

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 27, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham, Mason and VanNess, Secretary Melanie Schott

Absent: F.O. Kennedy

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Brian Miller, Sentinel
James White, Loudon St.
Chris Bunge, River Road
Rob Schaadt, Burg St.
Bob & Kim Hosler, Pembroke Ln
John Parker - Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc.

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the meeting minutes for September 8, 2010 and October 13, 2010 were approved as previously submitted and revised.

Correspondence Sent/Received

In his absence, Trustee Mason read the correspondence provided by F.O. Kennedy. In addition, he acknowledged the receipt of a card of appreciation from Travis Binckley regarding the recent passing of a family member.

Public Comments:

Kim Hosler, Pembroke Ln, stated she was there to ask the Trustees to consider reducing the speed limit on Burg Street. She stated this road is heavily traveled by kids driving to and from the high school and is dangerous to enter onto Burg from Pembroke. Mr. Hosler indicated some of the younger drivers have to be driving at least 60 MPH and deputies should patrol this area around 3:00-3:15 to observe the high rate of speeds on Burg Street. Mrs. Hosler has spoken to the Sheriff's Department and believes speed enforcement is a low priority because of the size of Licking County. She also suggested limited site distance signage could be installed so drivers are aware of the upcoming intersection. Further, she requested Burg Street be considered a priority for snow clearing in the winter time because of the large number of kids driving on this road.

Trustee Abraham thanked the Hosler's for their comments and asked the Roads Superintendent, Travis Binckley to respond to her questions. Superintendent Binckley stated the speed limit on Burg Street was reduced from 55 to 40 MPH as a result of a detailed traffic study done several years ago. ODOT has the final say on speed limits in the unincorporated areas of the County. New signs are already in place on Burg Street, upgrading roadway signage to comply with new reflectivity requirements. He will install both dangerous intersection and 40 MPH speed limit signs along Burg Street on both sides of its intersection with Pembroke Lane. Road employees also trimmed back

the bushes across from Chelsea Drive to permit better visibility when pulling out of Pembroke. Trustee VanNess indicated he believes the matter of intersection visibility is addressed in Section 1009 of the Township's Zoning Resolution.

Superintendent Binckley also indicated Burg Street is already considered a high priority road for snow removal for the reasons previously mentioned.

Trustee Abraham stated he will contact both the Village Police and County Sheriff regarding speed patrols on Burg Street. He indicated lowering the speed limit won't help as people tend to look past signage. Trustee Mason recalled a speed limit study was performed on Burg Street which is when the speed limit was lowered to 40 MPH. Trustee Mason stated it is sometimes frustrating the speed limit is controlled by ODOT and not the Trustees. The theory is that roadways are to move traffic not impede it. There is a possibility the Granville Police may be of assistance by running its cruisers through the area for a police presence. Trustee Abraham will also check with the Granville Police Department. Trustee VanNess asked if the Township's Zoning Resolution already controls the site distance issues as there is language which states the right of way needs to be kept clear for visibility.

Chris Bunge indicated he wanted to thank Trustee Abraham for his work done on behalf of the Township. He thinks River Road is a better place to live and business and schooling have improved in this area. Trustee Abraham thanked Mr. Bunge for his comments, but indicated Trustee Mason really deserved most of the credit for the improvements.

John Park was present representing the Ohio Insurance Plan to ask the Trustees consider using his company for its insurance needs. His agency is located in Zanesville and has the Joint Recreation District account. Trustee Abraham indicated he should contact the Fiscal Officer who was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Public Hearing:

Trustee Abraham called for a public hearing to order a nuisance complaint against the Ultra Concrete property on River Road. No one was in attendance representing the property owner even though they had received a notice about the hearing.

Trustee Mason indicated the owner has made only minor clean up improvements to the property. Mason stated the Trustees have spent weeks trying to contact Craig Stover, the owner of the property. When finally reached Mr. Stover indicated the property would be cleaned up by the end of the week which did not happen. A dumpster appeared on the property, but not much has been cleaned up. Mason read aloud the definition of a nuisance property according to the Ohio Revised Code. Trustee VanNess indicated the Code states the Township's Zoning Inspector should be involved in contacting the homeowner. Mason said he had consulted with the Prosecutor's Office in concert with Mr. May. He stated there are old tires strewn around the property along with other miscellaneous items and materials. Trustee Mason said the County Prosecutor has indicated in a letter the Township has followed the correct process regarding this matter.

Trustee VanNess asked if they do hire someone to clean up the property - would the Township become responsible for any missing items. Mason indicated the owner told him anything he wants to keep will be kept inside the building. Trustee Mason explained a Resolution must be sent to the property owner after which he has seven days to correct the noted items. Trustee VanNess agreed the Trustees must determine hazardous and what is an eye sore. Trustee Mason stated the property owner had been put on notice and it was time to resolve the matter.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed a Notice should be sent to Mr. Stover, notifying him of the need to clean up the Ultra Concrete property in accordance with Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Mason reported he, Trustee VanNess and Fiscal Officer Kennedy attended a quarterly Licking County Township Association meeting on October 14th. He also attended several events representing the Township as well as followed up on several of the nuisance properties.

Trustee VanNess indicated he has been following up on the Scenic Byways Report and is attempting to obtain a copy of the Management Plan prepared by Nancy Recchie. He reported acting Village Manager Alison Terry, who is actively assisting with this community project, indicated the ODOT funds have been certified for the Rotary Bridge project and the next step is to hire an ODOT certified consultant whose job it would be to coordinate the project with the State and the Township. Bidding of the construction phase will be done by the State. He also attended a Village of Granville Water Protection Team meeting where an optional plan for water safety was discussed.

Roads Department:

Superintendent Binckley indicated he followed up on Mr. Bunge's request for consideration of school bus stop ahead signs on River Road between Lancaster Rd and SR16. He talked with the County Engineer who indicated daycare centers do not qualify for school zone signage which is reserved for K-12 grade school buildings only. Therefore, no school bus stop ahead signs are warranted. In addition, the ODOT Uniform Sign Manual says such signs are not warranted unless the site distance is less than 500 feet. Where the buses stop at the two daycare centers on River Road the site distances are 600 and 850 feet respectively. Therefore, if the daycares were schools, signage may not be placed. He further reported the speed limit for highways in unincorporated areas is 55 MPH unless authorized to be lowered by ODOT.

The employees have completed roadside mowing for this year and taken care of several downed trees after recent storms. They are also readying the plow equipment for winter.

Superintendent Binckley reported there are 17 Township roads which enter Granville Township from another political jurisdiction. In order to place "Welcome to Granville Township" signs on these roads he indicated 15 signs and posts would be needed at \$60

per sign and \$22 per post for a total of \$1,230 without consideration of labor costs. There was discussion about the annual sign budget. Binckley explained there was an unfunded Federal Highway Department mandate issued several years ago which required all roadway signage to be replaced with high cost, high reflectivity signage and break-away sign posts. The first phase required all stop signs to be replaced by January 2012. The next phases required remaining signs to be replaced under a maintenance/installation plan thru 2015. The final phase is the replacement of street name signs, which will have a big impact on the Township's decorative wooden post street signs, by 2018. Recognizing this mandated changeover was coming Binckley has been working on this project over the past few years and will have all the stop signs completed by the deadline. The Township employees will continue to work on this project to complete the change over by the various deadlines. Trustee VanNess asked the typical life of a sign and if the ones taken down could be reused. Superintendent Binckley stated the useful life varies depending on vandalism, shade, grade of material, etc. Binckley said since the old signs don't meet Federal standards they are sold for scrap.

Binckley indicated the cash basis budget for the past few years includes a combination of the cost for required replacements and normal wear and tear on the signage. There is no money remaining in the 2010 budget to pay for the Welcome to Granville Signs. Trustee Mason indicated he thought this amount should be budgeted in 2011. Trustee VanNess said the Welcome signs wouldn't have to be reflective. Binckley indicated the signs would be reflective, but not an engineer grade.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees agreed to have Superintendent Binckley put the cost of 15 "Welcome to Granville Township" signs in the 2011 signage budget.

Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported they had two funerals and one deed needed to be signed. The fall tombstone foundation pour has been completed.

Superintendent Binckley requested permission to replace the present 30 year old utility vehicle which is used for backfilling graves, hauling concrete etc. The vehicle is of sufficient size to be useful, but small enough to maneuver between the tombstones. Superintendent Binckley recommended the trade-in of a small wood chipper for credit against the purchase. Fackler Country Garden has offered \$4,500 for the chipper which would be deducted from the \$18,895 quote for a Kubota 900 series. Superintendent Binckley explained they looked at other brands such as Cub Cadet, John Deere, etc., but narrowed down the choice to the Kubota. He stated he also received a verbal quote from Green's (Mount Sterling) and written quote from Lashley's (Zanesville). The Lashley quote is \$800 cheaper than Fackler's; however they are located in Zanesville which would result in a greater cost for any future maintenance and/or repairs. The verbal quote from Green's is for a Model 1100 utility vehicle - which is larger than the desired vehicle, for \$1,000 less than Fackler's quote. Green's is located near Mt. Sterling which is about an hour and a half from Granville. The question is if it is prudent to go that far

out of town for this purchase. Trustee VanNess indicated the unit from Green's would have a factory-installed cab, air conditioning, and it is an 1100 series – which is an upgrade from the quoted vehicle. VanNess said Green's would also give \$4,500 trade in value for the chipper. Trustee Abraham asked about Green's offering the same amount as Fackler's for the chipper trade-in. He said the 1100 series is not the model he and Binckley thought was suitable for use in the cemetery. Green's has indicated the cab doors come off easy, but in fact in his opinion they do not come off easily.

Trustee Abraham stated they have gone back and forth on this issue and Trustee VanNess rejected both the Cub Cadet or John Deere which were first proposed and is now “muddying the waters on the Kubota.” Trustee Mason questioned why the company provided information on the 1100 series when Binckley requested a quote on the 900 series. Trustee VanNess stated sometimes if a company has something already in stock – they can offer a better deal. Trustee Abraham indicated he is ready to move forward on this issue and is in favor of keeping business local and purchasing the 900 series model which he believes is best for use in the cemetery between the tombstones. Trustee Mason stated he feels as though Fackler's would be the best choice simply because of the potential cost of labor, fuel, and use of a Township truck to haul the new vehicle back and forth to either Lashley's or Green's for servicing.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a 2-1 vote (Trustee VanNess (no), the purchase of a 900 series Kubota utility vehicle from Fackler Country Gardens for \$18,895, less the \$4,500 trade-in value of the surplus Township chipper.

Parks Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported the employees fixed water damage problems at the shelter houses in Spring Valley Park. Chief Hussey indicated the building asbestos has been abated and he is awaiting an EPA burn permit for structures located at Spring Valley Park in order to schedule a date to conduct the training fires.

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported he has received the revised ISO report which reflects an improved rating for the Township's hydranted areas from Class 5 to Class 4. This improvement should result in reduced premiums for the insured's in the area depending upon their insurance company. He further reported the reverse 911 system was used again this past week for a tornado warning. A question was raised about the repetitive sounding of the sirens and also the fact the sirens sounded for the entire county when the warning should have perhaps been more targeted to a specific area. Chief Hussey indicated he had already followed up with the dispatch center which is involved in the cycling of the tornado sirens. He also said there is no “all clear” signal in the system.

Chief Hussey thanked Trustee Abraham for his support of the fire department during his term and wished him the best in future endeavors.

Old Business:

Property Issues:

Trustee Mason stated Trustees' received an email complaint from a resident about the trash and the maintenance of a property at 1360 Silver Street. He requested authorization to pursue action through the Licking County Health Department with a thirty-day letter to the property owner. Trustee VanNess questioned if the Zoning Inspector should address this issue and be aware of it. Trustee Mason agreed and indicated Mr. May was already involved.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to both contact the County Health Department and send a thirty-day letter regarding the property at 1360 Silver Street being a nuisance.

ODOT Reconsideration on Scenic Byways:

Trustee Mason stated the Scenic Byways Management Plan is directly tied into the Comprehensive Plan and it is not something that the Trustees' are physically going to have to manage. He stated this is a plan on how scenic byways would be implemented in the future. Trustee Mason indicated Nancy Recchie asked for the Township to edit a submittal letter requesting ODOT reconsider its rejection of the Township's scenic byways designation request. The request for reconsideration would be sent to both the Village and County Commissioners for their consideration and then sent on to ODOT.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to request ODOT reconsider the rejection of Granville Township's Scenic Byways Plan for roads throughout the Granville Community.

Financial Matters:

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the following appropriation transfers were approved:

From	2191-110-314-0000	Fire – Cty Auditor Fees	2,000.00
To	2191-110-318-0000	Fire – Fire Training	2,000.00
From	2191-220-599-0004	Fire – C/O	2,000.00
To	2191-220-323-0002	Fire – Station Repairs	2,000.00
From	2031-330-430-0000	R&B – Sm Tools & Equip	1,100.00
To	2031-330-430-0001	R&B – Road Signs	1,100.00
From	2031-330-360-0003	R&B – C/O	2,100.00
To	2031-110-211-0000	R&B – Tr OPERS	2,100.00
From	2031-330-360-0003	R&B – C/O	1,600.00
To	2031-330-381-0000	R&B – Ins	1,600.00
From	2041-410-599-0004	Cemetery – B/Y C/O	2,895.00

To 2041-760-740-0000 Cemetery – Equip Purch 2,895.00

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos, EFT's, along with then and now certificates if applicable, were approved for payment:

n/a	Abraham	.00	E3479	Barnhill	508.80
E3480	Binckley	1520.94	E3481	Borden	1539.57
n/a		.00	E3482	Bowman	1685.91
E3483	Bryan	993.92	E3484	Butt	764.19
E3485	Clemens	1181.26	E3486	Coyle	269.68
E3487	Curtis	1765.01	E3488	DuBeck	448.52
E3489	Duncan	386.26	E3490	Essick	436.38
n/a		.00	E3491	Hall	1507.56
n/a	Harrison	.00	E3492	Henry	678.95
E3493	Hill, B.	1242.83	E3494	Hill, J.	110.30
E3495	Huhn	886.40	E3496	Hussey	2532.81
E3497	Jones, A	565.86	E3498	Jones, B	374.03
n/a	Kennedy	.00	E3499	Kindell	636.24
E3500	Lynn	252.89	n/a	Mason	.00
E3501	May	994.69	E3502	Meisenhelder	577.36
E3503	Monroe	1210.05	n/a	Pack	.00
E3504	Reece	1104.32	n/a	Riley	.00
n/a	Schott	.00	E3505	Smith, D.	262.14
E3506	Thomas	377.43	E3507	Thompson	1455.50
n/a	VanNess	.00	E3508	Watling	269.08
7415	PNB – ITS	4591.37	7416	OIT	2900.82
7417	SDIT	312.15	7418	GIT	1314.95
7419	Deferred Comp	1575.00	7420	AFLAC	972.54
7421	PNB – OPERS	5817.18	7422	PNB – OP&FPP	15281.75
7423	PNB – OPERS	5472.92	7424	PNB – OP&FPP	15118.08
7425	Aetna	5952.00	7426	Ohio Public Entity Cons	938.94
7427	Timber Run Gardens	2480.00	7428	Erie Insurance	15837.00
7429	Peak Environmental	1400.00	7430	Critical Care Info Network	3105.00
7431	Indoff Inc	104.70	7432	Fire House	643.80
7433	Capital Consulting	194.00	7434	Legend Electric	358.00
7435	Verizon Wireless	89.82	7436	Educ Spec – Fire Safety Ed	520.35
7437	Cleveland Corp Serv	5008.00	7438	Claggett & Sons	7800.00
7439	James Murr	3000.00			

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

Trustee Abraham stated he has appreciated the opportunity to work with the Township and his decision to leave is because of his business. He indicated Granville Township is above and beyond most townships with a great Roads Superintendant and a great Fire Chief. Trustee Abraham indicated he appreciates what Trustee VanNess and Trustee Mason have taught him and he has enjoyed working with both of them, as well as F.O. Kennedy. He wished all of them the best moving forward. Trustee Mason stated he has

been amazed at Trustee Abraham's energy, leadership, and countless hours of attending meetings. Abraham indicated he would not have resigned his position except the daytime commitment had cut into his business operations. He believes they have all worked together to be good team and is proud to be a part of all that has been accomplished in Granville Township. Trustee Mason thanked Abraham for his leadership and dedication which went above and beyond. Trustee VanNess thanked Trustee Abraham and encouraged him to not be a stranger.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.