

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting January 26, 2011

Present: Trustees Paul Jenks, Bill Mason and Dan VanNess, Fiscal Officer Norman Kennedy, Melanie Schott

Guests: Jeff Hussey
Travis Binckley
Bill Hoffman, 713 Friends Lane, Granville
Brian Miller, Sentinel
Judith Preston, 54 Tow Path, G
Jim White, 2859 Loudon St, G
Randy Roton, Columbia Gas
John Weigand, Granville Rotary Club

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

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of January 12, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted and revised.

Randy Roton of Columbia Gas Transmission was present to explain Columbia is required to test its gas transmission lines running through Township owned property, east of Owens Corning. In order to conduct this testing they wish to acquire an easement on approximately ½ acre westward from their existing lines for \$3,100. Mr. Roton concurred with F.O. Kennedy that the company has the power of eminent domain for acquisition of utility easements; however they do not like to pursue such action. Trustee Mason asked for input from the Township's Land Management Committee which Judy Preston indicated she would obtain prior to the next Trustee's meeting.

Correspondence:

1. The quarterly pooled security collateral notice was received from Park National Bank.
2. An ad was placed with respect to the open position on the Land Management Committee.
3. 2011 CAUV applications were filed for seven Township properties.
4. A letter was sent to Brendan Lowell approving his Eagle Scout proposal for Spring Valley Park.

Trustee Jenks stated Justin Lodge has expressed interest in being reappointed to the Granville Recreation District Board which was endorsed by the Chair of that Board. On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' reappointed Justin Lodge as the Township's appointee to the Granville Recreation District (GRD) effective March 1, 2011 for a term of three years.

Southwest Quadrant Pathway Project:

Trustee Jenks stated he would support the signing of the letter of intent with the understanding if the project is allowed by ODOT to submit a grant request, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be signed prior to the submission of the request. Any such MOU with the Southwest Pathway Project Group would need to clearly state the Township is the sponsoring public agency in name only and the Township will not be responsible for any of the funding costs. He stated the Township's support is needed for consideration of the project by ODOT. Bill Hoffman, representing Southwest Pathway Project Group was present to address any concerns.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to sign a letter of intent for the Southwest Quadrant Pathway Project with the understanding there would be a Memorandum of Understanding in place prior to any submission of a grant request for the potential pathway.

F.O. Kennedy provided Bill Hoffman with a signed letter of interest to submit a grant and the other required associated documents which Mr. Hoffman will deliver to ODOT.

Elected Officials Reports

Trustee VanNess indicated he attended a water protection meeting at which Marathon Oil explained what would happen if a pipeline were to rupture in the area of the local aquifer.

Trustee Jenks stated since the last Township meeting he met with Bill Hoffman, Doug Helman, Connie Hawk, and others with respect to both the proposed the Southwest Pathway and Rotary Bridge projects. .

Trustee Mason stated he met with Chief Hussey on January 14 to discuss evaluations of Fire Department employees. He indicated he is pleased with the evaluation process program and it is working well. Trustee Jenks agreed the same evaluation process works well with the Roads and Cemetery Departments as well. Trustee Mason indicated he received an inquiry regarding the Township's Green Space Program. He directed this individual to the Township's website for additional information.

Roads Department:

Superintendent Binckley stated the road crew was out five times since the last meeting using 39 tons of salt and 34 tons of gravel. He completed the annual culvert and equipment reports which F.O. Kennedy filed with the County Engineer.

Trustee Jenks stated he has received numerous compliments regarding the removal of snow and ice on Township roadways during this difficult winter.

Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported one funeral since the last meeting.

Parks Department:

Trustee Jenks stated they are working on a tentative agreement for McPeck Lodge and Spring Valley Park with the GRD. He has also spoken with Gary Ryan regarding a long-term lease for the platform tennis property. This request is on hold until it is known if the arrangement would be with the Township or the GRD.

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported the bad weather has caused numerous vehicular accidents in the past few weeks. He is always glad when a run is successfully completed without any accidents by any of the Department members. Fire Department employees have recently completed an emergency vehicle driving course. It also seems that cold weather brings a number of house fires which happen under difficult circumstances. The Department recently provided mutual aid to the City of Newark for a house fire on James Road. Unfortunately the fire had spread throughout the attic of the house before the fire department was called resulting in a total loss.

Chief Hussey also reported he has submitted a number of grant requests for training funding.

Chief Hussey presented the names of Jordan Linkowski and Brandon Dutton as probationary members of the Fire Department.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote Jordan Linkowski and Brandon Dutton were accepted as probationary employees of the Fire Department.

Chief Hussey presented a purchase request to replace the Fire Department's treadmill which had originally been donated to the Department many years ago. The motor had burned out and it was not cost effective to repair. The request is to purchase reconditioned Star Trac Treadmill and Crosstrainer Elliptical units for a total of \$3,695 with shipping. Trustee Mason stated one of the Chief's goals is to continue building the Fire Department's physical fitness program. Chief Hussey stated physical fitness is a job requirement and this equipment will assist in the Department's program.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to purchase commercial remanufactured treadmill and elliptical exerciser units for \$3,695.00.

Parks Department

Chief Hussey reported he found someone who is interested in salvaging the wood from the Spring Valley barn as opposed to burning the structure. After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to permit Mitch Claggett to salvage the barn

siding from the small structure at Spring Valley Park which was of no value to the Township.

Rotary Bridge Project:

Dr. John Weigand, Rotary Bridge Committee Chairman, was present to address questions regarding the signing of a Township Resolution for the building of the Rotary Bridge at Raccoon Valley Park. Trustee Mason stated the Trustees' support this project and applaud what Dr. Weigand and the Rotarians have accomplished to date. Mason stated the Trustees' understand they need to move forward if the ODOT grant funding is to be obtained. He further stated the Trustees would be required to ensure the deficit for the funding of any overruns. However, Trustees were only asked to be the public sponsor to obtain the ODOT grant. Trustee Mason stated "kudos to Dr. Weigand and Rotary for a great plan that is beneficial for the entire community." Dr. Weigand stated he sees the role of Rotary as a facilitator and catalyst for this project. He went on to say the Rotarians realize they need the cooperation of the Recreation District, Village, Township, and other community groups to get the bridge built. He stated they have had an 80% maximum match ODOT grant amount of \$1,055,612.80 for the bridge project and feel they owe it to the community to see the bridge is built. Dr. Weigand stated ODOT has asked for a Resolution from the Township committing it to the project and he encourages the signing of this Resolution. He indicated he does realize the Trustees' have had to take pause to evaluate the financial risk involved. This has brought everyone involved back to the table to see if this something they want to continue to do. Dr. Weigand stated the Rotary board is still 100% behind this project and will support any grant writing or fundraising efforts in the future should the need arise. If the Resolution is not signed the project cannot move forward. Dr. Weigand presented a potential timeline to the Trustees. He stated there are options to bow out gracefully if the Trustees find this is necessary. Trustee Jenks has talked with Mr. Comisford at ODOT who indicated the Township has no risk until the 20% share must be provided and the "final" Resolution is submitted. Trustee Mason indicated by signing this Initial Resolution and moving forward, it can be determined if additional dollars are needed for the project and see how much additional fundraising must be done. Trustee VanNess agreed and stated there is still the possibility the project will come in under its present projected cost in 2013 dollars and in his opinion, failure to pursue this grant is fiscally irresponsible considering how far this project has come. F.O. Kennedy indicated he was under the impression the Rotary Club had backed off of the project stating it had done all they could do. Dr. Weigand clarified the Rotary Club wasn't in favor of all of the Rotary money being put forward for the initial project expenditures. He stated they felt other stakeholders should be financially involved at this point. The Rotarians were concerned they were the only entity spending money on this project. They wanted to make sure it wasn't only the Rotary money put forward, but they also wanted the support of the community to move forward. Dr. Weigand stated from his standpoint, it has been reaffirmed the Rotary Club is behind this project. F.O. Kennedy stated with the figures being presented it appeared as though there could be a \$100,000+ obligation left to the Township, which it does not have in the General Fund. He went on to say it seemed from the discussion tonight as though these concerns have been addressed. Trustee

Jenks indicated the Village has offered to give the bridge committee the Main Street Bridge plans which could be used in development of plans for the Rotary Bridge. He stated the proposed bridge would be longer and the approaches would have to be redesigned, but using these plans could save some design cost. In addition, he is researching if the bridge must be fourteen feet wide. If it is possible to build a ten foot wide bridge that would also reduce the proposed cost of construction.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, with Trustee Mason (yes), Trustee Jenks (yes), Trustee VanNess (yes), the Trustees' signed the Initial Resolution to allow the Rotary bridge project to move forward utilizing an Ohio Department of Transportation grant.

Seismic Testing Request:

Trustee VanNess indicated he followed up on the seismic testing request with Bob Erhard. Mr. Erhard indicated as testing is temporary in nature, the testing sensors are not considered structures and, therefore, this is a decision for the Trustees' to make. Trustee VanNess stated the testing would take two days and the Goss' are in favor of having the testing done. Trustee Jenks stated there had been discussion of the proposed testing with the GRD Board and as a courtesy to them he would like to wait for their written concurrence before allowing the testing on the Raccoon Park property. He indicated approval could be contingent upon the written concurrence being received by the Trustees.' Trustee VanNess stated Mr. Sitler also sent him a request for roadside testing on Hankinson Road. He indicated this was previously approved, and this would be a renewal of a former permit.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to allow seismic testing on the Goss property and the Township's Raccoon Valley Park property contingent upon hearing from the GRD.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to permit seismic testing on Hankinson Road.

Open Space Farm Leases and Conservation Easement Reviews:

Trustee VanNess stated he hoped to clarify the role of the Land Management Committee with respect to the Township's farmland leases. He indicated last year the LMC advertised and collected bids. He wonders if the Trustees' should also let them open the bids and rank the top bids for Trustee final approval. He stated one reason is because it would remove the Trustees from this segment of the process as he personally knows most of the farmers who would apply for these leases. He stated he does business with the mill and this could alleviate any conflicts. Trustee Mason clarified the contract would be with the Trustees and not the LMC. F.O. Kennedy indicated the leasing of Township farmland has been an evolving process with various changes in the process throughout the years.

Trustee Jenks asked if they would still intend to recommend the 10% bid credit for bids received from residents of Granville Township and if the "Pohm" parcel and

“Kennedy/Rader” parcels should be bid as a package or individually. Trustee VanNess felt the Land Management Committee could work out those details. Trustee Jenks asked Judy Preston to remind LMC members of conflict rules prior to voting on any of these matters. Trustee Mason agreed having the Land Management Committee review the bids and make a recommendation is a good idea if the Trustees’ still see all of the bids and ultimately make the final decision. Trustee VanNess and Trustee Jenks agreed. Jim White asked the Trustees to leave the 10% resident credit in place when evaluating the bids. Trustee Jenks stated he likes buying local and not just in farming. He stated he would ask the Land Management Committee to look at this and get back to them. He stated he would like to do something to encourage local property owners and they need to look at creative ways to accomplish this goal.

Conservation easement reviews:

Trustee VanNess stated that he met with the Land Management Committee regarding annual inspections on properties. He stated they are waiting to confirm some matters about the “Showman” and “White” properties. He indicated they will continue to work on having the inspections completed.

Trustee Jenks indicated since the second meeting in February is going to be held on the 21st instead of 23rd and the 21st is a Township observed holiday it should not be necessary for Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckley to attend this meeting. He suggested they submit their reports in writing prior to the meeting.

Financial Matters

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

From 1000-110-599-0000	General Fund – other	6,000.00
To 1000-610-599-0007	General Fund, parks – RE taxes	6,000.00
From 2031-330-599-0000	R&B – other	500.00
To 2031-330-599-0007	R&B – RE taxes	500.00
From 2195-760-710-0000	Green Space – land	6,200.00
To 2195-110-599-0007	Green Space – RE taxes	5,200.00

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos, EFT’s and if applicable, then and now purchase order certificates were approved for payment and processing:

E3677	Barnhill	398.91	E3678	Binckley	2279.81
E3679	Borden	1640.92	E3680	Bowman	1932.45
E3681	Bryan	1399.98	E3682	Butt	750.33
E3683	Clemens	1180.38	E3684	Connor	140.10
E3685	Coyle	212.46	E3686	Curtis	1786.51
E3687	DuBeck	357.99	E3688	Duncan	367.07
E3689	Essick	838.03	E3690	Hall	1532.39
E3691	Harrison	365.40	E3692	Henry	643.87
E3693	Hill, B	1261.25	E3694	Hill, J	397.87
E3695	Huhn	1269.51	E3696	Hussey	2557.49
n/a	Jenks	.00	E3697	Jones, A	562.05

E3698	Jones, B	196.68	n/a	Kennedy	.00
E3699	Kindell	474.41	E3700	Lynn	490.17
n/a	Mason	.00	E3701	May	660.99
E3702	Meisenhelder	585.44	E3703	Monroe	1228.10
n/a	Pack	.00	E3704	Reece	1254.81
E3705	Riley	142.62	n/a	Schott	.00
E3706	Smith	246.27	n/a	Thomas	.00
E3707	Thompson	1474.02	n/a	VanNess	.00
E3708	Watling	221.50	7643	PNB – IRS	4975.80
7644	OIT	2129.02	7645	SDIT	212.85
7646	GIT	894.37	7647	Deferred Compensation	1505.00
7648	AFLAC	762.84	7649	PNB – OPERS	5989.41
7650	PNB – OP&FPP	15618.78	7651	Sprint Communications	198.48
7652	Licking County Treasurer	29728.20	7653	Brian Blanchard	105.00
7654	Steven Brown	70.00	7655	Greg Davis	105.00
7656	Thomas McCullough	105.00	7657	Vince Paumier	105.00
7658	Medical Benefits Mutual	155.20	7659	Ohio Health Consortium	144.00
7660	Ace Truck Equipment	107.96	7661	Richardson Glass	181.62
7662	Wince Welding	276.54	7663	TR Sawyer Tree Co	2250.00
7664	Travis Binckley	264.55	7665	Griffin Pavement Striping	683.02
7666	United Aggregates	465.53	7667	Cargill Inc	6989.86
7668	Newark FF Local 109	60.00	7669	Jan's In Stitches	313.22
7670	Mt. Hope Harness & Shoe	166.95	7671	The Fire House	300.50
7672	Office Equipment Finance	198.00	7673	Finley Fire Equipment	148.40
7674	Bishop Scovell Insurance	21956.00	7675	Urban Information Sys	7,200.00
7676	Infinity Title, repl #7588	294638.00			

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 Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Trustee Mason yes, Trustee VanNess yes, and Trustee Jenks yes, the meeting was moved into executive session under ORC Section 121.22(G)(2) for the purpose of discussing the possible acquisition of property.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, with Trustee VanNess yes, Trustee Mason yes, and Trustee Jenks yes, the meeting was returned to regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.