

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 26, 2008

Present: Trustees Fred Abraham and Trustee Habig, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Absent: Wes Sargent

Guests: Travis Binckley
Chuck Peterson, Sentinel
Lyle King, 1412 Welsh Hills Rd
David Getell, 777 Howell Dr, Newark
Bill Hoekstra, 133 S. Prospect St
Don and Alice Lewis, 2284 Burg ST
Greg Dixon, 128 Sunset Dr
Judy Preston, 54 Tow Path
Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg ST
Mickey & Ed Smith, 177 Louise Dr
Roger Dunifon, 3464 Loudon St
Tom LeFevre, 1574 Ressel Ln

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

Rob Schaadt indicated that as a member of the township's Land Management Committee (LMC) he was present to state that the LMC had discussed the Kiwanis proposal to create a high density maple tree "sugar bush" project on the roughly 6 acre open flat area in the Salt Run Park area and all the LMC members support the proposal.

Don Lewis was present to explain that the Kiwanis organization was looking for a location in the community where it could plant high yield maple trees for a long term source of maple sugar sap. The annual pancake day with related maple syrup sales by the Kiwanis group is its major fund raiser. These funds are used to support the majority of its community projects. It has been difficult to find a reliable source of sap and it is hoped that the Township Trustees will support the Kiwanis by providing a small parcel of land on which to grow maple trees. As was indicated earlier the Kiwanis committee has already talked with the township's LMC and its members are in favor of the project.

Trustee Habig indicated that he had walked the property in question with Trustee Sargent while they were at Salt Run Park and he is in favor of the project.

Trustee Abraham indicated he thinks the project is a good idea and wanted to go on record that he is no longer a member of the Kiwanis Club having dropped his membership when he was elected to the Board in January 2008. He asked what would be the source of the trees.

Mr. Lewis indicated there are four sources for the maple trees. 1) ODNR is closing down its tree nurseries and will be giving away small double sugar seedlings, 2) Cutting are available from hi-sugar content trees on Lewis' property, 3) seedlings are available for purchase from commercial sources and 4) saplings are available in the wooded areas presently used for tapping.

It was indicated that if approved Kiwanis would begin the project in May 2009. There would be no cost to the township other than the commitment of the land. It is thought that the trees will first be available for tapping in 25 to 30 years.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy reminded the group that over the years there had been concerns by the neighbors that the lessee of the property had plowed up their walking trails. Greg Dixon indicated that he was present as a member of the LMC and was also a contiguous neighbor to the property. The matter of trails/walking paths has been discussed and will not be a problem.

Rob Schaadt stated that there was a need for a pull off parking area from Spring Valley Drive. It was hoped that the township could put gravel in this area so that vehicles can get off the roadway. Trustee Abraham indicated they would look into the request.

On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed that the Township would enter into a long-term agreement to make approximately 6 acres of township property available to the Kiwanis organization to plant maple trees for use in its maple syrup project. The land will remain the property of the township and other terms will be negotiated between the parties during the preparation of a long term lease.

Trustee Abraham asked about any plans to tap local maple trees in early 2009. Mr. Lewis indicated that Kiwanis plans to not tap any Village or Township trees, but will instead use a private source.

Trustee Habig reported that he received notice that OCF was not successful in its request for a Job Ready Site grant. The Ohio Department of Development made available \$48.5 million for a combined period of fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Unfortunately there were 57 applications requesting more than \$228 million in assistance. ODOD was only able to fully fund twelve of the applications with JRS and other state infrastructure grant funds and the OCF request did not make the cut. Habig intends to ask for a debriefing to determine where the project would need to be revised to score higher in the ranking. At that point OCF will need to decide if it intends to make another application for fiscal 2010

Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he attended three days of Auditor of State classes regarding year end software updates and activities.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy further reported that at the public hearing regarding the implementation of a sole trash hauler proposal he was asked to put a draft of the terms and conditions out on the township's web site. This was done but took a little while in order for him to incorporate some of the suggestions that were made at the hearing. As a result of this posting comments were received from several residents. Trustee Sargent who was working on this program has been out of town since the last meeting. Kennedy would like to discuss these suggestions with Sargent and suggested that to this point the Trustees had received resident input from the survey on the web and the public hearing.

However, until they actual know what the trash haulers are willing to propose in terms of service and cost for an exclusive contract the Trustees really can't make a decision. For this reason he would like to recommend the Trustees give Kennedy permission to discuss several possible revisions to the draft of the Terms and Conditions with Trustee Sargent and then put the final copy out for bid by the haulers. Even once the haulers bid, if there is insufficient savings the Trustees do not have to move forward with an exclusive residential trash/recycling contract.

The Trustees concurred with this recommendation and on a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, pursuant to R.C. 505.27, is empowered to enter into written contracts with independent contractors for garbage disposal services for the township, and that such contracts must be entered only by competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees has determined that entering such a contract for garbage disposal services would benefit the public good and well-being of the township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees shall exercise its authority pursuant to R.C. 505.27 to competitively bid such a contract for garbage disposal for the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The Board of Township Trustees, pursuant to R.C. 505.27, by this resolution, agrees to competitively bid a contract for garbage disposal to all interested and qualified bidders who wish to respond. The Board hereby states that it has compiled a draft bid package for the garbage disposal contract discussed herein, and hereby authorizes the Township

Fiscal Officer to publish the advertisement for bids pursuant to the terms included within the bid package as required by R.C. 505.27(A)(2)(a)(i). after discussing possible revisions with Trustee Sargent in order to determine the services that would be provided and at what cost.

F.O. Kennedy presented a notice from the LCPC with respect to an upcoming hearing on development plans of the Raccoon Creek LLC for property presently occupied by the former BP Oil station.

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

- 1) Superintendent Binckley reported the employees have been patching various roads. A guardrail was replaced on Old Columbus Rd. Installation of snow fence on the west side of Burg St has been started.
- 2) Superintendent Binckley reported that he had a request from a Miller Avenue resident to cut up and remove a tree limb that has fallen on a non-maintained section of Miller Ave. The area in question is dedicated road but that is on paper only because this area has trees growing on it and is not usable for vehicular traffic. Binckley indicated he talked with County Engineer Tim Lollo who stated removal of this limb is strictly at the township's option because this portion of the road is not being used. The Trustees indicated to Binckley they did not wish to spend any time or money clearing limbs from a non-used section of road.
- 3) Trustee Abraham reported they have had two pre-construction meetings to date. The contractor has revamped the timeline and hopes to have the building completed by late April or early May. F. O. Kennedy indicated that the terms of the township's note with PNB call for the principal to be drawn down as needed. As construction has not yet started there is a possibility that no interest will be paid in 2008. Trustee Abraham proposed that the following colors (reflected by paint chips) be used – sides almond, and roof classic green. The doors would be white and the trim green. He believes use of these colors will cause the building to blend into the surroundings. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to use these colors.

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

- 1) Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he and Chief Hussey attended the last meeting of the Union Township Trustees to hear a presentation by their consultant with respect to the location of a new fire station and establishment of their own new fire department. In Kennedy's opinion the costs associated with

making such a move properly are significantly in excess of the money that Union Township has available from its present fire levies. Apparently the Union Township Trustees are thinking this would have to be a long term change and are planning to continue to contract with the Village of Hebron and Granville Township for 2009. He and Chief Hussey will continue to work with the Union Township Trustees to obtain a new contract.

- 2) Chief Hussey asked FO Kennedy to inform the Trustees that several public fire departments are looking at the purchase of Engine 202 which will become surplus when new Rescue 201 is received. One of the departments has paid to have the pump re-tested even though Granville just recently completed the annual pump tests of all its engines.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he received a notice from their agent about an increase in 2009 for the township's dental coverage. The following contributions beginning in 2009 were proposed:

Bi-weekly – single \$1.71

family 4.65

Monthly - family 10.07

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to implement the aforementioned withholding amounts for dental insurance in 2009.

F.O. Kennedy reminded the Trustees that the next two meetings, on December 10th and 17th will be held at McPeck Lodge at 7:00PM. The actual starting time of the 17th meeting will depend on the number of statements of interest that are submitted for Trustee Sargent's position and the amount of time necessary to interview those persons prior to 7:00PM. The interviews will be conducted at a public meeting without comment by any others in attendance. Trustee Abraham stated that he had heard on the street that the replacement individual had already been selected. He wants to assure everyone that is absolutely untrue and he would hate to have someone not apply because they thought it was a waste of time. He and Trustee Habig will make their decision after the interview of those who submit Statements of Interest. Trustee Habig concurred with this statement.

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

From 2195-760-710-0000	Open Space – Land & Dev Rights	15,000.00
To 2195-110-319-0000	Open Space – Prof Ser, Appraisals	15,000.00
From 2195-760-710-0000	Open Space – Land & Dev Rights	10,000.00
To 2195-110-319-0001	Open Space – Prof Ser, Environ	10,000.00
From 1000-110-599-0000	General – Other	1,000.00
To 1000-410-599-0000	Gen, Cemetery – Other	1,000.00

From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire – Other 500.00
 To 2191-110-318-0000 Fire – fire training 500.00

On a motion by Trustee Habig 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	E1830	Barnhill	284.79
E1831	Baucher	351.04	E1832	Binckley	1261.63
E1833	Bishop	995.52	n/a		.00
E1834	Borden	1421.13	E1835	Bowman	1816.66
E1836	Butt	670.69	E1837	Coyle	269.53
E1838	Curtis	1506.03	E1839	DuBeck	415.27
E1840	Duncan	404.62	n/a	Engle	.00
E1841	Essick	106.88	E1842	Gottfried, N. B.	256.92
n/a	Habig	.00	E1843	Hall	1340.96
E1844	Harrison	229.63	E1845	Henry	559.06
E1846	Hill	97.47	E1847	Huhn	652.72
E1848	Hussey	2366.05	E1849	Jones, A	238.56
E1850	Jones, B	373.41	n/a	Kennedy	.00
n/a	Lynn	.00	E1851	May	1260.37
E1852	Meisenhelder	561.89	n/a	Moore	.00
n/a	Polk	.00	E1853	Principe	488.39
E1854	Reece	1108.13	E1855	Riley	140.55
n/a	Sargent	.00	E1856	Smith, D	235.70
E1857	Thomas	247.38	E1858	Thompson	1628.87
E1859	Ufert	.00	5635	PNB – IRS	4142.24
5636	OIT	2191.49	5637	SDIT	128.39
5638	GIT	667.52	5639	AFLAC	400.12
5640	PNB – OPERS	5187.86	5641	OP&FPP	11185.39
5642	Nextel	165.21	5643	Arwebb	154.66
5644	Wendy Lewis	60.00	5645	Ohio Public Entity Cons.	1590.59
5646	Shelly Materials	1521.86	5647	Standard Insurance Comp	173.60
5648	Hankinson Excavating	400.00	5649	Time Warner	118.90
5650	Laker's End	139.95	5651	Peck Shaffer	4233.99
5652	Lifelink	200.00	5653	COTC	1600.00
5654	Treasurer State of Ohio	150.00	5655	Finley Fire	2963.71
5656	Jan's in Stitches	295.00	5657	Verizon	44.60
5658	Office Equipment Fin	99.00	5659	B&C Communications	70.00
5660	Fire Chief's Assoc	25.00	5661	Learning for Life	34.00
5662	Howell Rescue Systems	20930.00	5663	Boxes & Bows	16.28
5664	Granville Rec Comm	29999.00	5665	Benjamin Rader	2450.00
5666	James Kennedy	2450.00	5667	Village Landscapes	191.65
5668	Ace Express Print Shop	11.07	5669	Deferred Comp	825.00

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

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Habig, with Abraham yes and Habig yes it was agreed to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible property acquisition in accordance with ORC section 121.22(G)(2).

After a period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee Abraham, with Abraham yes and Habig yes the meeting was returned to regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.