

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting May 25, 2011

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

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Donald "Butch" Curtis, 1942 Columbus Rd, G
Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

Trustee Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting were approved as previously submitted and revised.

Correspondence:

Village notice of an appeal hearing scheduled for June 1st at 7:30PM in Village Council Chambers, requested by Dennis Cauchon for Metropolitan Partner's project on Main Street.

Public Comments:

Butch Curtis had several questions:

- 1) Is it possible to hunt on the Township property north and west of the Service Complex? - Response – The Trustees have placed certain Township properties in the Village administered bow hunting program, but the lease for the property in question was written prior to the bow hunting program, and did not reserve the hunting rights back to the Township. Thus the rights are held by the lessee. It is anticipated this will change in the future when the lease is rewritten.
- 2) What is the status of cleaning up Spring Valley Park from the demolition of the former bathhouse and filtration system buildings? He also wanted to know if there was any asbestos debris left on the site. Response – The remainder of the filtration building clean-up will be done in conjunction with the SWIF grant removal of the creek line retaining wall and lo head dam along with reseeding/tree planting in the area. Spring rains have caused this work to be pushed back to the late summer. Trustee Jenks indicated the Recreation Commission is overseeing Spring Valley Park and he will talk with its Director about what remains to be done. There is no asbestos material lying on the ground or in the debris. Chief Hussey indicated building owners are required by the State to obtain asbestos clearance before any commercial structures are torn down. This work was performed in conjunction with the burn permits obtained by the Fire Department and any asbestos was completely removed at that time.
- 3) Who is responsible for the trash bins at the shelter houses and for litter on the grounds? Trustee Jenks indicated Big O provides trash service from the parking lot, but litter needs to be picked up and the cans brought out to the asphalt turnaround. He is going to follow up on the matter.

Elected Officials Reports

Trustee VanNess reported he met with a Village resident living on Wildwood Drive who expressed concern about weeds growing on a lot next to hers which is located in the Township. He explained to her the Township couldn't do anything unless noxious weeds currently exist. The topography of the area limits the lot owner's ability to mow the back line of his property. He also told her he would return in June to check for noxious weeds and contact Mr. Charles if it's determined there is a problem.

Trustee Mason reported he attended a non-motorized transportation meeting conducted by LCATS. He visited the Granville Intermediate School during the most recent heavy rains and didn't see any standing water. Trustee VanNess indicated the water in this area is a natural course of drainage and nothing the Township ever did caused the water to pool or erode the school property.

Roads Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported the employees have completed replacing the various cross culverts under roads to be paved. Kokosing Construction plans to start the 2011 paving work around June 6th. In addition, the employees spent a significant amount of time cleaning up after recent storms.

Superintendent Binckley indicated the School District requested to submit its order for salt along with the Township even though the ORC was revised to permit them to purchase direct via ODOT bid program. F.O. Kennedy reported he applied for 698 tons of salt – 570 for the Township, 80 for McKean Township and 48 for the School District. Each entity will be responsible for its own 80% minimum purchase and maximum 120% purchase even though ODOT will look only to Granville Township for the required 80% minimum. Cost to McKean and GEVSD will be price paid per ton +\$.50/ton with them responsible for cost to weigh their trucks.

Trustee Jenks stated they received several telephone calls from people requesting notice prior to tree trimming in the road right of way. He indicated one complainant was Carolyn Blum on Beechwood who was upset she wasn't notified the trees in the easement would be trimmed. Trustee Jenks stated there was also a complaint from Bill Dorman on the same street about notification of trimming. Trustee Jenks stated he and Superintendent Binckley met with Mr. Dorman and they will be meeting with Mrs. Blum.

Trustee Jenks asked the Trustees' for feedback on their thoughts regarding notifying residents about trimming trees within the right of way. He stated they have tried to knock on doors, but many people aren't home and this method is too labor intensive. Trustee Jenks indicated one option could be to ask that residents who wished to be notified input their email addresses into the Reverse 911 alerting system. Chief Hussey indicated about 10% of the system participants have already included their email address. Trustee Jenks explained the email addresses can be populated by going to the Township's website [www.granilletownship.org] and adding their email address. He

suggested the Sentinel print something in the newspaper. Trustee Jenks stated Molly Prasher has indicated email notifications work very well for the Village and residents like this system. Superintendent Binckley stated it is possible they would use the reverse 911 email system for road closures or other kinds of work done in the right of way. Trustee Jenks stated it appears the Trustees' are in agreement to use this aspect of the Reverse 911 system for residents wishing to be notified. Trustee Jenks indicated he would put a plan together and work with Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckley.

Trustee Jenks stated he received a complaint from someone on Llanberis indicating snow had been piled on his bushes, located in the road right of way, which caused them to die. He plans to meet with this person and explain snow cannot be placed in specific locations during the removal process and shrubbery should not be planted in the right of way. He also received a complaint about a resident putting his grass clippings in the roadside ditch.

Cemetery:

Superintendent Binckley reported there have been four funerals since the previous Trustee meeting and the spring tombstone foundation pour has been completed. The cemetery and road employees are working at cutting, trimming, mulching and flower planting to have the cemeteries in shape for Memorial Day.

Trustee Jenks and Superintendent Binckley met with the other members of the Union Cemetery Board to discuss who is to perform the maintenance work in Old Colony. It was decided the Township employees would continue to mow and rough trim the grass and the Union Cemetery would employ someone to do the detail weeding, mulching and flower planting.

Parks Department:

Trustee Jenks reported the GRD has assumed responsibility for Spring Valley Park. Motivated Mowers was awarded the contract to mow the park and will be performing the mowing around the Township's rental property under a separate contract. Hopefully this work will be combined with the mowing of the entire park.

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reminded those at the meeting there would be a Granville Community Emergency Operations Center drill on June 15th, with an advance meeting on June 10th, both at 10:00 AM upstairs in the Village Hall.

Chief Hussey stated the emergency squad has responded to seven cardiac arrests in the last six weeks, six of whom were resuscitated. He gives much credit for these outcomes to the quality of the fire department employees, their training and equipment. Trustee Jenks agreed the fire department personnel are doing a great job and saving lives. He stated there are people who can say that they "owe their life to our professional fire department." The other Trustees concurred. Chief Hussey thanked the Trustees' and stated much of their success is due to having 24 hour staffing. He added having upgraded emergency equipment to use has been critical in several cases.

Chief Hussey indicated he continues to receive positive feedback with respect to the severe weather calling system. When the contract is up for renewal he hopes the system might be upgraded to provide for a link between the Federal Weather System Alerts and the Township's system. This would provide for 24 hour alerting based upon the best information available without having to make local decisions.

Chief Hussey requested approval for the following purchases for items included in the budget:

- 15 dual channel Minitor V pagers at a cost of \$6,180 from JD Johnson in Zanesville
- Replace 14 sections of fire hose at a cost \$2,886 from Warren Fire Equipment

Trustee VanNess asked what would happen with the old hose. Chief Hussey stated it is not reliable enough to pass onto another fire department, but they have given some of the hose to the Village Sewer Department for use in low pressure situations.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Jenks, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to the following purchases for the fire department: 15 Pagers at a cost of \$6,180 from JD Johnson in Zanesville; and 14 sections of hose at a cost of \$2,886 from Warren Fire Department.

Trustee Mason stated he met with Chief Hussey to discuss the next steps concerning the public safety complex study results. He indicated there would be a future meeting with acting Village Manager, Paul Feldman.

Old Business:

Rotary Bridge Project: Trustee Jenks stated that after receiving the engineering design quote from Korda Engineering for the bridge, the project is almost \$100,000 under funded. He explained that the Bridge Committee has several options including negotiating with Korda, going with a different engineer, raising more money or abandoning the project. He stated that they are going to meet to decide how to proceed.

Comprehensive Plan:

Trustee VanNess stated another steering committee meeting is planned for sometime after June 10th and then there would be a public hearing.

Golfland:

Trustee Jenks reported that while the new mats seem to be working at keeping golf balls from being driven onto the athletic fields the owners of the property have expressed concern that their customers do not like the mats.

Beckman – Pohm Property:

Trustee VanNess stated he has been in contact with the Prosecutor's Office and it was determined the Trustees may do what they want regarding the trespass issue because the property was purchased with General Fund money and there are no easements on the

property in question. Trustee VanNess indicated Mr. Beckman is willing to do what the Trustees want done and presented a list of five possible options to resolve the problem.

Option 1: Mr. Beckman purchases 1/7 of an acre which he already fenced for \$3,500.

Option 2: Mr. Beckman purchase more than 1/7 of an acre.

Option 3: Rent the land in questions for 5 years at two hundred dollars per year and remove fence at the end of the lease.

Option 4: Remove fence and Mr. Beckman be allowed to plant trees on the parcel of land in question

Option 5: Remove the fence and vacate the property.

Trustee Van Ness initially recommended going with Option 1 with which the other Trustees disagreed. After further discussion it was decided the fence should be removed and Mr. Beckman would be permitted to plant trees in the area under the following conditions:

- 1) The Land Management Committee review Mr. Beckman’s tree plan and types of trees to be planted. [Note: deer fencing would be permitted]
- 2) An MOU would be prepared under which Mr. Beckman would acknowledge his property lines and he doesn’t have any claim on any Township property. Also, the Township would not be responsible for the trees.

Trustee VanNess indicated he would draft an MOU for the Trustees to review.

Granville Township Sanitary District (a/k/a Mosquito Control District):

Trustee Jenks indicated after the last Township meeting the Trustees sent a letter to Common Pleas Court Judge Thomas Marcelain requesting the Sanitary District be dissolved, primarily because of its lack of accountability. The three Trustees met with the Judge on May 24th. The Judge indicated he found no method in the Ohio Revised Code for dissolving a Sanitary District. He thinks the District has its own funding source and has been providing a service to the Granville Community. Recognizing it will take time to assess these different matters, there is no present Director, and mosquitoes are present, the Judge appointed Township resident Wes Sargent as Interim Director of the District. Mr. Sargent agreed to this appointment at no compensation. Trustee Jenks indicated the County Health Department has begun fogging for mosquito control purposes.

The Trustees’ agreed the overhead associated with operating the District must be reduced. If costs can’t be lowered they continue to support its dissolution. Trustee VanNess agreed to send a letter to Judge Marcelain reinforcing the Trustee’s position the District should be eliminated or at the very least the overhead should be kept at a minimum.

Financial Matters

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

From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire, C/O Balance	3,000.00
To 2191-110-420-0000 Fire – ems supplies	3,000.00

From 2031-330-360-0003 R&B, C/O Balance 2,200.00
 To 2031-330-360-0006 R&B – Cross Culvert Replacement 2,200.00

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, 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:

		.00	E3984	Bain	368.28
E3985	Barnhill	516.31	E3986	Binckley	1475.46
E3987	Borden	1852.52	E3988	Bowman	2355.68
E3989	Bryan	1037.79	E3990	Butt	735.48
E3991	Clemens	1148.74	NA	Connor	0.00
E3992	Coyle	276.40	E3993	Curtis	1559.70
E3994	DuBeck	452.50	E3995	Duncan	508.89
E3996	Essick	487.84	E3997	Hall	1474.54
E3998	Harrison	250.20	E3999	Henry	629.02
E4000	Hill, B	1538.09	n/a		.00
E4001	Huhn	867.71	E4002	Hussey	2537.50
NA	Jenks	0.00	E4003	Jones, A	176.39
E4004	Jones, B	481.60	NA	Kennedy	0.00
E4005	Kindell	536.60	E4006	Lynn	482.42
NA	Mason	0.00	E4007	May	603.20
E4008	Meisenhelder	570.87	E4009	Monroe	1077.55
n/a	Pack	.00	E4010	Reece	1293.57
E4011	Riley	142.62	NA	Schott	0.00
E4012	Smith	256.86	E4013	Thomas	220.76
E4014	Thompson	1424.10	NA	VanNess	0.00
E4015	Watling	279.16	7899	GIT	1014.21
7900	Deferred Comp	1605.00	7901	AFLAC	762.84
7902	Sprint Comm	175.53	7903	McDonald Auto Repair	552.84
7904	ELM Recycling	3107.76	7905	Hope Timber Garden Center	260.00
7906	Mini-Mix	187.50	7907	Ctec	548.00
7908	Boundtree Medical	485.85	7909	Premier Safety & Service	207.54
7910	The Fire House	464.50	7911	Alpha Link	42.50
7912	MSA Inc	314.10	7913	US Banc – Equip Finance	99.00
7914	Verizon Wireless	87.96	7915	VOID	
7916	Infinisource	650.00	7917	Delta Dental	967.99

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

Executive Session:

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.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.