

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting July 25, 2012

Present: Trustees Bill Mason, Paul Jenks and Dan VanNess, Fiscal Officer Jerry Miller, and Betsey Hampton, Recording Secretary

Department Heads: Jeff Hussey, Travis Binckley

Guests: Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

Judy Preston, Granville Land Management Committee

Andy Wildman, Executive Director, Granville Recreation District

Lisa Cannon, Vice Chairperson, Granville Recreation District

Dave Straub, 7087 Sadie Thomas Rd, Alexandria, Flood Warning System

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mason at 7:00 p.m. 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 regular meetings on June 27, 2012 and July 11, 2012, were approved as submitted and revised.

Correspondence:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he has correspondence concerning several items which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Central Fueling Station:

Fiscal Officer Miller received a letter from the Licking County Commissioners regarding a proposed Licking County fueling center. The fueling center would be located on East Main Street at the County Highway Department. Fiscal Officer Miller will give a copy of the letter to the Trustees for their review. The County will purchase fuel at wholesale prices. The County is looking to see if there is any interest from other local governments in participating in the center.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether there was anything in the letter about the center's ability to operate with a generator during a power outage as that would resolve the Township's problem of being able to obtain fuel during a power outage.

Fiscal Officer Miller commented the letter was from Dan Cartwright, Licking County Deputy Clerk for Budget and Finance. Fiscal Officer Miller also commented Commissioner Tim Bubb attended a Granville Kiwanis meeting on July 16, 2012, and discussed the fueling center. The fueling center is something the County is looking at to see if there is interest. Fiscal Officer Miller will give a copy of the letter to the Trustees for future discussion.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether the price of the fuel would be cheap enough to make it worth it to drive to get the fuel and whether it would be available to the Township during a power outage. Trustee Jenks also questioned whether if the Township does not buy

into the fulltime program it could use the center during a power outage. Trustee Jenks commented Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckley are currently working with fuel vendors and he stated he would like them to explore this issue also as they attempt to find a solution to obtaining fuel during a power outage such as the Township recently experienced. Trustee Jenks indicated the Township almost ran out of diesel fuel last time.

Chief Hussey commented fueling out of the area would be a big problem for the Fire Department as they would be unable to be available for runs.

Trustee Jenks stated he likes the idea of a central fueling station, especially in an emergency situation. Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckley will look into the fueling station and respond to the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Miller stated he will contact Dan Cartwright and let him know the Trustees need more information.

The Trust for Public Land:

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke to Kim Kimland with the Trust for Public Land. Trustee VanNess reported the Trust for Public Land seems to be an organization where they acquire land for public parks, etc. They try to find funding and work with buyers. Trustee VanNess commented they would probably not be useful to the Township with conservation easements. Trustee VanNess related the company might be one which could help the Granville Recreation District, and he will pass the contact information to them. Trustee VanNess commented in the right situation the company could be a useful tool and the way they are paid is by the land owner. They receive a commission similar to a real estate agent.

Trustee Mason questioned whether they could be a help with Open Space issues. Trustee VanNess responded they would not be a help, unless someone had a piece of land which would be used as a public park.

Trustee Jenks stated Ms. Kimland had wanted to address the Trustees, but he questioned the need. Trustee VanNess responded at this point there is no need for her to speak to the Trustees unless the Trustees have a specific need for her company's services.

Public Comment:

Judy Preston, commented the Township has been cleaning up on James Rd., and they are doing a great job.

Trustee Jenks also commented he received a number of compliments today concerning the clean-up job by the road crew. Trustee Jenks discussed there were huge piles of storm debris on the roadside today to be picked up which were not there yesterday.

USGS and NWS Flood Warning Project:

Dave Straub commented he would remain to answer questions concerning the USGS and NWS Flood Warning Project. Chief Hussey shared information he had learned regarding the project. Chief Hussey related they asked to come to the Township meeting tonight, but it was decided they did not really need to be at the meeting.

Chief Hussey reported what the Township was committed to paying, and partially paid for the flood warning project was not really related to the existing stream gauge. The gauge existed before the current stream monitoring and flood warning project began. There was a two year commitment to planning maps, models and additional stream gauges which have not yet been put in place. The maps are not done yet. The program is not complete yet. It is in the final review with the National Weather Service (NWS).

Chief Hussey also reported he found out through the Village there was a defined payment period. Granville Township was to pay \$500 quarterly through the end of this year. Chief Hussey stated Fiscal Officer Miller reported the amount may have been reduced to less than \$500 per quarter.

Trustee VanNess commented it may be a moot point as the Township reviewed the contract and the Township paid the last amount in June of 2012, and fulfilled the contract.

Trustee Mason commented the Township's contact on the project had been Jim Mickey. Chief Hussey reported Jim Mickey had retired making it more difficult to make a connection for information. Chief Hussey commented the result of the project will be improved maps and flood models; electronic and printed versions. The maps will help make better decisions concerning evacuation areas.

Trustee VanNess commented the Township was not clear on what the project would produce. He learned about the project by going to the Planning Commission and talking with Scott Jackson. Chief Hussey stated early in the year a warning did not go out as the Township wasn't yet tied to the National Weather System warning system. Another time a warning went out and yet there was no rain in Granville. It was due to a flood warning in the Newark and Hanover areas. The reverse 911 vendor looks at warnings close to the Township and in this case decided to issue the call.

Fiscal Officer Miller commented Trustee Jenks asked him to determine if the Township had made an agreement concerning the project. Fiscal Officer Miller found a memorandum of understanding concerning the Flood Warning System of Licking County signed August, 2010.

Trustee Jenks commented there are two issues; first the Township was unsure in what it was participating. Trustee Jenks discussed the newspaper correctly reported the Township had stopped making payments. Trustee Jenks stated several people stopped him and were upset the Township was not fulfilling its obligation.

There was discussion whether the Township had fulfilled its obligation, or whether there were still remaining payments. Chief Hussey had a memo from the Village which included Township payment information and indicated the Township would pay \$500 quarterly and be finished June 2012. Trustee Jenks indicated the information differed from what was in the memorandum of understanding to the Licking County Planning Commission. Chief Hussey reported there may have been some negotiation which led to the reduced payment amounts, and possibly to a different payment schedule.

Trustee Jenks stated if the Township made a written, contractual obligation, he believes the Township should follow through. Trustee Mason agreed. Trustee Jenks stated the question he is asking is whether the Township has honored the commitment. Trustee Jenks said when he voted he was not aware there was a signed memorandum of understanding. Chief Hussey said there are dates written indicating the payments would be through June 2012, however the payment schedule indicates payments through December 2012. Either way there was a defined payment or it would end.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the memo specified payments of \$3,500. Fiscal Officer Miller will check payments and determine the amount already paid. Chief Hussey commented he believes the \$3,500 was reduced. Trustee Mason agreed. Trustee Jenks requested Fiscal Officer Miller and Chief Hussey determine the payment schedule and amounts and report back at the next Trustee meeting, so the Trustees may make a correct decision based on all the information.

Trustee VanNess commented he asked Scott Jackson with the Planning Commission whether the Township had signed a commitment, and he said they did not, but even if they had with the Township's budget constraints not to worry about it. Trustee Jenks commented if the Township is within a few hundred dollars of fulfilling its obligation he would prefer to fulfill it. Trustee VanNess commented it would have been preferable to have a copy of the memorandum of understanding to begin with.

Fiscal Officer Miller and Chief Hussey will research whether there was a reduced payment amount, where the Township is on payments, and what the payment schedule was and report back at the next Township meeting. Trustee Mason said there was no need for a motion. Dave Straub will also look for the requested information.

GRD Survey Results:

Andy Wildman, Executive Director of the Granville Recreation District thanked the Trustees for asking the GRD to attend and introduced Lisa Cannon, Vice Chairperson with the Granville Recreation District. Ms. Cannon has been with the GRD for two years and replaced Trustee Jenks when he became a Township Trustee.

Director Wildman reported the GRD has had an ongoing master plan since 2010. The GRD completed a needs assessment. The GRD also completed a survey where there were 1168 responses. After reviewing the information, the board of Trustees is working toward purchasing land and the construction of an outdoor community pool. The GRD looked at a number of different projects, and collected as much information as it could.

Director Wildman stated he would be happy to answer any questions concerning the information gathering process and the results.

Director Wildman announced the GRD is ready to move forward and is in negotiations concerning some specific land, but cannot disclose the location at this point. The GRD plans to disclose the location before the levy would go to the ballot. The levy will be on the November ballot. Director Wildman stated the GRD is asking for a 1 mill capital levy for 20 years. The bond rate would be approximately 4 percent. The GRD fiscal officer is working with the loan officer and the bond rate may be lowered. The levy would generate about 6 million dollars; 4 million would be used for construction and 2 million on land. The GRD is also asking for a second permanent .25 mill operating levy.

Trustee Mason questioned whether the GRD has looked at Lake Hudson as an alternative to building an outdoor pool. Director Wildman responded there is a portion of the community who will continue to use Lake Hudson, and the GRD will continue to partner with Lake Hudson such as they are doing with canoe lessons. The needs assessment identified an outdoor community pool as the number one request. Director Wildman reported 64.4% want an outdoor community pool and community center.

Trustee VanNess reported the last years of the Spring Valley Pool (SPV), had membership down enough, it was not economically feasible. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the GRD believes a new pool will be feasible. At the time SPV closed the school enrollment was higher than it is now.

Director Wildman responded the GRD did its feasibility study with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. They are very experienced with feasibility studies for these types of facilities. Director Wildman stated the GRD is looking to build an outdoor pool which is appropriately sized and sustainable for the community. They are not trying to build a massive water park that would bring many users into the community. The GRD has also included a .25 mil operating levy to make sure it is sustainable.

Ms. Cannon commented part of what Brandstetter Carroll did was to look at the radius of the population and based on their methodology determine what it would take in terms of membership to continue to be sustainable. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the pool meets the needs of the community when it will mean a levy and will be used 3 months out of the year. Director Wildman responded the facility the GRD will construct will meet the needs of the outdoor community pool.

Trustee Jenks questioned what number of users would be needed to meet the membership goal. Director Wildman responded the exact information is contained in the feasibility study results and he will make sure the Trustees get another copy of it. He believed they will want to sell 180 family passes, a certain number of adult passes, senior passes, and day passes sold.

Trustee Mason questioned whether with the decreasing numbers in the schools there would be a base to support the pool. Ms. Cannon responded the survey gives a snapshot

in time of the current support from the community. Population could turn over, but currently the survey results indicate there is the support and the pool would be sustainable.

Trustee Jenks commented when the GRD began looking at a recreation center, senior center, indoor aquatic center, outside center, and looking at the numbers involved; the Township was worried and concerned it would tax the average citizen out of the community. Trustee Jenks indicated it would be a unique citizen who could afford to live in Granville Township especially as the schools are going to ask for a tax next year, the Township is going to ask for a tax, and the Village is also having a loss of income due to the loss of the inheritance tax. The Trustees are concerned about it becoming too expensive to live in the area. Trustee Jenks stated his comment to Brian Miller with the Granville Sentinel indicated he is glad the GRD is starting with something this size is correct and if it works the GRD can go to the next level. Trustee Jenks stated although he neither supports nor rejects the levy, he does appreciate the GRD beginning with something this size.

Director Wildman has tried to talk to all the GRD's partners and determine what is right for the GRD and the community. Director Wildman reported he believes this is the right project for the GRD and the right project for the community. Director Wildman complimented the GRD Board of Trustees for working through the situation.

Trustee VanNess commented the GRD is approaching things the right way, and the ballot will ultimately decide the issue. Trustee VanNess commented he was worried about the way the survey was done and the wording of some of the questions. Trustee VanNess commented the results received back of 1,100 or 1,200 responses from 3,500 or 3,600 sent out. Trustee VanNess said it is unpredictable how the rest of the people will vote. Trustee VanNess commented the GRD is doing the best it can do with the results it received back. He questioned whether the GRD would be better off with the community center which could be used all year.

Director Wildman responded there is a considerable difference in the capital needed for a community center with an indoor pool, and the decision was based on the survey. Trustee Mason thanked the GRD representatives for coming to the Township meeting.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether Ms. Cannon had received a response concerning an issue with the running group. Ms. Cannon replied police exercises caused the driveway to be blocked. Trustee Jenks stated he spoke to School Superintendent Brown who said even if the gates are closed the running group can come through.

Ms. Cannon also spoke as a resident of the Township and commented she appreciated the efforts by the Township for the storm clean-up. The clean-up scored points on her street (Loudon), as they were hit very hard.

Elected Officials Reports:

Fiscal Officer Miller:

Star Plus Program:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he spoke about the Star Plus Program at the last Township meeting. The Star Plus application has been filled out and submitted. The program has received the application and said it looks good.

Cemetery Levy:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he went today to the Board of Elections and submitted the paperwork to have the .5 mil cemetery renewal levy placed on the November ballot.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he visited Austin Lecklider and some of the Prosecutors while at the Board of Elections.

Open Space Logo:

Fiscal Officer Miller related the Trustees have been talking about the open space logo. Fiscal Officer Miller received an e-mail from Debbie Tegtmeier who has the logo file, but she is concerned about the Township using the logo due to the wording of the logo design contest. Fiscal Officer Miller reported he sent the e-mail from Ms. Tegtmeier to the Trustees. Fiscal Officer Miller commented the Trustees may need to ask the Prosecutor's Office for an opinion concerning the Township's use of the open space logo or reach out to the person who drew the logo for permission.

Trustee VanNess commented there was wording in the contest which stated the logo would belong to the Open Space Committee. Trustee Jenks commented if the Open Space Committee owns the logo they would be able to give it to the Township. If they have the ownership rights and are not restricted, they can extend use of the logo to the Township.

Trustee Jenks suggested one of the Trustees ask Doug Wagner with the committee to extend use of the logo to Granville Township. Trustee Mason offered to check into the logo use with Doug Wagner.

Web Design:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he met with Carla Carson and is working on the website redesign. They are close to having the website redesign completed.

Financial Matters:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported there were no appropriations transfers.

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:

E5062	Bain	235.78	E5063	Binckley	1490.16
E5064	Borden	424.65	E5065	Boudinot	887.24
E5066	Bowman	1544.08	E5067	Bryan	1058.51
E5068	Butt	749.98	E5069	Clemens	1299.46
N/A	Coyle	0.00	E5070	Curtis	1590.20
E5071	DuBeck	461.82	E5072	Duncan	344.92
E5073	Essick	528.08	E5074	Gottfried	210.36
E5075	Hall	1489.30	N/A	Hampton	0.00
E5076	Harrison	255.09	E5077	Henry	636.31
E5078	Hill	1288.18	E5079	Hussey	2506.72
N/A	Jenks	0.00	E5080	Jones,A	41.66
E5081	Jones,B	380.82	E5082	Kindell	250.23
E5083	Leckrone	48.07	E5084	Lynn	252.67
N/A	Mason	0.00	E5085	May	810.09
E5086	Meisenhelder	582.96	N/A	Miller,J	0.00
E5087	Miller,A	556.45	E5088	Monroe	1351.99
E5089	Poe	143.15	E5090	Reece	1224.89
N/A	Riley	.00	E5091	Saunders	1105.04
E5092	Smith	135.47	E5093	Thompson	1715.17
N/A	Tracy	0.00	N/A	VanNess	0.00
E5094	Watling	278.99	WV142	IRS	5150.46
WV143	Deferred Comp	1585.00	WV144	OCS-Knox Co	1088.91
WV145	OH IT	2214.79	WV146	School IT	164.61
WV147	Granville IT	995.68	8717	PNB – FSA	1153.78
DM99	Medical Mutual	8097.39	8718	Big O	564.06
8719	Dish Network	49.19	8720	DLS Tire	786.00
8721	Enviro Specialists	159.00	8722	Fackler	36.51
8723	Finley Fire	1250.45	8724	Fire House	427.00
8725	Indoff	107.97	8726	Jae's Towing	769.20
8727	Jan Packard	20.00	8728	KE-WA-PA	325.44
8729	Lake's End	159.95	8730	Motorola	5014.00
8731	MT Business	56.98	8732	Pinkerton	65.00
8733	Shelly Co	147848.91	8734	Sprint	102.96
8735	Whelen Eng	400.87	8736	Wince Welding	74.80
DM148	AFLAC	701.72			

I hereby certify the funds were on hand or in process of collection and properly appropriated for payment of the aforementioned warrants.

Jerry A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Jenks:

Trustee Jenks reported everything he had was covered elsewhere in the meeting.

Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason reported he had received many calls regarding tree and branch removal. Trustee Mason also reported he received calls concerning the high grass issue on River Rd. Trustee Mason commented the high grass issue does not seem to have an easy solution. Trustee Mason stated it seems as though there are more calls regarding high grass coming from around the Township. Trustee Mason commented there is nothing which covers the situation and it is not a zoning issue.

Trustee VanNess commented it is an Ohio Revised Code (ORC) issue. The ORC dictates what the Township can do, and high grass is an issue everyone deals with. Trustee VanNess discussed it's almost easier to mow the area, but Superintendent Binckley has enough to do.

Trustee Mason questioned whether the Township has a right to mow the area and then bill for the mowing. Trustee VanNess responded the Township cannot bill the owner; the only thing the Township can control is noxious weeds. The Township would have to determine if noxious weeds were present, and if so only cut them and not the whole lot.

Trustee Jenks commented there is a provision in the ORC allowing Trustees to deal with nuisance issues. Trustee Jenks discussed the Township Trustees have been warned by the Prosecutor's Office in determining what is and is not a nuisance. Trustee Jenks reported Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Lecklider suggested the Township first take pictures of any property in question and sit down with the Prosecutor's Office and discuss the issue before the Township tried to exercise any nuisance issue rights. Other Townships have abused that section of the law and the prosecutor's office has not appreciated it.

Trustee Mason stated he has a copy of the nuisance law and will review it. Trustee Mason questioned whether it is anything the Trustees want to explore further. Trustee Jenks responded the Township is constrained by the ORC but the issue is one to explore and learn the Township's rights. The Township cannot pass any ordinances.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the property being discussed was the Ultra Concrete property on River Rd., and indicated no taxes on the property have been paid for years. Trustee VanNess suggested the way to precede on the issue is to involve the County Auditor and Treasurer to begin forcing a sale of the property. Trustee VanNess stated it is not right the rest of the Township is paying taxes and taking care of their property. Trustee Jenks will speak to the Auditor's office and will report back to the Trustees.

Trustee VanNess:

MS-4

Trustee VanNess reported he is attending a meeting tomorrow morning concerning organization of a county wide river clean-up which will take place on September 8, 2012. The clean-up is a derivative of the MS-4 program. Trustee VanNess will report further on and look for volunteers for the clean-up at the next Township meeting.

Roads Department:

Superintendent's Report:

Roads District:

Township wide debris cleanup status:

Superintendent Binckley reported the roads crew has begun the Township clean-up. Superintendent Binckley estimated the clean-up will take two weeks.

Superintendent Binckley reported the crews have completed River Rd, Mill Race addition, Tow Path, and most of James Rd. The crews will be working toward Silver Street area tomorrow.

Trustee Mason commented he has been through the Township and the crews have already taken a lot of storm debris. Superintendent Binckley related the crews did make a pass through everywhere in the initial clean-up. The Township learned after the storm of 2008, if the Township does a quick pass through the residents will have a place to put debris for the clean-up and get things closer to the road. Superintendent Binckley reported there are some very bad spots and others not as hard hit. The areas cleaned today had been hit hard. Superintendent Binckley believes people will be putting more debris out as the schedule moves closer to their roads. Superintendent Binckley reported there were 10-12 truckloads picked up today and is confident the clean-up will keep moving at a good pace.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the Roads Department is going to be able to keep up with the roadside mowing while doing the clean-up. Superintendent Binckley responded the Department would normally be starting to mow again, but due to the drier weather they can wait to mow after the clean-up.

Superintendent Binckley reported he met with Terry Hopkins with the Village and has a handshake agreement. The Village is going to clean up the debris on the Township's streets off of Newark-Granville Rd. and Granville Township will clean up the Village's portions of River and James Roads. This is the same thing done with plowing in the winter.

Trustee Jenks commented this make sense as the Township is already working on River Rd. and James Rd., while the Village is already working on Newark Granville Rd. This is more efficient. Trustee Jenks commented it is a fair and equitable solution. This parallels the plowing agreement.

Chip and Seal on Beechwood and Thornewood:

Superintendent Binckley reported the Shelly Company had been scheduled previously on July 6th to chip and seal Beechwood and Thornewood. Superintendent Binckley contacted them and pushed the date back until probably the end of August. This will be after the debris is removed so the company will be able to do the best possible job.

Road Striping Estimate:

Superintendent Binckley reported he has an estimate to stripe about seven miles of road. The Township rotates striping every other year. Last year the Township striped the North side of the Township, this year they will stripe roads on the South side. The estimate through Griffin Striping to stripe edge lines and double yellow lines on 7 miles of road is \$12,570, we have budgeted \$17,000. Superintendent Binckley indicated the Township used to do striping on its own, but it is not feasible. An outside company can do the striping for the same or less than what the Township is able to complete it for. Superintendent Binckley requested the Trustee's approval to hire Griffin Striping to stripe 7 miles of road on the South side of the Township.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether it was cheaper for an outside company due to the cost of the paint. Superintendent Binckley responded paint became an issue a few years ago as there was a shortage. Even with the Township purchasing the paint through the state program it is not cost effective. Griffin is able to buy the paint 5-7 dollars cheaper per gallon.

Trustee Jenks commented the estimate is \$5,000 lower than budgeted. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the estimate was for the same amount of striping. Superintendent Binckley responded it was close.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to approve Griffin Striping to stripe seven miles of road on the South side of the Township. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion, and after no further discussion, it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Equipment maintenance:

Superintendent Binckley reported he replaced the radiator in the backhoe and replaced the clutch in one of the dump trucks.

Vacation:

Superintendent Binckley reported he will be at the Hartford Fair Aug 05-11. He will have his telephone if something comes up.

Generator:

Trustee Jenks announced Superintendent Binckley is getting quotes for a generator to operate the service garage. Hittle Electric came out and gave an estimate. Superintendent Binckley is also looking on GovDeals for a generator. Superintendent Binckley reported Trustee VanNess stated there is a generator on GovDeals. Trustee VanNess commented it is at a fire department in Florida. Trustee Jenks discussed they will look into the generator's costs. Trustee VanNess questioned whether there is

anything budgeted for a generator. Superintendent Binckley reported he will work with Fiscal Officer Miller concerning money in the budget for a generator. Trustee Jenks said he believes the Township will be able to find the money due to savings in areas this year such as the \$5,000 saved on striping.

Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley is also working with Chief Hussey on emergency fuel supply.

Superintendent Binckley reported he followed up with Doug Berschet from Keller Farms and advised him the roads department currently does not require their services. Their rate for an 8 hour day is \$2,500 and \$2,800 for a 10 hour day.

Estimate to repair the barn roof on the Woods property from Ed Bogan - \$14,500 to replace, \$4,500 plus \$35 - \$40 a sheet to repair. -(Insurance Coverage)

Cemetery Department:

The Township has had three funerals.

Superintendent Binckley reported the Department has done a great job with the cemetery clean-up.

Parks Department:

Trustee Jenks reported there were dead trees at Spring Valley Park. It was discussed whether the trees were under warranty and would be replaced or if the Township would need to pay to replace them. Trustee VanNess reported he had not been down to see the trees, but there is a two year guarantee on the trees. Trustee Jenks commented Fiscal Officer Miller has said they are trying to close the SWIF grant. The Township needs to either use the grant money to replace the trees or have the vendor honor the guarantee. Trustee VanNess questioned when Fiscal Officer Miller's deadline was. Fiscal Officer Miller will contact them; they were trying to see if the Township was done. Trustee VanNess will contact John Klauder to look at the trees and will report back. If the grant money is not needed, it should be returned.

Superintendent Binckley reported the department removed the silt fence along the creek bed.

Fire Department:

Chief's Report:

Civilian Inspections:

Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department has been doing many civilian inspections. Chief Hussey stated there are a great number of man hours spent doing civilian inspections. Denison has required 20 man hours for one inspection, and Kendal has had a lot going on which has required inspections.

Denison heating plant:

Chief Hussey reported he went to an interesting meeting at Denison about possibly moving the heating plant or going to a co-generation plant within the next few years. This will have some impact on the fire department.

Storm:

Chief Hussey reported he attended several after action meetings concerning the storm at the Village and the County level. There was discussion concerning emergency fueling. There was also discussion concerning the generator as it only supplies the fire station and not the satellite houses. Chief Hussey will be talking to contractors to see if the department has the capacity to add the satellite houses onto the generator. Trustee VanNess questioned what capacity the Fire Department generator is and Chief Hussey responded it is 35K. Chief Hussey would like at least to have the computers on the generator.

SAFER Grant:

Chief Hussey updated the Trustees concerning the new SAFER Grant. The grant will begin on September 22, 2012. Chief Hussey will put the employees on payroll the last week of September. The Department will need to obtain uniforms, turn out gear, etc. for the employees. Chief Hussey reported he received many applications, and has 6 very strong applicants. Chief Hussey announced he is going to miss the second Trustee meeting in August as he will be taking his daughter to college and inspecting the Township's new fire truck. Chief Hussey will bring a request to hire six people to the next Trustee meeting. He will try to e-mail information about the applicants to the Trustees before the meeting. Chief Hussey will request a contingent approval pending backgrounds and physicals at the next meeting.

Trustee Mason questioned whether any of the applicants were current employees. Chief Hussey responded there is possible one or two, but four are external. There would be replacements for the two who move over internally, so there will still be six new people to be hired.

Trustee VanNess questioned hiring of Troy Melick, a fire fighter from Newark. Trustee VanNess discussed the fire fighter's schedules where they work for two twenty-four hour days and are then off for two. Trustee VanNess asked whether this would be a safety issue if someone who has just worked two twenty-four hour days will be able to immediately work again. Trustee VanNess questioned whether they could work at 100 percent. Chief Hussey responded the Department already has employees who work at other departments and this is how the department obtains its experienced fire fighters and paramedics. Chief Hussey stated there are not too many fire fighter paramedics not already working full time elsewhere. Chief Hussey stated there has never been a problem and he does not have any safety concerns or issues.

Ashley Ebel-paramedic school sponsorship:

Chief Hussey reported Ashley Ebel has requested to attend paramedic school. She has been a volunteer for a few years and was in the explorer program. The Fire Department

sends one volunteer per year to paramedic school. The Fire Department received an Ohio EMS grant for \$4,000. Ashley Ebel would like to attend Ohio University for their paramedic program which will cost \$6,300. Ms. Ebel has agreed to pay the first \$2,300 for the Ohio University program, and the Granville Township Fire Department will pay the rest. The volunteers sign a two-year pay back agreement stating if they do not pass the test or if they leave the Department they will pay either the full or a pro-rated amount.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to approve payment of \$4,000 toward Ashley Ebel's Ohio University's Paramedic Program. Trustee Jenks seconded the motion and with no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Florida trip:

Chief Hussey reported he will be traveling to Florida August 13-23 to take his daughter to college and to inspect the new tanker being constructed in Bradenton.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether Chief Hussey will drive the new truck back from Florida. Chief Hussey responded he will not as previously when a truck was driven back there was a windshield hit by a rock three miles away from the plant which cost the Department. He will therefore have the truck delivered.

Tanker on GovDeals:

Chief Hussey reported there has been interest in the old tanker the Township placed on GovDeals. Two people came from North Carolina to inspect it. The tanker is above the reserve which was \$20,000. Today the bid is \$25,150. Chief Hussey expects to receive \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Land Management/ Zoning/ Open Space:

Zoning Resolution Changes:

Trustee VanNess reported there has been a problem with the zoning resolution changes. Fiscal Officer Miller, Retired Fiscal Officer Kennedy, Chip Blanchard, and Trustee VanNess met last week and went through the zoning resolution change timeline. There were some issues with the timeline. There was not an advertisement for the public hearing placed in the newspaper. Trustee VanNess reported it was decided to begin the process over, choose a date, and advertise a public hearing. The meeting will be the first Monday of August. The committee will hopefully pass their motion, advertise, send the document to the library, and have a public hearing in September. Chip Blanchard will work with Fiscal Officer Miller to put the advertisement in the paper.

Trustee VanNess reported Chip Blanchard is working on giving the Trustees a redlined version of the changes. Fiscal Officer is helping him obtain a word version to edit.

Comprehensive Plan:

Trustee VanNess reported the Village passed the comprehensive plan with modifications last Wednesday (7/18). The only change reported was in the driving route section. Trustee VanNess commented Fiscal Officer Miller has copies if anyone would like to review them. Trustee VanNess reported he has been in contact with the Planning Commission and Fiscal Officer Miller spoke with the Prosecutor concerning the fact the plan is now not coming from the original steering committee. Trustee VanNess stated the Township had thought they would be at step three and could move to step four.

Fiscal Officer Miller related step three required the Steering Committee to make a recommendation to the Township within 30 days of the public hearing date and it must be presented at a regular meeting date of the Township Trustees. Fiscal Officer Miller stated today is a regular meeting, and presented the documents. Step four is the Township Trustees must set a date for a public hearing within thirty days. Fiscal Officer Miller requested to set the date for August 22, 2012.

Trustee Jenks commented he has already looked at the changes. There are map improvements and drive thru changes. He did not see any reason not to set the public hearing date. The plan the public will see is the revised plan with the Village changes. Fiscal Officer Miller will provide a copy with the changes highlighted. Fiscal Officer Miller will advertise the meeting and give a copy to the library for ten days.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to set the public hearing date for the Comprehensive Plan for August 22, 2012. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Jenks commented Trustee VanNess has contacted the Planning Commission and they are prepared to move quickly after the Township has its meeting. The Township will get the plan quickly to the Planning Commission and they will likely have a meeting at the end of September. It would then go to the Licking County Commissioners to be approved.

Old Business

Rotary Bridge Project- status

Trustee Jenks reported Laura Philabaum with the District Department of Transportation wants to know more about the easement changes to allow the armoring. Randy Comisford from ODOT is arranging a meeting concerning the easement changes. Trustee Jenks related the problem is he sent changes to Candy Moore but has not heard back. The deadline was the middle of August to change what the Township thought was inappropriate. She is now on vacation. There is nothing new regarding the Rotary Bridge. At the last meeting Trustee Jenks reported the Land Trust rewrote the easement to allow for armoring, however, there were some changes written with which Trustee Jenks did not agree.

New Business

Storm Clean-up:

Trustee Jenks commented the only issue not already addressed is the reduction in FEMA reimbursement.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported Chief Hussey went to a meeting with FEMA and they provided a new schedule of reimbursements. FEMA is not reimbursing at the same rates as the last storm (Hurricane Ike – 2008). FEMA will not reimburse regular employee time, only overtime. The Township submitted expenses already accrued, and an estimate of the rest of the costs.

Fiscal Officer Miller stated he had a follow up e-mail stating there is a meeting August 3, 2012, and a FEMA visit to Licking County concerning the June 29th storm. The meeting will be held at 119 East Main Street. The e-mail requested a representative from all areas for the meeting. Fiscal Officer Miller will attend the meeting asked whether Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckley would also need to attend. Fiscal Officer Miller indicated Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckley had already given spreadsheets and numbers for the storm.

Chief Hussey stated the volunteer firefighters could be paid for the storm time, and anyone working overtime. Trustee Jenks commented at the last meeting it was discussed the Township would try to keep the clean-up on straight time. Trustee VanNess was concerned about extra equipment use depreciation resulting from the storm clean-up.

Superintendent Binckley stated the chipper and other equipment is chargeable. Superintendent Binckley noted the original assessment of the storm costs for the department was over \$21,000. The Department was only out for five hours the night the storm hit. The equipment reimbursement is an hourly rate. FEMA will reimburse the equipment used, but at a lesser rate. The rate previously reimbursed for a generator was \$35 per hour, now it is \$17 per hour. For some equipment the rate is fifty percent less than the last storm. Chief Hussey indicated FEMA sets the reimbursement amounts and then provides 75% of the total. This is not yet approved by the federal government. The County and State are trying to get to a certain thresholds to become eligible for reimbursement.

Trustee Jenks commented he appreciated Fiscal Officer Miller attending the August 3, 2012, meeting and Superintendent Binckley will also attend.

Trustee VanNess commented on the generator issue. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the Township wanted to give Superintendent Binckley authority to purchase a generator on GovDeals up to a certain amount. Trustee Jenks said he would rather have local estimates obtained first to be able to compare. If the generator is purchased locally it will be installed by the seller, if purchased on GovDeals the Township would need to pay to have the generator installed so costs must be researched and reviewed.

Trustee VanNess proposed possibly purchasing a new larger generator for the Fire Department and moving the current Fire Department generator to the Township building.

Trustee Jenks commented he does not believe the change in the FEMA reimbursement amounts changes anything for the Township and the clean-up decision was still appropriate.

Barn Roof:

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke with Madison Collins and they looked at the barn on the former Woods property on River Rd. and reviewed the damage. They took pictures of the barn. Madison Collins had concerns with the safety of the building and are worried about liability issues. Madison Collins Insurance will cover the roof up to \$5,000 after a \$500 deductible. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the building should be repaired as there is no use for the building and it could be a liability. Trustee VanNess stated he asked the fire department whether there was any use for the barn for a fire training exercise.

Chief Hussey was concerned about the issue of getting to the barn and the size. Chief Hussey commented when a building is used for a training exercise the department agrees to EPA standards and must use a large amount of water. It would be hard to reach the barn with tankers. Chief Hussey related there would not be a great training value as the structure is not a house and is empty.

Trustee Mason questioned why the property was originally purchased, and Trustee VanNess responded it was part of purchases to prevent annexation by the City of Newark. The property is a barrier between the land annexed by Newark and the Village. Trustee VanNess stated the property was purchased with green space funds. The building cannot be used for recreational purposes. The building was strictly bought by the Township as open space. Trustee VanNess said the Township is carrying and paying for \$75,000 of insurance on the barn. It costs \$185 per year. Trustee VanNess stated the Township needs to decide whether to repair the barn roof or get rid of it.

Trustee Jenks advised Judy Preston the issue is the barn is a nice building and it is too bad it cannot be used for anything, however due to the purchase with green space funds the use is limited. It does not make sense to take insurance money to repair or replace the roof if there is no use for the barn. Ms. Preston questioned whether the barn was an old enough building and if there would be an interest in the barn and a market for it or the barn wood. Trustee Mason stated there is a preservation group trying to save barns as they are disappearing from the landscape. The barn is not an old building, probably only 25 years old. There is no historical value to the barn.

Trustee Jenks requested the Land Management Committee look at the barn and render an opinion on the issue. Trustee VanNess discussed the insurance company has temporary authority to issue a check for repair due to the storm. They may only have this authority

for one more week. At that time they may have a regular adjustor look at the roof and the Township may not receive as much. Trustee VanNess recommended the Township get rid of the building. It was stated there is no water at the barn. Water currently comes from the property next door.

Ms. Preston agreed if there is no water and the barn has liability issues it should be taken down. Trustee Jenks commented he does not want to make an insurance claim on something the Township will later tear down. Trustee VanNess commented the Township previously spent \$4,000 on the bathhouse only to tear it down four years later. Trustee Mason commented the bathhouse situation was different as the Township could not foresee the place would no longer exist. The Township Trustees at the time did not know it would become a liability.

Trustee Jenks related he would not like the Land Management Committee to later say they wanted a chance to see the barn before it was decided to take it down. Trustee Mason also requested they look at the barn before a decision was made. Trustee Mason commented he does not want to repair the barn with insurance money as previous estimates before the storm to repair the roof were \$5,000.

Judy Preston will have the Land Management Committee look at the barn and will report back in two weeks. Superintendent Binckley will provide a key to the barn.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he was asked to determine whether the Township can use green space money to repair the barn. Prosecutor Austin Lecklider has been asked to provide an opinion. He believes green space money may not be used, but he will check into it and report back conclusively.

Stone Wall- 507 Stublyn

Superintendent Binckley reported he followed up with the resident and advised him the Trustees have looked at the wall and determined it is only for aesthetics. The resident had hoped the Trustees would see his point, the wall was holding the bank and his house in place. We agreed to disagree. Superintendent Binckley advised the resident the Township would take the appropriate measures if the bank began sliding toward the road and would be resolved before anything happen to the house. Superintendent Binckley advised the resident if he wants to repair or patch the wall he may request to do so with the Trustees. The resident does understand the wall is in the Township's right of way. He initially hoped the wall was in the Township's right of way and the Township would maintain it. Superintendent Binckley reported the issue is closed. Trustee VanNess asked Superintendent Binckley to monitor this issue. Superintendent Binckley responded crews are in the area frequently and will keep an eye on it.

Township Garage- Rust Issue:

Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees previously approved a letter to Robinson Construction from the Prosecutors Office encouraging them to handle the warranty on the inside walls of the Township building. The rust issue has been discussed for over nine months to no avail. Trustee Jenks reported the letter was not sent. Trustee Jenks

contacted Austin Lecklider this week to find out why the letter was not sent. APA Lecklider said APA Tony Stocco stopped the letter as there are laws in Ohio which allow the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to go straight to court to make a claim in this type of situation.

Trustee Jenks indicated APA Lecklider questioned whether the Township Trustees would want to go straight to court. Trustee Jenks advised him he did not believe the Trustees would want to go straight to court without first asking the contractor to honor the warranty. Trustee Jenks commented the Trustees want to have a discussion and get the contractor's attention. APA Lecklider has now sent the letter and sent a copy to Trustee Jenks. Trustee Jenks will provide a copy to the other Trustees.

Old Colony:

Trustee Jenks reported the Township was scheduled for a joint meeting with the Village concerning funding of the Old Colony Cemetery. Trustee Jenks indicated they are not ready for the meeting. APA Lecklider has not yet given an opinion on funding, two of the board members are out of town, the estimate provided is not sufficient to cover the expenses, and the board has not agreed on recommendations for funding. Trustee Jenks reported Connie Barsky wrote a letter to everyone cancelling the meeting until everything is ready. Trustee Jenks believes everything will be ready by the end of August. The August 1st meeting is cancelled.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the estimate was on the maintenance of the cemetery. Trustee Jenks related the estimates have issues, as it only estimated they will need the Fannon's for two years. Trustee Jenks reported they repair 5 headstones per week. For \$20,000 they are hired for 15 headstones per year. Last year they repaired 14 headstones. They have only estimated for 2 years of the Fannon's which will only fix 30 headstones and there are 90 to be repaired. The estimate also showed the Township continuing to do the mowing and receiving \$3,000 for it. Trustee Jenks disagreed and would like the estimate to show the true cost of the mowing which includes more than just employee wages.

Trustee Jenks said they need to correct the planning document and then the funding. Part of the issue is there needs to be information from APA Lecklider. The Village has taken the position the only way to fund the cemetery is through a non-voted tax. Trustee Jenks believes APA Lecklider will advise the cemetery may be funded a number of different ways such as jointly, etc.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether there was any new information on the other company concerning headstone repair. Trustee Jenks reported the other person was Mr. Masterson who previously owned Felumlee Monument. Mr. Masterson now works with the Fickles. Mr. Masterson worked previously doing headstone repair before the Fannons. Superintendent Binckley reported he spoke briefly with them and they were willing to come out and see if the headstone repair is something they could do.

Trustee Jenks suggested the committee interview Mr. Masterson as headstone repair is a major budget consideration; of the \$21,000 total spent, \$20,000 is for headstone repair. The representative from the historical society was opposed to meeting with Mr. Masterson and wants to stay with the Fannons. Trustee Jenks indicated the Township could take care of the cemetery and the historical society could take care of the headstones. A large portion of the Fannon's expense is their travel expense as they come from Concord MA. Trustee Jenks indicated if Mr. Masterson is qualified and can do a quality job there would be less travel expense.

Trustee Jenks stated there are 90 headstones left, the Fannons can do 15 per year, and possibly 30 are footstones which would not need repaired. That leaves 60 headstones to repair. The cost per stone for repair is a large number. Trustee Jenks commented if the amount per stone is reduced maybe they can continue to repair stones, but if not it will be difficult to find the money to continue to repair.

New Business:

Trustee Mason questioned whether the storm clean-up progress was updated on the website. Fiscal Officer Miller responded the website will be updated after the meeting. The website will be updated on a daily basis. Trustee Mason requested Brian Miller with the Granville Sentinel tell the residents to look at the website for schedules and progress updates.

Trustee Mason reminded the Trustees the next Township meeting is August 8, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.