

Granville Township  
Minutes of Regular Meeting October 26, 2011

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

Guests:       Travis Binckley  
                  Jeff Hussey  
                  Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel  
                  Jerry Miller, W. Broadway  
                  Maggie Barno, Granville Area Chamber of Commerce  
                  Warren May, Zoning Inspector

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

Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

Trustee Jenks reported he received a letter from a resident on Loudon Street inquiring about recycling Christmas trees in Granville Township. Trustee Jenks said he was told the Licking County Recycling and Litter Department has a Christmas tree drop off point station located behind the Sunoco station along Weaver drive. He asked Superintendent Binckley to look into this. Trustee VanNess indicated he thinks there are several drop off locations in the Alexandria area to the west of Granville.

F.O. Kennedy stated he received information from the Township's insurance company regarding insurance for elected officials which will be covered during the year end meeting in December. .

F.O. Kennedy indicated the Winter Ohio Township Association conference will be held February 8-10, 2012. He asked the other officials and Mr. Miller to let him know if they will be attending so he might submit the registration form.

Trustee Jenks stated he has been approached by Wes Sargent about the Township acquiring surplus "Mosquito Control District" equipment located in the Township garage (such as a chain saw, sprayers etc) for \$25. Superintendent Binckley indicated he felt this was a good price for the equipment they can use and the remainder will be scrapped.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to pay \$25 for "Mosquito Control District" equipment stored at the Township garage, and declare any unusable items as surplus to be disposed of by Superintendent Binckley.

Trustee Jenks stated he was made aware the Big O Refuse contract is up in March 2012. The terms of the contract call for a negotiated renewal which could be a maximum of 10% fee increase for the next three year period. Jenks proposed there should be a public hearing to obtain public input regarding the matter. Trustee Mason indicated he has been pleased with the sole residential trash hauler program and Big O's responsiveness to the few complaints which had been received over the past three years.

Maggie Barno, GACC, stated the Chamber was approached by NBC channel 4 about holding their "Home for the Holidays" Christmas program in Granville. She stated this is the third year for this show and it has been held in Old Worthington in the past two years. Ms. Barno stated she has approached Village Council and the local business community for funding. She stated this is a marketing opportunity to market businesses in Granville. Ms. Barno stated the Village is funding \$1,500. Trustee Mason asked the costs associated with the show. Ms. Barno stated the costs involved are for sponsoring the show and so far they have seven sponsors paying \$5,500 each. She stated Kroger, Diamond Cellar, The Works, and Licking County Visitor's Bureau have contributed.

Trustee VanNess stated he tries to push for local businesses when he can. He stated if they can showcase the community on local television for \$1,500 they should do it even if money is tight. Trustee Mason stated he has some concern over setting a precedent for other organizations to come forward to request similar funding as well as a future lack of adequate funding for the Township's General Fund from which this payment would have to be made. Trustee VanNess stated he weighed this thought in his decision, but he doesn't ever recall anyone coming forward with a unique offer to showcase the community on television.

Trustee VanNess made a motion for the Township to appropriate \$1,500 towards the GACC highlighting the Granville community on NBC "Home for the Holidays" channel 4. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Barno asked if she could address any questions from the Trustees. Trustee Mason again indicated he is concerned about others coming forward with similar requests because the Trustees have turned down others who sought support for various community events and organizations. There have been requests for money to fund new pathways as well as to subsidize a proposed Visitor's Center. Trustee Jenks stated his issue with funding this request is similar to Trustee Mason's concerns. He stated they also recently became aware State money subsidizing the elimination of the former tangible personal property tax was dropped by the State Legislature in order to balance the State's budget. The Township will also lose upwards of \$200,000 per year from inheritance tax which has been eliminated effective January 1, 2013. He struggles with spending Township funds until they have a better handle on what these losses will mean. He applauds the Chamber's efforts in going out and getting this opportunity to promote the Village. Ms. Barno asked if the Township would be comfortable giving a lesser amount. Trustee Jenks stated he is only speaking for himself, and he would be comfortable revisiting this matter, but he is unsure if he will change his mind. He stated

he hopes to have more information about the elimination of the tangible personal property tax subsidy by the State and perhaps between now and the next Township meeting the Chamber can work to secure more funding elsewhere. Trustee Mason was in agreement. Ms. Barno agreed to address this matter again at the Trustee's next meeting on November 9th.

#### Elected Officials Reports:

Trustee VanNess stated he, F.O. Kennedy, Trustee Jenks, and Mason attended the fall Licking County Township Association meeting in Fredonia. Trustee VanNess stated he also attended meetings of the Comprehensive Planning Commission and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. He reported the State is making revisions to the CAUV calculation which could result in doubling or tripling the amount of tax paid by farmers in Licking County. He is concerned this will encourage people to develop their land as opposed to continuing to farm the property.

#### Roads Department:

Superintendent Binckley stated he and Trustee Jenks met with Gregg Gaber regarding the deterioration of liner panels at the Township garage. They were advised to submit a warranty claim to Robertson Construction. Superintendent Binckley stated the surplus dump truck will be put on the Gov.deals website next Tuesday. The road employees have been spending inclement weather days servicing equipment, cleaning out catch basins and culverts in the Township right of way.

With respect to the Spring Valley service drive being turned over to the Township by the County Binckley suggested it be named "Salt Run Lane". Trustee Jenks is going to talk with Judy Preston to determine what the Township's Land Management Committee members think of the name. Binckley indicated the road must still be surveyed by the Engineer and a legal description established for the road right of way. The Engineer must also provide input as to the guard rails already in place and the level of maintenance which is warranted for this road.

#### Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported the employees are mulching leaves and in the process of framing for foundations to be set during the fall pour.

Trustee Jenks reported the Union Cemetery board authorized Klauder Landscapes to plant deer resistant plants on the hill/wall along S. Main Street at Old Colony. He stated this has been done and looks nice.

#### Parks Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported stone has been spread on the road leading back to the lower shelter house.

#### Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported three department members who are part of the County Dive and Rescue Team were involved in a swift water rescue under Route 79 in Hebron earlier

this week. A motorist was swept under a bridge after an auto accident, was rescued from his car, and was then taken to Grant by Hebron Fire. Unfortunately the motorist passed away the following day. Hussey was involved in a hazmat incident on I70 for four hours the other morning because of a gasoline spill on I-70.

Chief Hussey indicated at the last meeting the Trustees approved renewal of the Township's lease with the Village for the fire station on N. Prospect. Since that time Village Manager Stilwell presented Hussey with a new version of the lease re-written by the Village Law Director. Hussey indicated he reviewed the new version and is satisfied the changes are minor and recommended the re-written lease be accepted by the Trustees. Trustee VanNess asked if the Township would be able to recover the cost of a major leasehold improvement if the Village were to cancel the lease shortly after it was paid for by the Township. Chief Hussey suggested if the Township would have a costly pending capital improvement on the building they sit down with Village officials at that time to discuss any concerns.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to accept the new five year lease agreement presented by the Village.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Trustee Jenks and Trustee VanNess reported they attended a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting at which time they were introduced to the gentleman hired to condense the Plan document and are satisfied he is off to a good start on the project.

Rotary Bridge Project:

Trustee Jenks indicated the project has run into a possible problem. The engineering firm has indicated they are required to guarantee to FEMA there will be a zero rise in water levels in the floodway area as a result of the construction of the bridge. Unfortunately at the location selected for the bridge and as a result of complying with ADA bridge grade requirements the engineers have calculated there is a one inch rise in the water level. Jenks stated there are ways to fix this project and the bridge committee has asked the engineering firm to prepare a short report articulating the problem and to provide various solutions, their respective costs and possibility of being accepted by FEMA. Trustee Jenks said he has asked Korda to stop incurring any more design work time until this matter is resolved.

SWIF Grant Project:

Trustee VanNess reported Klauder Landscapes has completed planting of the trees and shrubs and applying the grass seed. Unfortunately the grass has not yet germinated because of the wetness and cold. He thinks the seed would have done better had the rain in September not delayed the project by two plus weeks. F.O. Kennedy stated with the payments to the contractors they are about \$3,500 under the original grant amount once the \$5,000 pledged by the Licking Land Trust is received. He suggested requesting the

Ohio EPA be asked to approve a Phase 3 for the project which would include setting aside money for reseeding this area in the spring. In this manner the grant would be held open until spring to see if the grass grows or if reseeding is required.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees' agreed to authorize F.O. Kennedy to request the Ohio EPA consider a Phase 3 to the SWIF Grant project to keep money available to reseed if necessary in Spring 2012 .

Gov deals.com:

Chief Hussey stated the agreement has been submitted. He and Superintendent Binckley are to receive training on using the system next Tuesday morning.

Columbia Gas Easement:

Trustee VanNess stated he spoke with Columbia Gas, and they apologized for not sending out the \$7,000 check. He was assured it would be in the mail next week.

Property Maintenance:

F.O. Kennedy reported, as requested by the Trustees, he sent letters to the Benson's explaining property they owned on River Road and Weaver Drive needed to be mowed by October 20th . F.O. Kennedy stated he hasn't received back the certified mail receipt. The last time certified letters were sent to the Benson's they did not sign for the letters. For this reason he also sent the letters by first class mail. Superintendent Binckley reported he inspected the properties and determined none of them have been mowed. He explained noxious weeds are one to two feet tall on each property. Trustee Jenks asked if it is still appropriate to mow the property with it now being the end of the growing season. Superintendent Binckley stated the weeds should be controlled with the recent frost. Trustee Jenks stated the Township has the right to mow the property and put the expenditure on the property tax bill. Superintendent Binckley stated Canadian thistle, burrs, and Queen Ann's Lace which are noxious weeds according to the State are spread throughout the property.

Trustee Mason asked if the Township should mow on the side of the property near the person who filed the complaint. F.O. Kennedy indicated Jake's Property Management has previously done this type of mowing for the Township. Trustee VanNess suggested Down to Earth Excavations could mow both the Benson properties and some of the Township's property. Trustee Jenks said they should only be discussing the Benson property which generated the complaint and questioned spending money on the other three Benson properties. Trustee Jenks suggested mowing just the lot they received a complaint about as he is not certain the Township will ever get their money back for mowing. Trustee VanNess stated he agrees it could take a long time for the Township to get reimbursed. Trustee VanNess stated the Township owns land that is in need of mowing. Trustee Jenks stated this is a separate issue that is being dealt with by the Granville Recreation District. He added the Township doesn't have enough time to track each property for mowing and this matter is different because they received a complaint about this particular Benson property. Trustee VanNess stated he could agree

to move forward with mowing the lot upon which the Trustees received a complaint. Trustee Jenks stated normally he would have agreed with F.O. Kennedy on getting a third party involved, but in this case the Township has the equipment and he doesn't think they are going to get paid back. He suggested the Township get an estimate to do the mowing and use this estimated amount as a proper amount for the bill to send to the Benson's, but actually do the work themselves.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, by unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees authorized Superintendent Binckley to get an estimate for mowing of a lot owned by the Benson's located on River Road, have Township employee's mow the lot and submit a bill to the property owners for reimbursement and to

#### Financial Matters

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

From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire – C/O 2,000.00  
 To 2191-220-310-0001 Fire – Physicals and testing 2,000.00

From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire – C/O 1,500.00  
 To 2191-110-420-0001 Fire – Firehouse supplies 1,500.00

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

n/a	Bain	.00	E4377	Barnhill	155.28
E4378	Binckley	1475.46	E4379	Borden	698.18
E4380	Bowman	2528.08	E4381	Bryan	984.03
E4382	Butt	735.48	E4383	Clemens	1218.24
E4384	Connor	272.32	E4385	Coyle	122.85
E4386	Curtis	1823.80	E4387	DuBeck	191.33
E4388	Duncan	619.55	E4389	Essick	642.48
E4390	Gottfried	200.49	E4391	Hall	1375.26
E4392	Harrison	250.20	E4393	Henry	629.02
E4394	Hill	1433.17	E4395	Huhn	867.71
E4396	Hussey	2537.50	n/a	Jenks	.00
E4397	Jones, A.	456.30	E4398	Jones, B.	695.41
n/a	Kennedy	.00	n/a	Kindell	.00
E4399	Leckrone	110.97	E4400	Lynn	237.27
n/a	Mason	.00	E4401	May	889.38
E4402	Meisenhelder	570.87	E4403	Monroe	1597.62
E4404	Pack	117.74	E4405	Poe	280.12

E4406	Reece	1968.46	n/a	Schott	.00
E4407	Riley	284.56	E4408	Smith	490.89
n/a	VanNess	.00	E4409	Thompson	1827.00
E4410	Watling	279.16	8168	Sprint	179.73
8169	ELM Recycling	769.92	8170	VOID	.00
8171	Klauder & Assoc	14900.00	8172	Shelly Materials	506.10
8173	Chromate Industrial	731.17	8174	Kokosing Construction	8026.00
8175	Leader Printing	89.50	8176	Shaw Mechanical	1200.00
8177	AVI Food Systems Inc	318.00	8178	Indoff Incorporated	104.70
8179	Licking Memorial	67.70	8180	Bound Tree Medical	203.35
8181	Jan's in Stitches	341.00	8182	The Fire House	1542.00
8183	MISTRAS Group	1289.60	8184	Capital Consulting	799.00
8185	MT Business Technologies	54.97	8186	Jae's Towing	2492.95
8187	Warren Fire Equipment	172.62	8188	NEPM	372.00
8189	Columbia Gas	20.57	8190	Granville Milling	100.00

I hereby certify 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 Jenks and a second by Trustee Mason, with Mason yes, Jenks yes and VanNess yes, the meeting was moved into executive session under sections 121.22(G)(1) to discuss employment of a public employee and 121.22(G)(2) to discuss possible property acquisition.

After a period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Mason yes, Jenks yes and VanNess yes, the meeting was returned to regular session without further action.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.