

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting March 14, 2012

Present: Trustees Paul Jenks, Bill Mason and Dan VanNess, Fiscal Officer Norman Kennedy and Betsey Hampton, Recording Secretary, Jerry Miller Fiscal Officer-Elect
Department Heads: Travis Binckley and Jeff Hussey

Guests: Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

Katy Paumier, Paumier Medical Management Group of Granville

Dave Dicks, Licking County Planning Commission

Casey Curtis, Granville Township Fire Department

Joseph S. White, 2551 Loudon St., Granville

Judy Preston, Granville Township Land Management Committee, 54 Tow Path

Doug and Nancy Berg, 98 Burt Ridge Rd., Granville

Due to a conflict in his schedule Trustee Mason could not be at the opening of the meeting. In his absence Trustee Jenks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. When Trustee Mason arrived the meeting was turned back over to him.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

Trustee Mason indicated the first public hearing of the evening was for the purpose of obtaining public input with respect to the Comprehensive Plan recommended to the Trustees for approval by the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Trustees received the Comprehensive Plan from the Committee with its recommendation for the Trustees to adopt the plan. Fiscal Officer Kennedy indicated a copy of the plan was placed in the Granville Public Library along with a link on the Township's website leading to the Village's site where the plan is displayed electronically. An advertisement was placed in the newspaper for this evening's public hearing and a notice posted on the north door of the Township Service Complex. Mason indicated the Committee has worked long and hard to prepare the Plan asking for public comment from those in attendance. The sole audience member comment had to do with the construction of a parking area in Salt Run Park, and has therefore been moved to the Parks section of the minutes for clarity.

After Trustee Chair Mason closed the public hearing with respect to the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to adopt the Plan as prepared, he called for discussion.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy noted each of the steps under the comprehensive plan adoption procedure has been performed to date. He previously forwarded electronic copies of the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Licking County Planning Commission so the staff would have time to adequately review the document, subject to any revisions incorporated as a result of tonight's Public Hearing.

Trustee Jenks indicated there were no comments made about the Comprehensive Plan during the Public Hearing which would necessitate making any revisions.

Trustee VanNess indicated he had talked with Brad Mercer at the Planning Commission and Mr. Mercer indicated the staff had mostly completed its review. The only comment verbally passed along at this point was the color coding used on various maps could be revised to clarify the legend on the maps.

Hearing no more discussion Mr. Mason called for the question.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Trustee Jenks yes, Trustee VanNess yes and Trustee Mason yes, the Trustees agreed to accept the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to adopt the Plan without change and forward same on to the Licking County Planning Commission with the recommendation to adopt the Plan.

EMS Billing public hearing

Trustee Mason indicated during the Township's annual financial planning session in early February the Trustees heard a presentation from Fire Chief Hussey about the possibility of billing for EMS ambulance transportation. After this presentation the Trustees decided to hold a Public Hearing to familiarize community residents with EMS billing and to solicit any comments or concerns people might have regarding the prospect of EMS billing by the Township. Mason called the Public Hearing to order asking for public comment from those in attendance.

Fire Chief Hussey made a presentation with respect to the EMS billing proposal. Hussey indicated EMS transports accounted for about 600 out of 1,200 calls last year. Private insurance plans and Medicare and Medicaid have already built the cost of transportation into their respective insurance premiums. The focus of the EMS billing plan is to collect the insurance payment already being budgeted for by the insurance companies. Hussey indicated when an EMS transportation service is not billed to an insurance company the impact enables the insurance company to record greater profits. The proposal is for soft billing only. Residents transported by the Fire Department who have insurance may receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form from their insurance company, however they will not be billed by the Township for any balance resulting from meeting deductibles or co-pays. Those residents without insurance will also not be balance billed. Non-residents will be balance billed, however unpaid balances will be billed three times before billing ceases and unpaid bills will not be turned over any collection agency. There is also a provision for waivers due to financial hardship. On a national level roughly 85% of EMS agencies charge for transports. Approximately 90% of the population in Licking County resides in an EMS agency jurisdiction which currently charges for transport Hussey stated if the Township were to charge for transportation on the 563 actual transports [no one is billed if they are not transported] it would bring in \$187,000 of revenue each year. The additional cost of approximately \$37,000 would involve paying a third party billing service and having to pay for 100% of medical supplies used by the squad as it would no longer be possible to exchange supplies at the hospital. This could leave a net increase of approximately \$150,000 each year.

Chief Hussey indicated he believes billing for EMS transports may defer the future need for a possible Fire property tax increase. The additional revenue would go toward potential Fire Department staff adjustments, equipment, and improve the Township's ability to transport to Columbus hospitals which is something many local residents want.

Chief Hussey stated if the proposal is approved, the next steps will be to select a 3rd party billing agency, design a local plan, and meet with contract townships. It was stated the Licking County Prosecutor's office had weighed in on the subject and approves of EMS billing when it equalizes EMS billing for residents within a Township. Trustee Mason inquired as to how long it would be until billing begins and how long the program would be monitored. Chief Hussey would monitor finances for six months prior to recommending any personnel adjustments.

Trustee VanNess inquired how EMS billing would affect contract negotiations with McKean and Union Townships. Chief Hussey stated residents of the other townships would be treated the same as the residents of Granville Township. Chief Hussey did not see Granville Township as providing any type of discount to either contract Township as a result of EMS billing. It was stated that along the SR 161 and SR 37 corridor most other EMS providers already bill for EMS transport.

Mr. Berg asked where the Granville Township boundary line is along the SR 161 and SR 37 corridor. He was advised it is along the intersection of Morse Road, but billing for EMS transports related to mutual aid calls outside of Granville Township will be handled the same as within the Township. Chief Hussey stated the Department providing the transport is the one who generates the invoice.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy stated while municipalities such as Newark put its EMS transport billing revenue in its General Fund and has used this revenue in other ways. The Township's billing revenue must be placed in the Fire Fund, for expenditure only on Fire related services.

With no one else wishing to speak Mason closed the Public Hearing on the prospect of EMS transport billing by the Township.

With no further discussion, on a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed for Granville Township to initiate a process to implement EMS billing for transports as proposed by Chief Hussey.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of the special financial planning meeting held on February 4, 2012 and the regular meeting on February 22, 2012 were approved as submitted and revised.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from promoters of the Kayla Hurst 5-K race. Kayla Hurst was an Ohio State student and Granville High School graduate, who died in 2003. The letter requested permission to again use Township roads for the race. The race will be held Saturday, June 9, 2012, utilizing New Burg and Burg streets. Trustee Jenks made a motion to permit the Kayla Hurst 5-K race to use the requested roads. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous affirmative vote.

Elected Officials Reports:

Trustee Mason reported he and the other two Trustees attended a joint annexation discussion meeting in the Village. He also reported he met with Brian Miller concerning Granville Township's future goals. Trustee Mason also met with Chief Hussey and is working with Denison University in a positive way concerning safety situations at the University.

Trustee Jenks reported he attended a Licking County Health Advisory Committee meeting on March 7th. At the meeting there was discussion concerning non-maintenance of property. All townships have concerns. Licking County Health Director, Joe Ebel, advised that ORC 505.87 addresses the issue. Mr. Ebel advised taking pictures of nuisance properties and sending them to the Prosecutor's office to take onerous action.

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Jenks reported he also attended a meeting related to concerns about oil and gas well fracking held at Denison University on February 24, 2012. There are several additional meetings scheduled in March and April which he also plans to attend.

Trustee Jenks reported 2012- 2015 sole residential trash hauling contract with Big O has been executed. He also reported Seth Ellington is no longer with Big O and in the interim John Peckscamp will be the contact person for the Township.

Trustee Jenks reported after the Weaver Drive annexation meeting there is to be a follow up meeting to discuss the impact of a possible TIF on the Fire Department.

Trustee Jenks reported a reception is scheduled at the Granville Inn on April 5, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for Fiscal Officer Kennedy who is retiring after 28+ years of service. The event will be open to the public.

Road District:

Superintendent Binckley reported the employees working with the TR Sawyer Tree Company have completed tree trimming along Canyon Rd. He further reported the Township has fulfilled its required minimum 80% purchase of its 2011-2012 quantity order. Ordering for the 2012-13 season will be a little more complex because of the quantity on hand carrying over from this season.

2012 roadwork:

Superintendent Binckley reported he obtained the required engineer's estimate for the proposed 2012 roadwork and recommends the Trustees advertise to open bids at the March 28th meeting. On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to advertise for bids to be opened at the March 28, 2012 Trustee meeting at 7:00PM.

Superintendent Binckley presented a document that had all of the new State comprehensive bid rules in one document that could be used as a reference by members of the Township.

Trustee Jenks reported there was an automobile accident on Hankinson Road near Welsh Hills Road which involved an AEP power pole being broken. When the AEP repair crew arrived on the scene there were too few people to maintain traffic control while the pole was replaced. Trustee Jenks had been called to the scene and upon arriving he was unsuccessful in reaching Superintendent Binckley. He called the County Road garage and was advised the County had no authority to close a Township road and if County workers came to the scene they would bill the Township. Township employees Binckley and Huhn were eventually contacted and were able to place road closed signage on Hankinson at Welsh Hills and Dorrence Road. Superintendent Binckley had been asked by Jenks to find out about the County Engineer's policy with respect to closing a Township road and Binckley reported he was told the Engineer will not close a Township Road unless it is an emergency where the Township does not have the manpower or equipment available to handle the situation.

Cemetery Department

Superintendent Binckley presented a request to purchase a new Ferris Zero Turn Mower from Wright Brothers to replace a 2006 mower, with over 1,400 engine hours, for a net cost of \$5,918.15. Wright Brothers was the sole vendor to offer taking a trade-in for \$2,000. Trustee VanNess asked if the Township is able to trade in the older mower or if the Township is required to use govdeals.com to try to sell the mower. Superintendent Binckley responded as the old mower has more than 1,400 hours on the engine and is in need of repairs the Township probably would not receive anything near the \$2,000 trade in offer. He also indicated the Township does not have to use govdeals.com. This pricing is in conjunction with the State Cooperative purchasing program. On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to declare the existing 2006 Ferris mower as surplus equipment and trade it in on the purchase of a new Ferris Zero Turn Mower from Wright Brothers Power for a net cost of \$5,918.15.

There have been two funerals and ten graves sold since the previous meeting.

Parks Department

Salt Run Parking Area:

Superintendent Binckley reported the creation of the small parking area for Salt Run Park approved by the Trustees at a previous meeting is a work in progress. Because of the proximity of the parking area to the Marathon Oil pipe line which runs through Salt Run Park he must coordinate construction with the pipeline company as they are required to have a representative present during any work within 50' of the pipeline. Superintendent Binckley anticipated they will start work and finish this Friday, March 16, 2012.

Mr. & Mrs. Berg indicated they were present to express their concerns and the concerns of their neighbors about the Salt Run Park parking lot to be constructed off Spring Valley Drive. Mr. Berg stated they were unaware a parking lot was being built with its access off Spring Valley Drive and wanted information as to how big it was be, what materials were being used, who wanted the lot built and why it needed to come off Spring Valley instead of SR16. Superintendent Binckley explained the graveled lot would be a pull in lot for 5 or 6 cars with no plans for further expansion as far as he knew. Judy Preston, Granville Township Land Management Committee (LMC), said her committee had intended to provide informational flyers to the neighbors in advance of the work, but the unseasonably good weather had permitted work to begin sooner than had been expected and the flyers will be delivered tomorrow.

Mr. Berg indicated the neighbors had concerns as to whether the parking lot would be gated, what security would be provided, whether there would be increased traffic in the neighborhood, and what the long range plan for the lot would be. Superintendent Binckley provided a diagram of the placement of the 20' by 50' lot which as he explained earlier had to be coordinated with the Marathon Oil pipeline people. Binckley expressed doubt the parking lot would result in any significant increase in traffic as the open field is being leased to the Kiwanis Club for its sugar bush project and he thinks they will be the primary users of the lot when working at the tree project. He thought if there were to be a security issue it would be addressed at that time. Binckley stated the State Route location would not be feasible due to limitations placed on curb cuts on State highways and also drainage issues on that side of the field.

Mr. Berg inquired whether the parking lot was a Kiwanis request. Ms. Preston responded the parking lot was something the LMC had wanted for many years. Mr. Berg wondered about the long range plan for the area as neighbors had commented there were previous discussions about putting ball parks etc. in the area. Ms. Preston replied there were no current plans for anything else in the area as the open field would eventually be covered with high sugar yield maple trees planted by the Kiwanis Club. Ms. Preston stated the LMC was looking for more people to serve on the Committee and that they welcomed input.

Trustee VanNess indicated he thought the lot would help keep cars from parking along the side of Spring Valley Drive and pulling onto yards. Trustee Mason thanked Mr. and Mrs. Berg for attending the meeting and for speaking.

Superintendent Binckley reported the Township has installed 668' of snow fence at Raccoon Valley Park near Golfland. Trustee Jenks commented the Township previously offered to sell a sliver of land to Golfland contingent upon their solving the problem of errant golf balls landing on the Township property leased to the GRD. The GRD has reported golf balls are still going into the Township property and requested a 700' snow fence be installed as a test to see if a fence solves the problem

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported FEMA had awarded a nearly 1 million dollar joint grant to Licking County and Mifflin Township, which administers the MECC operation in Franklin County, for the improvement of their 911 emergency dispatch centers. The grant will be handled by Mifflin Township.

Chief Hussey reported he continues to work with Dennison University holding discussions concerning student safety and will be holding a Denison crisis response drill the morning of March 15th.

Chief Hussey reported he has been asked to speak to Village Council on March 21, regarding the proposal advanced last year for the construction of a joint public safety complex for the Township's Fire Department and Village's Police Department. He stressed this is merely an update, primarily for new members of Council and no plans are in progress.

Chief Hussey requested the following personnel appointments: Jarrod Tracy as an intermittent employee and Andrew Kuhnash, as a volunteer.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote Mr. Tracy and Kuhnash were appointed as probationary members as of the Fire Department as requested by Chief Hussey.

Chief Hussey requested permission to send four fire department employees to attend the Howell Rescue School in Dayton for an extrication training seminar. The cost of the seminar for the four employees is \$2,100.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to send four personnel to the Howell Rescue School in May for \$2,100 and also pay any incidental related expenses.

Zoning/Land Issues/Open Space:

Trustee VanNess reported he has met with the Zoning Committee (ZC) and resolved some issues with them. The ZC has set up bi-monthly meetings and Trustee VanNess has advised them to conduct their deliberations only at advertised public meetings.

VanNess also reported the Open Space levy did pass, and that Granville Township has a new resident an American Bald Eagle residing on the Montgomery farm two miles west of Granville.

Superintendent Binckley reported he has reviewed the farm lease bids for the Township's property at the northeast intersection of James Rd and SR37 opened at the last meeting. He recommended the three year lease be awarded the highest bidder, Triple M Grain Farms, with a personal guarantee by the owner – Donald Martin. On a motion by Trustee Paul Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept the total bid of \$2,970, for the term ending December 31, 2014.

Superintendent Binckley reported all the Open Space program display signs have been installed.

A copy of a letter from the Ohio Department of Agriculture to Florence and Frank Gibson was received thanking them for participation in the Clean Ohio Farmland Preservation Program. It was noted a portion of the Gibson's farm along Morse Road is in Granville Township.

Trustee VanNess reported in accordance with the terms of the Conservation Easement held by the Township the owners of Homestead Farm Inc have requested permission to exercise their right to put a pond on their property. Ms. Preston indicated the LMC has reviewed the request and the location and sent a note stating the pond plan looked good. On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to permit Homestead Farm Inc. to put in the requested pond in accordance with the terms of the Township Conservation Easement.

Trustee Jenks reported he received a recommendation from the Open Space Committee to appoint Vince Paumier to the Committee. Trustee Jenks made a motion to appoint Vince Paumier to the Open Space Committee for a partial term expiring December 31, 2014, Trustee VanNess seconded the motion, and after further discussion, even though Mr. Paumier also serves on the Zoning Commission, it was decided the dual positions would not be a conflict, the motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Jenks presented a draft of the proposed Open Space Committee's bylaws. He indicated various suggested changes had been incorporated in this draft and recommended adoption of the draft as a good compromise. A duplicated sentence was struck from the draft.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following by-laws were approved for the Township's Open Space Committee to follow:

By-Laws for Granville Township Open Space Committee

Purpose of the Open Space Program:

The purpose of the Granville Township Open Space Program is to protect and preserve the natural, scenic, open or wooded condition of the lands, waters, or wetlands in Granville Township against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation and development. The purpose of limiting development is to protect the rural character and agriculture history of Granville Township and preserve the small town atmosphere within the Village of Granville.

Mission:

1. The purpose of the Open Space Committee to assist the Trustees in the selection of properties to be included in the program through an objective process designed to achieve the purpose of the program.

Committee:

1. All members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Township Trustees and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Township Trustees. Removal of any member of the Committee shall require a majority vote of the Board of Township Trustees. There shall be no appeal rights upon the decision of the Township Trustees
2. All members of the Committee shall reside within Granville Township, which includes the Village of Granville, at the time of appointment. A vacancy on the Committee shall occur immediately and automatically when any member, during his or her current term of appointment, moves outside of Granville Township
3. All members shall be expected to attend at least 75% of the meetings
4. The Open Space Committee shall consist of no more than seven members and no less than five members.
5. The Granville Village Council and the Granville School District shall be allowed to recommend one appointment each to the Trustees for appointment to the Committee. The remaining members shall be chosen and appointed by the Granville Township Trustees. The Trustees will take into consideration recommendations for appointment made by the Open Space Committee in terms of skills or other required capabilities of those appointed.
6. Members shall serve a three year term, renewable by mutual consent of member and Trustees. All terms shall be staggered with two persons term's expiring the first two years and the remaining person or persons in the third year.
7. The Committee shall elect its own Chair and Vice Chair. The Election of a Secretary, Treasurer and or Secretary Treasurer will be up to the discretion of the Committee.

Levy Committee:

For the purpose of passing and supporting an open space levy, the Granville Township Trustees may, at its discretion, form a levy committee that may include all or some of the Open Space Committee members. Additional members shall be selected based upon needs and as deemed necessary.

Effective March 14, 2012

Trustee Mason thanked Trustee Jenks and the Open Space Committee for completing this project.

Open Space Committee appointment

Trustee Jenks reported when Deb Tegtmeier moved to McKean Township, the Village took the position she could no longer be its' representative on the Open-Space Committee. Steve Stilwell, the Village Manager, suggested the Township pass a resolution asking Council to recommend to the Trustees a new representative from the Village to the Open-Space Committee. Trustee Jenks asked Steve if the Council would consider trying to find someone with skill sets recommended by the Open Space Committee, and he agreed to consider that request.

Trustee Jenks stated that, "I would therefore, move we ask Village Council to recommend a candidate to the Trustees to be appointed to the Open-Space Committee from the Village. I would further move the person they recommend does not have to be a Village Councilperson and the Open-Space Committee would appreciate Council giving special consideration to candidates having real estate, land trust, property appraisal, legal or property development experience." Trustee Jenks made the motion; it was seconded by Trustee VanNess, and without further discussion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Jenks stated he would ask Dr. Wagner to grandfather Deb Tegtmeier to continue to serve on the Open Space Committee although she has moved as she has been very helpful to the committee. It was discussed she should serve until the end of her current term, but not have voting power on money issues. On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, the motion was approved by a unanimous affirmative.

Granville Golf Course considerations:

Trustee Mason indicated the Trustees had been contacted by the owners of the Granville Golf Course about the possibility of the Township acquiring a conservation easement on the property to limit the possibility of development and preserve open space in the middle of the Village. The following Resolution was proposed by Trustee Mason to ascertain the Village Council's posture with respect to this matter.

Resolution

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, with VanNess and Mason yes and Trustee Jenks abstaining upon advice from the Ohio Ethics Commission as his residential property adjoins the golf course, the following Resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Board of Granville Township Trustees [“the Trustees”] has been approached by the owners of the Granville Golf Course seeking to have a development restriction placed upon golf course property, and

WHEREAS the Golf Course is such a large parcel, located wholly within the boundaries of the Village of Granville, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Trustees request the Village Council consider this request and provide the Trustees with its thoughts and recommendations about whether to move forward with the request by the owners of the Granville Golf Course to have a development easement restriction placed upon the Golf Course and,

Further BE IT RESOLVED the Trustees seek to have a response from Village Council by the Trustees next meeting on March 28, 2012 in order for Trustees to move the process forward in an expeditious manner.

Old Business:

Rotary Bridge Project:

Trustee Jenks reported there was a meeting of the Rotary Bridge Committee, with the State and the Army Corps of Engineers, on March 6th to discuss armoring of the east side of the creek to prevent erosion. During this discussion it was pointed out dead trees and other debris in the creek could aggravate erosion of the creek walls and should, therefore be removed without putting any equipment into the creek.

Superintendent Binckley indicated the employees have begun removing this debris from Raccoon Creek and anticipate they will receive some assistance from the Village on this project.

Trustee Jenks reported as a result of the meeting the Committee has now been given permission to install 300 feet of armoring upstream from the location of the bridge. The State has indicated if there is money left in the grant it may be used to pay for the armoring. There will be a new start date for the Rotary Bridge project.

Trustee Jenks reported in late 2011, Korda had submitted a bill for \$3,604 which was not approved for payment as it was outside the scope of the project. After investigation it was determined a committee member had requested an evaluation of alternative sites for placement of the bridge, which Korda did.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to pay the \$3,604 bill after payment is received from the Granville Rotary Club Foundation. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and there was further discussion concerning the importance of the armoring and Korda has been

charged with the responsibility of designing it to adequately protect the integrity of the bridge. Trustee VanNess proposed because the Township is on the hook for maintenance of the bridge, the bank should be inspected at least yearly. It was decided this responsibility would be assigned to the Land Management Committee. Trustee Jenks reported the Granville Recreation District will assume responsibility for the west side approach to the bridge from Raccoon Valley Park and the Township is responsible for the eastern approach. Upon conclusion of the discussion the motion was passed by a unanimous vote. Fiscal Officer Kennedy indicated a change order document should probably be prepared for documentation of any of these approved changes. Trustee Jenks indicated he will have the order signed.

MS4:

Trustee VanNess reported the MS4 report has been turned into Dan Bladder and given to Fiscal Officer Kennedy to put in the file. It may be taken off the agenda for ten months.

Enterprise Pipeline:

Trustee Jenks reported the proposed pipeline route has been moved more to the eastern and southern parts of the County, out of the urban populated areas. The new pipeline route is still under review by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Row property response:

Assistant County Prosecutor Austin Lecklider has determined it is a possible violation of the Township's Conservation Easement for the Row's to allow a pipeline across their property. Mr. Lecklider has been asked to write the appropriate letter to the landowner, with a copy to the pipeline company. During this review Mr. Lecklider determined there is another possible problem in the landowner signed an oil and gas lease for the same property on which the Township purchased an easement a little over a month after the Township's Conservation Easement was purchased and filed with the County Recorder. Mr. Lecklider has been asked to further review this possible violation and advise the Trustees of the appropriate action. In conjunction with their annual site exams the LMC will be asked to perform a search of the County Recorder's filings so other possible violations will be noted on a timelier basis.

Financial Matters:

Fiscal Officer Kennedy presented the February 29, 2012 bank reconciliation for Trustee review and approval.

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

From 2192-120-599-0003 Parks – c/o	2,500.00
To 2192-760-760-0000 Parks – site improvements	2,500.00
From 2141-330-360-0003 Road District – c/o	3,000.00
To 2141-330-599-0004 Road District – Salt	3,000.00

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

DM25	Granville Twp – HRA	2202.26	DM26	Windstream	370.14
SM27	AEP	1520.90	DM28	Village of Granville	95.60
DM29	Columbia Gas	1565.30	DM30	Medical Mutual	7686.44
E4702	Bain	294.97	E4703	Barnhill	211.89
E4704	Binckley	1490.16	E4705	Borden	641.52
E4706	Bowman	1723.63	E4707	Bryan	1003.48
E4708	Butt	749.98	E4709	Clemens	1208.69
E4710	Connor	142.83	E4711	Coyle	276.40
E4712	Curtis	1814.64	E4713	DuBeck	227.19
E4714	Duncan	449.96	E4715	Essick	904.52
E4716	Gottfried	144.40	E4717	Hall	1351.09
E4718	Harrison	255.09	E4719	Henry	636.31
E4720	Hill	1187.43	E4721	Huhn	884.87
E4722	Hussey	2506.72	N/A	Jenks	.00
E4723	Jones, A	560.23	E4724	Jones, B	495.67
N/A	Kennedy	.00	E4725	Kindell	250.23
E4726	Leckrone	507.75	E4727	Lynn	125.87
N/A	Mason	.00	E4728	May	651.64
E4729	Meisenhelder	582.96	N/a	Miller	.00
E4730	Monroe	1301.68	E4731	Poe	285.55
E4732	Reece	1234.59	E4733	Riley	290.09
E4734	Saunders	668.05	N/A	Smith	.00
E4735	Thompson	1385.99	N/A	VanNess	.00
E4736	Watling	284.79	8484	OSC Knox	96.30
8485	OCS Knox	1088.91	WV79	Deferred Comp	1605.00
WV80	PNB – OPERS	6000.32	WV81	PNB – OP&F	16947.42
WV82	IRS	5465.77	8486	Delta Dental	967.99
8487	Bureau of Workers' Comp	23204.35	8488	William Mason	49.18
8489	Elan Financial Services	193.43	8490	Sprint Communications	176.26
8491	MT Business Comm.	34.90	8492	Licking Cty Planning Comm	355.60
8493	Cintas Corp	5437.73	8494	Certified Oil	2631.05
8495	Chromate Industrial	630.58	8496	KPS/NAPA	1357.22
8497	Elm Recycling	1892.26	8498	TR Sawyer Tree Co	4999.75
8499	Lawson Products	335.11	8500	Ross' Granville Market	59.24
8501	United Aggregates	356.08	8502	Howell Rescue Systems	1050.00
8503	Howell Rescue Systems	1050.00	8504	LMH	15.94
8505	Wince Welding	44.90	8506	Bound Tree Medical	25.79
8507	Fire House	204.00	8508	Alpha Link	312.50
8509	Ohio Health/Behavior H	127.50	8510	Corporate Health of Ohio	425.00
8511	Capital Consulting	196.00	8512	Verizon Wireless	86.10
8513	Granville Lumber	159.17	8514	Kleem Signs	5008.37
E4737	Bain	285.66	E4738	Barnhill	211.89
E4739	Binckley	1490.16	E4740	Borden	546.93
E4741	Bowman	1723.63	E4742	Bryan	1113.53
E4743	Butt	749.98	E4744	Clemens	1232.87
E4745	Connor	273.09	E4746	Coyle	122.65
E4747	Curtis	1792.19	E4748	DuBeck	345.54
E4749	Duncan	205.80	E4750	Essick	261.79
E4751	Gottfried	168.47	E4752	Hall	1420.23
E4753	Hampton	193.86	N/A		.00
E4754	Harrison	255.09	E4755	Henry	636.31
E4756	Hill	1401.83	E4757	Huhn	884.87
E4758	Hussey	2506.72	E4759	Jenks	1076.55

E4760	Jones, A	334.05	E4761	Jones, B	259.54
E4762	Kennedy	13.72	E4763	Kindell	250.23
E4764	Leckrone	167.43	E4765	Lynn	125.87
E4766	Mason	941.17	E4767	May	671.17
E4768	Meisenhelder	582.96	N/A	Miller	.00
E4769	Monroe	1335.96	E4770	Poe	261.90
E4771	Reece	1468.39	E4772	Riley	145.40
E4773	Saunders	610.88	N/A	Smith	.00
E4774	Thompson	2014.43	E4775	VanNess	1158.77
N/A	Watling	.00	WV83	IRS	7179.38
WV84	Deferred Comp	1605.00	WV85	OCS	1088.91
8515	OCS	96.30	DM36	Medical Mutual	7686.44
DM37	Granville Twp	5.00			

I hereby certify 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 Mason yes, Jenks yes and VanNess yes the meeting was moved into Executive Session under ORC section 122.21(G)(2) for the purpose of discussing possible property acquisition.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

For reference purposes:

ORC Section 505.87 Abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris.

(A) A board of township trustees may provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the township, if the board determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris constitutes a nuisance.

(B) At least seven days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the board of township trustees shall notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record upon the land that:

(1) The owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the owner's maintenance of which has been determined by the board to be a nuisance;

(2) If that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control, or removal is not made, within seven days, the board shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred by the board in performing that task shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

The board shall send the notice to the owner of the land by certified mail if the owner is a resident of the township or is a nonresident whose address is known, and by certified mail to lienholders of record; alternatively, if the owner is a resident of the township or is a nonresident whose address is known, the board may give notice to the owner by causing any of its agents or employees to post the notice on the principal structure on the land and to photograph that posted notice with a camera capable of recording the date of the photograph on it. If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the township.

(C) If a board of township trustees determines within twelve consecutive months after a prior nuisance determination that the same owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris on the same land in the township constitutes a nuisance, at least four days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the board shall give notice of the subsequent nuisance determination to the owner of the land and to any holders of liens of record upon the land as follows:

(1) The board shall send written notice by first class mail to the owner of the land and to any lienholders of record. Failure of delivery of the notice shall not invalidate any action to abate, control, or remove the nuisance. Alternatively, the board may give notice to the owner by causing any of its agents or employees to post the notice on the principal structure on the land and to photograph that posted notice with a camera capable of recording the date of the photograph on it.

(2) If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to post the notice on the board of township trustee's internet web site for four consecutive days, or to post the notice in a conspicuous location in the board's office for four consecutive days if the board does not maintain an internet web site.

(D) The owner of the land or holders of liens of record upon the land may enter into an agreement with the board of township trustees providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control, or removal before the time the board is required to provide for the abatement, control, or removal under division (E) of this section.

(E) If, within seven days after notice is given under division (B) of this section, or within four days after notice is given under division (C) of this section, the owner of the land fails to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, or no agreement for its abatement, control, or removal is entered into under division (D) of this section, the board of township trustees shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal and may employ the necessary labor, materials, and equipment to perform the task. All expenses incurred, when approved by the board, shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated, except that if the expenses incurred exceed five hundred dollars, the board may borrow moneys from a financial institution to pay for the expenses in whole or in part.

(F) The board of township trustees shall make a written report to the county auditor of the board's action under this section. The board shall include in the report a proper description of the premises and a statement of all expenses incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris as provided in division (E) of this section, including the board's charges for its services, the costs incurred in providing notice, any fees or interest paid to borrow moneys, and the amount paid for labor, materials, and equipment. The expenses incurred, when allowed, shall be entered upon the tax duplicate, are a lien upon the land from the date of the entry, shall be collected as other taxes, and shall be returned to the township and placed in the township general fund.

Amended by 128th General Assembly File No. 53, HB 393, § 1, eff. 6/18/2010.

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