 12, 2007 were approved:

From 2191-110-314-0000	Fire	1,500.00
To 2191-220-310-0002	Fire	1,500.00
From 2011-330-360-0000		15,000.00
To 2011-330-420-0000		15,000.00
From 2193-110-360-0000		1,000.00
To 2193-110-329-0000		1,000.00
From 2192-120-599-0001		500.00
To 2192-120-351-0000		500.00
From 2193-110-360-0000		500.00
To 2193-610-351-0000		500.00

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos, EFT's and any Then and Now Certificates included herein, issued since the last meeting, were approved for payment:

E832	Annarino	89.29	E833	Barnhill	385.41
E834	Baucher	88.55	E835	Binckley	1120.10
E836	Bowman	1773.60	E837	Butt	640.41
E838	Coyle	275.62	E839	DuBeck	240.96
E840	Engle	69.63	E841	Essick	308.30
E842	Giles	951.42	E843	Gottfried, A	129.76

E844	Gottfried, B.	224.34	E845	Gottfried, N.B.	124.40
E846	Hall	1344.71	n/a	Havens	.00
E847	Hill	202.83	E848	Huhn	631.35
E849	Hussey	2273.48	n/a	Johnson	.00
E850	Jones, A	230.81	E851	Jones, B	282.38
E852	Kennedy	515.85	E853	King	331.50
E854	Lynn	822.36	n/a	N/A	.00
E855	May	629.98	E856	McDonald	77.49
E857	Meisenhelder	566.97	E858	Polk	554.54
E859	Principe	567.41	E860	Reece	397.08
E861	Riley	556.56	E862	Sargent	266.06
E863	Smith,D	512.50	E864	Swick	453.89
E865	Thomas	334.63	E866	Thompson	1759.52
E867	Westall	43.77	4378	Anthem Life Ins Co	189.47
4379	Ohio Ins Services	1355.16	4380	PNB- VISA	214.63
4381	Nextel	306.96	4382	The Standard Insurance Co	216.00
4383	Stacy Engle	88.57	4384	Jobes Henderson & Assoc	396.00
4385	Reese Pyle etal	75.00	4386	Arwebb	109.96
4387	Wendy Lewis	30.00	4388	Hope Timber	42.00
4389	R D Zandee & Assoc	1726.91	4390	Shelly Materials	1637.89
4391	Kokosing Materials	300.00	4392	Circuit Rider Mgt Group	1417.44
4393	Fred Abraham	2000.00	4394	Wright Bros Power LLC	1859.24
4395	KPS/NAPA	187.70	4396	Tom Mayle & Sons Const	5180.00
4397	Erie Insurance Co	9936.00	4398	Waste Mgt	166.74
4399	Cintas	349.37	4400	Certified Oil	2773.08
4401	Lifelink	160.00	4402	Boundrtee Medical	297.40
4403	CVS Pharmacy	58.78	4404	Licking Memorial Hospital	5.28
4405	Granville Village Mkt	108.29	4406	Granville Lumber	281.32
4407	Sunoco	19.99	4408	Vince Catalogna	358.00
4409	Jan's in Stitches	97.00	4410	Fire House	371.00
4411	Ohio Health/Beh Health	119.85	4412	MT Business Tech	166.20
4413	Triad Fire Apparatus	450.00	4414	Auto Trim Design	208.85
4415	Generator Systems	303.56	4416	Verizon Wireless	44.52
4417	Time Warner/Adelphia	44.95	4418	Granville Milling	229.90
4419	JLW Services Inc	800.00	4420	Columbia Gas	13.00
4421	Ben Rader	2450.00	4422	James Kennedy	2450.00
4423	James Havens	346.90	4424-9	OPERS Buyback	2105.40
4430	Deferred Comp	477.00	DM74	Windstream	397.23
DM75	AEP	650.06	DM76	Village of Granville	73.40
DM77	Columbia Gas	219.44			

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.