

Minutes of Regular Meeting December 12, 2007

Present: Trustees Bill Habig, Lyle King and Wes Sargent, Fiscal Officer Kennedy  
Trustee Elect Fred Abraham

Guests: John Kravovec, 218 Summit St  
Fred Abraham, 1901 James Rd  
Chuck Peterson, the Sentinel  
Kitty Consolo, 18 Samson PL  
Bob Rutherford, 2865 Raccoon Valley Rd  
Jack Thornborough, 13 Donald Ross Dr  
Tim Hughes, 630 Newark Rd  
Jeff Hussey  
Travis Binckley

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

On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee King the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting were approved as previously submitted.

The following are paraphrased comments made by audience members during the public comment period:

Bob Rutherford – As a then member of the Trustee Board, he appointed Lyle King to his position in 1977. He congratulated Lyle for being a Trustee for 30 years and on his retirement.

He wanted to meet his neighbor [as common residents on Raccoon Valley Rd] to express his concern about Bill Habig representing Kraner. There was a vote on the bond issue to purchase the Kraner property. It was defeated. Helping Kraner is a terrible risk. Look what happened to Bruce Bain in Newark. In his opinion this is a serious problem. There are many people upset by these actions.

He then asked Trustee Sargent if he was resigning. There is a rumor going around to this affect.

Trustee Sargent –I am a private citizen, however if I was going to leave I would tell the entire community. There was a meeting of a little group at the coffee house. Apparently the matter of my resigning was discussed at this meeting. Only one of those in attendance had the courtesy to call me to ask if I was going to resign. No one else did.

I grew up here. I have no intention of resigning. I am aggravated that people are going around spreading these rumors.

Kitty Consolo – I wanted to congratulate Lyle on his retirement.

I want to know if Mr. Kraner reimbursed Mr. Habig or the township for the time involved in doing this study.

Trustee Habig – No.

Kitty Consolo – There was a reference to a “whistleblower” letter in an article in the newspaper. I did not see any reference to it in the minutes on the website.

Trustee Sargent – That involved a personnel matter and the matter was being investigated by the Sheriff’s Office.

Kitty Consolo – I was also going to ask if you were resigning your position.

John Kralovec – The role of the Trustees in this Kraner matter is confusing.

Trustee Habig – I spent time with school district Treasurer Brett Griffith and Superintendent Prebles on Tuesday to update my calculations of “value” of the Kraner development to the Granville School District. I asked them if Kraner has answered the questions posed at the school board meeting. They told me no. It is my understanding that Kraner is supposed to meet with them on Friday. We don’t control what Kraner does.

John Kralovec – People don’t perceive that the Trustees are aiding the community.

Trustee Habig – We are not involved in Kraner’s negotiations with the school board. One of my roles with the township is that of assisting with economic development for the community. I wanted to know what the economics were of the development of Kraner’s property. Wes Sargent asked me to be involved.

John Kralovec – Kraner promised a commitment letter.

Trustee Habig – That’s his fault if it hasn’t been provided.

John Kralovec – There is the fact that Kraner is threatening to sue the school district. It’s a poor tactic.

Trustee Habig – I talked with you regarding this matter right after the election and explained the entire issue.

John Kralovec – Your spreadsheet analysis shows a positive impact of the Kraner proposal. But he’s not willing to put his plans in writing and guarantee them. The school board needs something in writing.

Trustee Habig – Then the school board needs to get that. I have been encouraging Kraner to put these things in writing.

Trustee Sargent – The only thing we [the Trustees] have tried to do is to determine if this development is good for the school district because of the commercial development that is supposed to be involved. The school board wasn’t doing a very good job of looking at the proposed development. We want to determine if this is the best thing for the entire community. We are not for or against Bill Kraner and his development.

Trustee Sargent asked Tim Hughes if he had any comments.

Tim Hughes – I am going to let Mr. Thornborough speak.

John Thornborough – Why are the Trustees involved in this matter? Mr. Kraner is not a resident of our township and the land is in Newark Township. I don’t understand your role. Lots of things are being questioned. You appear to be doing Bill Kraner’s business.

Trustee Habig – The fiscal health of the school district is important to the entire community. The Newark Township property question is located in the Granville School District. I did this analytical work and analysis on my own time because I am interested in the fiscal well being of the school district.

Fred Abraham – I wanted to congratulate Lyle on the completion of his 30 years. He has done a tremendous job.

Trustee Sargent reported that he attended a number of meetings since the previous township meeting. The meetings were of the joint community group (the Village, the

School District, the Chamber, Denison and the Township); the Village Planning Commission regarding the River Road annexation/development matter; a dinner at a fire department meeting with the Trustees and F.O. Kennedy; the County Engineer's annual luncheon with the Trustees and F.O. Kennedy; and a meeting of the Granville Recreation Commission.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he attended several meetings offered by the Auditor of State regarding year end financial matters.

Trustee Habig indicated that he must contact Village Manager Holycross to find out what the council has done with the Scenic Byways Resolution. It is important to have a resolution of support from the council to submit with the township's application to ODNR.

Trustee Sargent reported that the Bryn Du Governance Committee completed its interviews of the three possible appointees selected by the township. The BDGC members asked that township resident Laurence Bicking be appointed by the township trustees. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to appoint Laurence Bicking as the township's representative to the BDGC.

There was discussion about areas of responsibility and committee/organization participation by the Trustees in 2008. The following was decided:

A. Areas of responsibility –

1. Roads and cemeteries, Spring Valley Restoration – Fred Abraham
2. Fire and Recreation Commission – Wes Sargent
3. Land/property acquisition, economic development and school district – Bill

Habig.

B. Committees

1. County Health Advisory Council – Abraham
2. Newark-Granville Community Authority – Habig
3. Union Cemetery Board – Sargent
4. Comprehensive Plan Review Committee – Habig
5. JEDD Study Committee – Habig
6. 161 Planning Accord/MORPC – Habig
7. Township Records Commission – Trustee Chair
8. Trustee Chair – to be determined at January organization meeting
9. Community Committee (monthly meeting of representatives from the village, school district, chamber, Denison and township- Sargent
10. Granville Foundation – outside appointee
11. Granville Schools Charitable Foundation – outside appointee
12. Tax Incentive Review Council – 2 outside appointees – Leonard Hubert and one to be determined.

The five year terms of Gayle Mulvey and John Gordon for the Zoning Commission and Appeals Board respectively are up at the end of December. In addition, one of the

Zoning Commission alternate positions is open and Jonathan Downes' interest in the Appeal Board alternate position must be verified.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley reported that employees have been patching Burg Street with asphalt. They also have been replacing or straightening road signs, cleaning catch basins and culverts and repaired the roof of the salt bin. They also started installation of snow fence along Burg Street.
2. He further reported that approximately 64 tons of salt and 18 tons of salt were used on 12/5 and 7.
3. Superintendent Binckley indicated that since the last meeting he has received several calls from residents living on streets that were paved this summer. They are concerned that the angle of their driveway has changed where it interfaces with the roadway making it difficult to enter their property. He has looked at the situations and agrees that some further asphalt could be applied but unfortunately the asphalt plants are closed for the winter. He has talked to the residents and explained that he will work to resolve the problem in the Spring.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley indicated that the employees have completed the leaf pickup in the cemetery. They continue to pickup sticks and debris. The water has been shut off in Maple Grove for the winter. The oil and filters have been changed in all the mowers.
2. Trustee Sargent presented a proposal to have the Fannin's back for work on the tombstones in Maple Grove and Philipps cemeteries. The primary emphasis will be at Philipps. Fiscal Officer Kennedy indicated the money will be available for this work from an estate tax distribution received earlier this year. Trustee Sargent stated he was going to talk with the members of the long time Granville family from which the estate tax was received and tell them that a portion of the tax payment is going to be used for restoration work in the cemeteries. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King it was agreed to have the Fannin's in for two weeks this summer working primarily in the Philipps Cemetery at a cost of approximately \$15,000. They will also work at Old Colony for two weeks with that cost paid by Old Colony.
3. Fiscal Officer Kennedy indicated that he had obtained the certificate from the County Auditor with respect to the proposed .5 mill Cemetery levy. He reminded those in attendance that this levy will replace the existing .4 "Current Operating" expense levy plus have an additional .1 added to it. He presented the levy language prepared by the County Prosecutor to place the levy on the March 12, 2008 ballot:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX  
IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION  
5705.19(T)**

The Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 12 day of December 2007, with the following members present:

Lyle King

William Habig

Wes Sargent

Mr. Habig moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby determined, by the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Granville Township, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitation for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries, as provided in Section 5705.19(T) of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT RESOLVED that an additional levy of five-tenths of one mill (.5 mill) for each year be placed upon the tax duplicate for such purposes, pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, said levy to be for a period of five years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy be placed upon the tax list beginning with the tax year 2008, and for the tax years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to be first collected in calendar year 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of such levy be submitted to the electors of both the incorporated and unincorporated segments of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio at the same time as the Primary Election, to be held in the usual voting places within said Township on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of the ballots cast at such election shall be:

A majority vote shall be necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries at a rate not exceeding .5 mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to five cents (\$.05) for each one hundred dollars in valuation for a period of five years commencing in tax year 2008, first due in calendar year 2009.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of Granville Township be, and hereby is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, along with copies of the Resolution and certified information from the Licking County

Auditor pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B), and cause notice of the same to be given as required by law.

Mr. Sargent seconded the Motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Yea: King, Habig, Sargent

Nay: None

Dated this 12 day of December, 2007.

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Norman S. Kennedy  
Granville Township Fiscal Officer

TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution of the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, adopted on the 12 day of December, at its regular meeting. I have attached hereto copies of the Resolution and Auditor's certified response required by R.C. 5705.03(B).

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Norman S. Kennedy  
Granville Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

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Kenneth W. Oswalt  
Licking County Prosecutor

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

1. Chief Hussey reported that 27 people attended the training fire held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Things went well and everyone learned a lot while practicing their skills. It was discussed that there was a good article in the Metro Section of the Columbus Dispatch about participation of Denison University students as volunteers for the department.
2. Chief Hussey told the Trustees that since he arrived at the fire department he has been concerned about the pump/water volume capacity of its grass truck vehicle. He applied for and just recently received approval for a \$4,500 grant from ODNR for the purchase of a wildland firefighting skid unit. This grant provides matching funds which are intended to purchase a firefighting pump and tank unit which will be installed in the existing pickup truck. The total project cost is expected to be \$12,000 which will require \$7,500 of local matching funds to complete this project. The Chief estimates that the cost to acquire a new equivalent vehicle would be at least \$50,000. After a short period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to commit \$7,500 of local funding and to accept the \$4,500 ODNR grant for the acquisition of the wildland firefighting skid unit.

3. Chief Hussey discussed his proposal to hire a part-time fire inspector for 16 hours per week. This would be a new position for the fire department but one that he feels will significantly improve the department's fire prevention program. As this position is part-time it would not receive benefits and would be an FICA employee. He has looked at comparable positions and recommends that this position be paid \$20 per hour. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to create the part-time position of Fire Inspector at the rate of \$20 per hour.

4. Chief Hussey also recommended to the Trustees that the intermittent employees of the department be granted 3.5% increases for the pay period first ending in 2008. This increase will keep the department current in the marketplace and allow the department to continue to attract good, reliable employees. On a motion by Trustee Habig and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to grant a 3.5% increase to the intermittent employees effective for the pay period first ending in 2008.

5. Chief Hussey discussed the fact that periodically the department receives donations from the community. The gifts are unrestricted in nature but he has believed that the money should go for the purchase of specific items as opposed to payment of operating expenses. F.O. Kennedy indicated that so far this year the township has received about \$5,000 of donations which he has credited to the fire fund. Chief Hussey proposed the purchase of two IV solution warmer units and one RAD unit. The RAD unit measures not only the amount of oxygen in a person's blood stream but also the amount of carbon monoxide. This will assist in evaluation of carbon monoxide poisoning victims and also the rehab of fire fighters during and after a fire. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to use approximately \$5,000 of donation money for the purchase of the two IV fluid warmers and one RAD unit as recommended by Chief Hussey.

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

1. Superintendent Binckley indicated that the pool demolition work has been completed at the Spring Valley property. Trustee Sargent indicated that he has obtained a quote from local resident Curtis Ufert to remove both of the sets of unused tennis court fencing and several concrete block backstops. Sargent proposes to keep the old caboose for the time being in order to have time to assess its possible usefulness and to also keep the asphalt from the upper tennis court to use for possible parking should that area of the property be developed for a recreational use. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to have Curtis Ufert remove the old tennis court fencing and walls, as well as take down for storage the used telephone poles, for an amount not to exceed \$1,200 plus the cost of dumping fees at the landfill.

2. Trustee Sargent also reported that in order to make the SV property house rentable he believes the following things must be done: a) replace the single pane, aluminum windows, b) put down new carpeting and linoleum where applicable, c) conduct a review of the electrical wiring and e) do miscellaneous carpentry work. The other Trustees agreed to let Sargent handle this project and obtain quotes from various possible contractors.

3. F.O. Kennedy presented a document - Appendix L, Notice of Grant Agreement between Granville Township and the Land and Water Conservation Fund program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. It is necessary for this exhibit, which is part of the Raccoon Valley Park playground grant paperwork, to be executed by the Board Chair in order to complete the grant papers. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to have Trustee Sargent execute Appendix L for submission to ODNR.

3. Lights were repaired at BiCentennial Park.

4. Latches have been installed on the bathhouse doors at SV Park. They must still be installed on the window covers.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy presented the November 30, 2007 bank reconciliation for review and approval by the Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee and a second by Trustee, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation transfers between November 29, 2007 and December 12, 2007 were approved:

From 2191-220-599-0002	Fire – Volunteer Incentive Program	10000.00
To 2191-110-190-0000	Fire – VIP Compensation	10000.00
From 2191-220-599-0002	Fire – Volunteer Incentive Program	150.00
To 2191-110-213-0000	Fire – VIP medicare	150.00
From 2191-220-599-0002	Fire – Volunteer Incentive Program	700.00
To 2191-110-212-0000	Fire – VIP social security	700.00
From 2191-220-599-0000	Fire – Miscellaneous	1000.00
To 2191-220-251-0000	Fire – Uniforms	1000.00
From 2031-330-599-0000	R&B – Miscellaneous	1000.00
To 2031-330-314-0000	R&B – State Tax Collection fees	1000.00
From 2192-120-599-0001	Rec C – Miscellaneous	100.00
To 2192-120-314-0000	Rec C – Auditor fees	100.00
From 2191-220-599-0000	Fire – Miscellaneous	22000.00
To 2191-220-190-0000	Fire – Full-time salaries	22000.00
From 1000-610-190-0000	Gen – Park salaries	10000.00
To 1000-110-599-0002	Gen - Poggemeyer Design Grp	10000.00
From 1000-110-311-0000	Gen – Legal fees	4105.00
To 1000-110-599-0002	Gen - Poggemeyer Design Grp	4105.00

From 2031-330-360-0000 R&B – Paving contracts	5000.00
To 2031-330-351-0000 R&B – Electricity	5000.00
From 2031-330-360-0000 R&B – Paving contracts	200.00
To 2031-330-352-0000 R&B – Water & Sewer	200.00
From 1000-110-311-0000 Gen – Legal fees	1000.00
To 1000-110-319-0000 Gen – Prof & Tech Services	1000.00
From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire – Carryover	13000.00
To 2191-220-380-0000 Fire – Insurance	13000.00
From 1000-110-230-0000 Gen – Workers’ Comp	70.00
To 1000-110-223-0000 Gen – Dental Insurance	70.00
From 2191-110-314-0000 Fire – County Auditor Tx Coll Fees	800.00
To 2191-220-223-0000 Fire – Dental Insurance	800.00

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:

4636	Stephen Barns	694.64	4637	Joshua Bow	435.56
4638	Casey Curtis	385.13	4639	Janet Curtis	254.89
4640	Charles Dutton	183.46	4641	Bradley Essick	127.45
4642	Cameron Evans	518.18	4643	Tad Ford	497.17
4644	Cassandra Hale	140.04	4645	Daniel Kindell	341.73
4646	David Kishler	523.78	4647	Jerry Lukins	264.70
4648	Brian Murphy	190.47	4649	Stanley Nicodem	273.09
4650	Robert Otter	1128.79	4951	Larry Schneiderer	857.11
4652	Trevor Smith	315.12	4653	Emma Sombat	116.24
4654	Joseph Warner	201.67	4655	Edward White	271.69
4656	Nadia Zaim	126.05	4657	Joshua Black	37.00
4658	Melissa Crowley-Buck	90.95	4659	Dana Meyer	95.58
4960	Brittany Rogers	58.58	4651	Tracy Ross	55.50
E958	Annarino	89.29	E959	Barnhill	178.74
E960	Baucher	227.52	E961	Binckley	1160.39
E962	Borden	1226.75	E963	Bowman	1572.82
E964	Butt	640.41	E965	Coyle	119.19
E966	Curtis	1688.71	n/a		.00
E968	DuBeck	405.94	E969	Essick	240.31
E970	Giles	951.42	E971	Gottfried, B	76.72
E972	Gottfried, N. B.	248.21	E973	Hall.	1228.18
E974	Hill	164.45	E975	Huhn	631.35
E976	Hussey	2273.48	E977	Jones, A	120.80
E978	Jones, B	368.30	n/a		.00
E979	King	15.36	E979	Lynn	214.20
E980	Meisenhelder	566.97	E981	Polk	401.10
n/a	Principe	.00	E982	Reece	1146.28
E983	Riley	374.46	n/a		.00
E984	Smith,D	230.81	E985	Thomas	119.42

E986	Thompson	1689.42	n/a		.00
4664	Lyle King	1740.00	4665	MORPC	1190.00
4666	GACC	185.00	4667	A Printed Impression	5.36
4668	Stacey Engle	76.99	4669	Laura Main	129.68
4670	Lance Clarke	75.00	4671	Granville Milling	459.40
4672	Ohio Insurance Services	1951.14	4673	PNB – VISA	142.30
4674	Shelly Materials	88.86	4675	Kokosing Materials	1838.25
4676	Wright Bros Power	8.99	4677	KPS/NAPA	174.64
4678	Fred Abraham	4100.00	4679	Fred Abraham	5458.97
4680	Cintas Corporation	327.72	4681	64 Metals	297.40
4682	Waste Management	183.34	4683	Arwebb	152.78
4684	Granville Lumber	131.79	4685	Morton Salt	8408.73
4686	Certified Oil	2487.32	4687	COTC	540.00
4688	Lifelink	1285.00	4689	Robert Otter	18.73
4690	Granville Village Mkt	50.98	4691	Leo Myers Inc	96.00
4692	Ohio Health/Behavioral	122.40	4693	MT Business Technologies	166.20
4694	Kenny’s Collision Cent	500.00	4695	Alpha Link	340.00
4696	Verizon Wireless	44.56	4697	Bishop Scovell Ins	18149.00
4698	Time Warner	44.95	4699	Downey’s Carpet Care	75.00
4700	Brandon Reece	151.32	4701	Capital Consulting	386.00
4702	B&C Communications	4988.00	4703	Village Landscapes	385.70
4704	Deferred Comp	955.00	n/a		.00
E1046	Annarino	89.29	E1047	Barnhill	178.74
n/a	Baucher	.00	E1048	Binckley	2021.45
E1049	Borden	1432.83	E1050	Bowman	2590.93
E1051	Butt	640.41	n/a	Coyle	.00
E1052	Curtis	2037.83	n/a		.00
E1053	DuBeck	463.52	E1054	Essick	443.76
E1055	Giles	1171.63	E1056	Gottfried, B	160.66
E1057	Gottfried, N. B.	124.40	E1058	Habig	538.08
E1059	Hall.	1976.33	E1060	Hill	256.21
E1061	Huhn	807.34	E1062	Hussey	2366.76
E1063	Jones, A	351.36	E1064	Jones, B	282.38
E1065	Kennedy	515.85	E1066	Lynn	116.61
E1067	May	250.10	E1068	McDonald	100.45
E1069	Meisenhelder	566.97	E1070	Polk	461.83
E1071	Reece	1141.28	E1072	Riley	400.17
E1072	Sargent	477.19	E1073	Smith,D	125.41
E1074	Thompson	2642.17	E1076	Westall	43.77
4705	Binckley	2918.61	4706	Butt	287.08
4707	Giles	302.43	4708	Huhn	287.08
4709	Meisenhelder	100.57	4710	Polk	100.14

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 Habig and a second by Trustee King , with King yes, Habig yes and Sargent yes, the meeting was moved into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel evaluations.

After a period of discussion the meeting was returned to regular session.

Superintendent Binckley is to present employee evaluation forms at the next meeting.

Trustee Sargent explained that he and F.O. Kennedy had completed an evaluation of Chief Hussey and felt that in his first year with the township Hussey had done everything that was expected of the fire chief in the conversion from a private corporation to a township fire department. He has brought a professional approach to the operation of the department. He has good people skills, good written and oral communication skills. He is working well with everyone. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Habig, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to grant Jeff Hussey a 4.5% raise as of his December 4, 2007 anniversary date. In addition he will be transferred to permanent status because of his successful completion of his one year probationary period with the township's fire department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.