

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 24, 2007

Present: Trustees King and Sargent, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Guests: Travis Binckley  
Jeff Hussey  
Dennis Cauchon, 327 E. Broadway  
Bill Mason, 465 Llanberis Dr  
Richard VanMeter, 446 Llanberis Dr  
Diana & Curtis Ufert, 143 Rose Dr  
Roger Dunifon, 3464 Loudon Street Rd  
Amy Deeds, Box 511  
Fred Abraham, 1901 James Rd  
Bob & Debra Warner, 1616 Loudon ST  
Tim Hughes, 630 Newark Granville Rd  
Don Andrews, 197 Louise Dr, G  
Brian Miller, Sentinel  
Legal Counsel Judy Edwards, ALCP

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

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept the October 10, 2007 regular meeting minutes as previously submitted.

Trustee Sargent asked if there were any public comments on any topic. Hearing none he indicated that the Public Hearing aspect of this segment of the agenda was held on October 15<sup>th</sup> and that the Trustees would now begin their discussion of the candidates for the Board position vacated by James Havens.

Trustee Sargent stated that according to the County Prosecutor the remaining two Trustees have the responsibility for replacing Mr. Havens. If the Trustees cannot agree then a panel of electors who signed Mr. Haven's election position have the next opportunity and ultimately it would become the responsibility of the Licking County Probate Judge if that panel cannot agree. He hopes that he and Trustee King will be able to reach a decision.

He is looking for someone that can best fit the needs of the township and the Board of Trustees. Most townships only have the responsibility for roads, cemeteries, zoning and fire departments. Granville Township is unique in that it has an Open Space Levy approved by the voters for the purpose of acquiring property or development rights in order to limit residential development. There is a need to plan for development, especially because of the widening of SR161/37 from New Albany to Granville. In addition there is a specific need for additional commercial and industrial development to help reduce the burden of the residential and agricultural taxpayers. Jim Havens was invaluable because of his background as an attorney involved in real estate transactions.

Sargent indicated that they interviewed five good candidates. Some were better than others but all were good. During the interview process Trustee Sargent stated that he asked a series of 13 questions: Each candidate was willing to accept the criticism that comes with the job. All the candidates indicated they were flexible as far as the time requirement for the job. Everyone had community service, some more than others. All indicated they would consider running for the office in two years when the term expired at the end of 2009. Sargent said he brought up the subject of possible conflicts of interest with each candidate. Mason and Warner said they had no conflicts. VanNess has leased farmland from the township for a number of years. Hughes is a local realtor. Habig is retired from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and has a consulting business but only in Franklin County and has no clients in Licking County. Sargent believes that it is a small community and that when a possible conflict of interest is known up front it is not a problem. Trustee King, Trustee Sargent and Fiscal Officer Kennedy indicated they had no conflict problem with any of these individuals.

The following are paraphrased comments made by Trustees Sargent and King and F.O. Kennedy during the discussion of the five candidates.

Sargent explained that Bill Habig has been in the community the shortest period of time but during these past two years he became a member of the township zoning commission, rising to its chair. He represents the Trustees on the Comprehensive Plan Update committee, the 161 Planning Accord Group and the Section 208 Plan proposed by Licking County. Kennedy explained that Habig was with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 37 years and was its executive director for the majority of that time. MORPC is a planning organization that provides services for public entities throughout the Central Ohio/entire State of Ohio area. This includes services such as Air Quality Programs, Clean Ohio Fund, Public Entity Consulting Services, Data & Information Technical Services, Greenways Programs, Housing & Weatherization Services, Infrastructure Funding & Planning, Legislative Services (regarding the issues of transportation, planning, economic development, environmental law, land use and other issues that impact local governments, Planning for a Livable Region, Ride Solutions and Transportation Planning. Kennedy believes that having a background in the majority of these topics would be an advantage as a Trustee. Sargent indicated that he has worked with Habig on the potential annexation of the River Road commercial corridor to the Village. They both believe the entire process is taking too long and that the Village may eventually lose the opportunity to annex these properties which will be to the detriment of the community. Sargent indicated that he was contacted by an out of area real estate agent about abatements for the Paramount Building on SR16. He told the agent that there can be no property tax abatements as the building is already built. He referred the matter to Bill Habig in an attempt to involve the correct state agency in providing assistance in filling this building. Habig would be a big help in commercial development as he knows these kinds of people from his work at MORPC. He is a good planner. His resume indicates he is a civil engineer, a planner, executive director of MORPC from 1971 to 2006 when he retired and last worked on an update of the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan.

Kennedy indicated that he liked Tim Hughes idea of creating a commercial development marketing plan to promote the area. Sargent stated that commercial development must be coordinated with the Village, especially as it has the municipal water and sewer utilities. Kennedy explained the reasoning as to why the DOW and Owens Corning facilities were zoned Light Manufacturing instead of merely Research and Development. Hughes was on Village council when the 1,000 acre annexation in the east end of the Village occurred in 1989. Kennedy explained that the 1989 annexation was initiated by the township to prevent Newark from annexing all the way to Jones rd. The 514 acre annexation in 2007 was initiated by the James Rd property owners but could not have been accomplished had the township not already owned contiguous property from Maple Grove Cemetery to River Road. With one signature the township trustees were able to bring the entire parcel from Hallie Lane into the Village. Sargent said one other good credential was that Hughes has been a long time member of the Recreation Commission Board.

Sargent stated that Warner is a lifelong resident of the township. One of his interests is planning with the contiguous townships. Sargent said the Granville Township Trustees have a good relationship with McKean, Union and Newark Townships. Bill Habig has been trying to work with the St. Albans Township Trustees to the west. With respect to purchase of Open Space properties Warner stated he sold the family farm, but this is deemed to be limited experience. He has been President of the Granville Kiwanis Club and did a good job in that position. He worked on building the playground at Wildwood Park. He is not in favor of merger. Kennedy read the five letters of reference for Warner.

Sargent indicated that VanNess said he didn't want to campaign for the position. He has been on the township zoning commission for a number of years. He felt he could be a replacement for either Jim Havens or Lyle King who is not running for re-election. Even though through his farming experience he knows a number of the farm owners he has had limited experience in actually purchasing land. Kennedy stated that during the interview process VanNess stated he would never vote for additional levies unless he was backed into a corner. Kennedy said that while no one likes higher taxes a public entity cannot pay for services if it does not have money to operate. Property taxes are the primary source of township revenues. Kennedy also said that VanNess claimed the township could save money by using chip and seal roads instead of asphalt. The problem is chip and seal is that it doesn't last as long as asphalt. Car owners complain about the melted tar in the summer. OPWC will not provide grant money for chip seal roads.

Sargent indicated that he has received a number of reference calls and emails supporting Mason. While he has no direct real estate experience he knows the law. He indicated during the interview that he would have to learn about commercial development. Kennedy read a number of the emails and letters of reference. He also received a petition from some of the Granville Rotary Club members supporting Mason's candidacy. Mason has been a member of a number of organizations and has lived in the community for 54 years. He is good at writing information pieces and could continue

with the township's communication effort. Kennedy read the 13 points that Mason gave for appointing him during his interview. He indicated that he liked his experience with personnel matters, communications, negotiations etc.

Sargent said the Trustees need to reduce the five applicants to the top two. King indicated that to him the top two candidates were the two Bills (Mason and Habig). They seemed to have the most experience that he was looking for in replacing Jim Havens.

On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to consider Bill Mason and Bill Habig for replacing Jim Havens.

Sargent indicated that he felt their respective experiences with Open Space acquisition were kind of a wash. Habig was perhaps a little more experienced with his MORPC Greenways experience.

Sargent said that Habig has experience with respect to commercial development and that while Mason could learn this skill Habig has it right now.

King indicated that he hasn't talked to Habig and he knows Mason. He thinks that Mason could learn.

Sargent said that Habig has been an immense help to the Trustees since he arrived in the community. Mason has a great deal of public service but it's a different kind in the educational arena.

Sargent indicated that with his planning and engineering background, as well as his public and developer contacts in Central Ohio, and his interest in local government (already participating as indicated earlier) he thinks Habig is the best choice to replace Havens. He wishes that the trustees could combine the best attributes of all the candidates but from the very beginning he indicated that only one person could be selected.

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to appoint William Habig to the open unexpired trustee term ending December 31, 2009. F.O. Kennedy indicated the he needs to order a fidelity bond form for Habig. He must give an Oath of Office which is attached to the bond. Kennedy anticipates that Habig could become a trustee by the first of November.

Bill Mason commented that he felt that having these five candidates for the trustee position was a win/win situation. Trustee Sargent said that hopefully the trustees could call on the candidates for assistance.

Tim Hughes and Bob Warner thanked Sargent and King for their consideration.

Trustee Sargent indicated that he talked with Roger Dunifon regarding the possibility of his replacing Grace Gordon who has resigned from the township's Land Management Committee and he agreed. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to appoint Roger Dunifon to the township's Land Management Committee to replace Grace Gordon.

Trustee Sargent indicated that he continues to have discussions regarding the community proposal to harvest more deer to cut down on potential vehicle accidents, eating of vegetation and winter sickness of the overly large herd.

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

1. Trustee King indicated that On October 16th he and Acting Superintendent Binckley attending a County Planning Commission subdivision viewing of the Mockingbird Hill PUD on Battee Rd. The owner must mow the property for a variety of reasons including being able to see the ditch work. It was decided to create a one-way street in the subdivision and the owner must install the appropriate signage. The owner must also put stone in the ditches and reseed where appropriate.
2. Trustee Sargent indicated that ODOT has installed the Roseview street sign along SR37.
3. Acting Superintendent Binckley reported that all of the Issue I paving and striping has been completed. There is a little more berming to be done along the Issue I roads and the project will be finalized. He is working with F.O. Kennedy to complete the paperwork for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for approximately \$205,000 of reimbursement.
4. Acting Superintendent Binckley also reported that the new 2007 Chevrolet dump truck has been delivered to the vendor after the dump body was installed. On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed that the 1993 Chevrolet K3500 one ton was surplus and to be traded in against the purchase of the 2007.

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

1. Chief Hussey presented a proposal to purchase 26 sets of helmets, gloves, hoods and boots from Finley Fire to complete the A F Grant. The total amount of these items is \$12,500. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to purchase the gear recommended by Chief Hussey for \$12,500 from Finley Fire.
2. Chief Hussey presented the following third quarter emergency run report:  
EMS runs: 184; Fire runs: 81
3. Chief Hussey presented a request to provide flu shots for the fire department personnel. He believes the department responders come into contact with a number of ill patients and this will help to prevent them from contracting the flu and result in the use of fewer sick leave days. F.O. Kennedy indicated that the flu shots should also be made available to the other township employees as their attendance is critical to the operation of the roads department. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Kennedy, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to provide the township's employees and volunteers with township paid for flu shots given by Company Care.

On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation transfers from October 10 to October 24, 2007 were approved:

From	2191-220-599-0000	Fire Misc	5,000.00
To	2191-220-323-0000	Fire Veh Main & Rep	5,000.00
From	2192-120-599-0001	Rec Comm – Misc	28,000.00
To	2192-120-599-0000	Rec Comm – Contract	28,000.00
From	1000-110-382-0000	Gen - Liability Insurance	150.00
To	1000-110-383-0000	Gen - Fidelity Bonds	150.00
From	2191-220-599-0000	Fire - Misc	500.00
To	2191-220-430-0000	Fire – Small Tools & Equip	500.00
From	1000-110-230-0000	Gen – Workers’ Comp	500.00
To	1000-110-230-0001	Gen – WC related prof exp	500.00
From	1000-110-230-0000	Gen – Workers’ Comp	1,500.00
To	1000-110-230-0001	Gen – WC related prof exp	1,500.00
From	2191-220-599-0000	Fire – Misc	2,000.00
To	2191-220-599-0003	Fire - Fuel	2,000.00
From	2191-220-599-0000	Fire – Misc	500.00
To	2191-220-323-0002	Fire – Station repairs	500.00

F.O. Kennedy reported that he received the HNB 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter pooled collateral securities report.

On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos and EFT’s and any related Then and Now Certificates, were approved for payment:

E929	Annarino	89.29	E930	Barnhill	472.00
E931	Baucher	104.05	E932	Binckley	1241.01
E933	Borden	1192.99	E934	Bowman	1624.99
E935	Butt	640.41	E936	Coyle	125.48
E937	Curtis, C	1590.75	E938	DuBeck	327.40
E939	Essick	427.02	E940	Giles	951.41
E941	Gottfried, B	65.89	E942	Gottfried, N.B.	248.21
E943	Hall	1209.00	E944	Hill	164.45
E945	Huhn	631.35	E946	Hussey	2273.48
E947	Jones,A	321.97	E948	Jones, B	192.10
E949	Lynn	425.41	E950	Meisenhelder	566.97
E951	Polk	498.91	E952	Principe	253.32
E953	Reece	1043.11	E954	Riley	125.37
E955	Smith, D	338.77	E956	Thomas	334.63

E957	Thompson	1436.38	4499	To 4505 VOID	.00
4506	PNB – IRS	8404.62	4507	OIT	1699.65
4508	SDIT	69.32	4509	VIT	598.19
4510	Deferred Comp	1110.00	4511	AFLAC	170.66
4512	Alpha Link	85.00	4513	Poggemeyer Design Group	3694.00
4514	Zandee & Assoc	93.00	4515	DANR Electric	135.16
4516	Wendy Lewis	60.00	4517	Fred Abraham	2000.00
4518	Shelly Materials	6399.01	4519	Kimball-Midwest	163.84
4520	Workmen’s	149.00	4521	Ice Mountain Water	104.44
4522	Ohio Fire Academy	1000.00	4523	OSU Hospitals	100.00
4524	Home Depot	13.98	4525	Norman Kennedy	124.84
4526	DMO Security	360.00	4527	Verizon Wireless	44.50
4528	Newspaper Network	24.70	4529	James Kennedy	2450.00
4530	Benjamin Rader	2450.00	4531	Ohio Insurance Services	87.48
4532	Treasurer State of Ohio	150.00	4533	VOID	.00
4534	Shelly Company	28087.00	DM86	Windstream	387.98
DM87	AEP	662.20	DM88	Village of Granville	53.00

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

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, with King yes and Sargent yes it was agreed to move the meeting into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation with the township’s legal counsel.

After a period of discussion the meeting was returned to regular session and adjourned at 9:20 PM.