

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 24, 2008

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

Guests: Travis Binckley  
Jeff Hussey  
Olivia Aguilar, 405 Burg ST  
Grace Gordon, 2100 Lancaster Rd  
Daniel Goodfleish, 41 Gristmill, Pataskala  
Brian Miller, Sentinel  
Jeff Goodfleish, 41 Gristmill, Pataskala  
Bill Mason, 465 Llanberis Dr, G

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

Olivia Aguilar reported to the trustees that her students are working on proposals for work projects to be done at Spring Valley and that she plans to submit them to the Trustees for approval once the list of proposals is completed. She anticipates the projects will include mapping the boundaries, construction/repair of trail bridges, development of trail maintenance procedures, an after school environmental education program and the development of a public relations project to make the community aware of Spring Valley.

Bill Mason indicated that he was present to thank the township employees for the extra effort put forth during and following the recent windstorm. He appreciated the cleanup work and keeping the roads open. F.O. Kennedy commented that the Trustees plan to pickup debris from all roads in the township beginning on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The program will be similar to that conducted after the ice storm and information should appear in the next issue of the Sentinel and will be out on the township's website.

Trustee Sargent reported he attended the dedication of the John Tegtmeyer and Charles Sinsabaugh wing at the County Health Department. He also indicated that the Prosecutor's Office is working on the resolution needed for the Trustees to implement H.B. 385 to use green space properties for recreational purposes.

Trustee Habig reported that the initial meeting of the Zoning Commission with the PDG representative had to be canceled as there was no power at McPeck Lodge. That meeting was rescheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at McPeck Lodge. The meeting to begin the acceptance process for the Comprehensive Plan has been scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> at the same time and place.

Trustee Abraham reported that the Bicentennial Marker information has been submitted to the Licking County Historical Society and the bronze marker should be in by the end of the year. At that time the Trustees will need to determine where the marker should be mounted.

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

1. Trustee Abraham reported that he should have the architect's recommendations for contractor selection at the next meeting. He also reported that Hankinson Contracting is about to begin the cut in of the driveway to the new township garage location. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to purchase stone in the amount of approximately \$25,000 to put down as a base material for this driveway. In response to a question by F.O. Kennedy the construction risk insurance is going to be provided by the contractor.
2. Superintendent Binckley reported that the employees spent many hours moving debris during the recent windstorm in order to keep the roads open. Since then they have gone back to begin the pickup of the debris which was pushed into the ditches. Originally he had rented a grapple attachment for use with the township's skid loader at a cost of \$250 per week. The attachment has been very useful in the debris pickup and could have a number of other applications. He would like to recommend the grapple be purchased for \$3,500 and has determined Southeastern Equipment will apply the rental payments toward the cost. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to purchase the skid loader grapple attachment from Southeastern Equipment for \$3,500.
3. Superintendent Binckley also reported that the storm left a number of dangerous tree limb hangers that had to be professionally removed because the work was beyond the capabilities of the township employees. The township also does not have suitable overhead equipment to perform this work. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to ratify the actions of Superintendent Binckley to hire TR Sawyer Tree Service, to remove the dangerous tree hangers, in the amount of \$1,875.
4. F.O. Kennedy reported that information was submitted to the local EMA regarding possible costs for debris cleanup. He hopes that the township will receive some reimbursement for the costs incurred as a result of the windstorm.
5. Superintendent Binckley indicated that roads employee Curtis Ufert has submitted his resignation. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept this resignation and approve the hiring of his replacement.
6. F.O. Kennedy explained that there may be a disaster declaration for the debris removal costs associated with the September 14<sup>th</sup> windstorm that struck the area. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to authorize Fiscal Officer Kennedy to sign any and all documents related to Granville Township's request for recovery of disaster related debris cleanup expenses.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley reported that because of the township's preventive tree pruning program few tree limbs came down in the tombstone areas of the cemeteries. One large tree did fall which damaged only the perimeter fence.
2. There have been two funerals since the last meeting.

3. It was reported that the deer have been damaging and in some cases destroying the trees in the cemetery, including those planted as memorials. Several people have complained that the township should be responsible for replacing these trees. Trustee Abraham suggested that some alternative should be found and recommended that a moratorium be placed on the planting of memorial trees for at least two years. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to place a hold on the memorial tree planting program in the township cemeteries for a period of up to two years until a solution can be worked out. Trustee Sargent reminded the Trustees that the Village will be sending bow hunters into the lower area of Maple Grove next to the bike path. This was also done last year as part of the Village's deer control program. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to permit this program to take place again this year and authorize Trustee Sargent to have executed the 2008-09 Village Release and Indemnification Hunting Agreement.

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

1. Trustee Sargent reported that GRC president Steve Schneider will be present at the next township meeting to address unanswered questions regarding the request to form a Joint Recreation District.
2. Superintendent Binckley reported that the initial phase of the erosion control project at Raccoon Valley Park has been completed. Law Excavating has pulled the rock weirs back to the base of the south bank of the creek. Brad Mauer was present for part of this work and indicated that the work was being done as he had recommended. The next phase of the project will be addressed in 2009.

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

1. Chief Hussey reported that the department was extremely busy during the windstorm handling between 30 and 40 runs during the period covering the storm and immediately thereafter. As everyone is aware there were a number of situations involving downed power lines and damaged electrical equipment. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. He appreciated the efforts of the paid and volunteer members of the department who put in a number of hours. He did express concern about the problems they had with the 911 center apparently being overwhelmed with activity during the height of the storm. He hopes that a critique will be done to evaluate what happened. Trustee Sargent requested that work be done locally to coordinate the efforts of the Village, Township and Denison during such emergencies.
2. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Chief Hussey and F.O. Kennedy attended the closing for the purchase of the Heim property. The next step before the property can be used for commercial purposes is to comply with the Building Code Department requirements of closing up the bay window on the east side of the building and constructing the ADA required entrance ramp, doorway widening and restroom modifications. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to have Chief Hussey move

forward with this process of obtaining cost estimates so that the building may be occupied for commercial purposes.

3. Chief Hussey presented Daniel Goodfleish as a new volunteer member of the fire department. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, Daniel Goodfleish was accepted as a new volunteer member of the fire department as recommended by Chief Hussey. Mr. Goodfleish was sworn in by Trustee Chair Sargent.
4. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following personnel matters were taken as requested by Chief Hussey, to recognize successful completion one year probationary periods:
  - a) Completion of one year in their full-time positions as fire fighters/paramedics – FF Charles Borden, Lt. Casey Curtis and FF Brandon Reece; and
  - b) Completion of their one year position as officers – Lt. Tom Bowman, Lt. Casey Curtis, Lt. Bradley Essick, Capt. Robert Otter, Lt. Larry Scheiderer and Capt. Russell Thompson Jr.

F.O. Kennedy indicated that he has been contacted by Zoning Inspector May regarding him retiring from his position as Zoning Inspector on December 31, 2008. He has held this job since 1967. Mr. May requested that he then be reappointed to the position on January 1, 2009. This action would enable him to begin drawing his pension as well as continuing to work for the township. His re-employment, to this part-time position, would not result in any additional cost to the township. F.O. Kennedy stated that under state law the Trustees would need to advertise this request from Mr. May and then conduct a public hearing on the request between 15 and 30 days immediately prior to his re-employment before reaching a decision as to his request. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to accept this request from Mr. May, advertise this request in the paper, schedule a public hearing on the request for December 10<sup>th</sup> and reach a decision on the request at that time.

F.O. Kennedy presented the Rates and Amounts Resolution from the County Auditor's Office for the collection of property taxes in 2009. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to accept the Rates and Amount Resolution for collection of property taxes in 2009.

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

From 1000-110-312-0000	General – Auditor fee	2,001.00
To 1000-110-323-0000	General – Repairs & Maintenance	2,001.00
From 2031-330-360-0000	R&B – Contracts	1,000.00
To 2031-330-599-0005	R&B – Fuel	1,000.00

From 2031-330-360-0000 R&B – Contracts	3,500.00
To 2031-330-360-0007 R&B – Tree right of way rem	3,500.00
From 2031-330-360-0000 R&B – Contracts	1,400.00
To 2031-330-321-0000 R&B – M&R	1,400.00
From 2031-760-720-0000 R&B – Buildings	3,500.00
To 2031-760-740-0000 R&B – Machinery & Equip Purch	3,500.00

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Abraham, 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:

n/a	Abraham	.00	E1673	Barnhill	188.42
E1674	Baucher	129.81	E1675	Binckley	1413.31
E1676	Borden	1091.02	E1677	Bowman	1397.91
E1678	Butt	708.48	E1679	Coyle	119.24
E1680	Curtis	1487.97	E1681	DuBeck	201.62
E1682	Duncan	428.07	n/a	Engle	.00
E1683	Essick	528.45	E1684	Gottfried, N. B.	256.92
n/a	Habig	.00	E1685	Hall	1321.41
E1686	Harrison	229.63	E1687	Henry	598.15
E1688	Hill	345.41	E1689	Huhn	692.23
E1690	Hussey	2370.57	E1691	Jones, A	450.00
E1692	Jones, B	194.93	n/a	Kennedy	.00
E1693	Lynn	429.32	E1694	May	500.39
E1695	Meisenhelder	563.82	n/a	Moore	.00
E1696	Polk	230.08	E1697	Principe	150.40
E1698	Reece	861.53	E1699	Riley	129.74
n/a	Sargent	.00	E1700	Smith, D	235.70
n/a	Thomas	.00	E1701	Thompson	1491.19
E1702	Ufert	1022.22	5459	PNB – IRS	3536.51
5460	OIT	2021.70	5461	SDIT	110.63
5462	VIT	631.87	5463	Deferred Comp	875.00
5464	AFLAC	400.12	5465	Granville Township	2174.08
5466	NIT	86.65	5467	HIT	4.43
5468	JIT	8.58	5469	CIT	1.04
5470	Standard Insurance Co	182.00	5471	Ohio Insurance Services	3027.00
5472	Zach Huhn	10.00	5473	ICI Dulux Paints	862.52
5474	Dorothy Lavender	2500.00	5475	Dorothy Lavender	2500.00
5476	Dorothy Lavender	2500.00	5477	Elm Recycling	2405.65
5478	Erie Insurance	10886.00	5479	Lawson Products	196.11
5480	TR Sawyer Tree Co	1875.00	5481	Vermeer of Southern OH	84.40
5482	Sherwin Williams	1320.00	5483	Jefferson Twp FF Assoc	750.00
5484	Licking Memorial	24.19	5485	Office Equip Finance Serv	99.00
5486	Finley Fire	56.64	5487	Home Depot	7397.78
5488	Learning for Llife	21.60	5489	Fox Pro Media	530.68
5490	NFPA	319.45	5491	NEPM	348.00
5492	Northpoint Arch Cons	2475.50	5493	Centratech Services	2633.00
5494	AEP	4492.28	5495	Dept of Treasury	314.71
5496	Rinker Materials Corp	908.00			

I hereby certify that the funds were on hand or in process of collection and properly appropriated for payment of the aforementioned warrants.

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Norman S. Kennedy, Fiscal Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.