

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting February 27, 2013

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

Guests: Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

Judy Preston, Chair, Land Management Committee

Andy Wildman, Director, Granville Recreation District

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

Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by an affirmative vote the minutes of the February 13, 2013, meeting was approved as previously submitted and revised.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Correspondence:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received a notice from the Licking County Chamber of Commerce inviting the Township Board to attend its Local Leaders Breakfast on Tuesday, March 5th, at the Newark Metropolitan Hotel. County Commissioners will be speaking at the breakfast. Topics include local development, impact of state and federal actions on local government, as well as local issues and an interactive questions and answers. The cost for the breakfast is \$18. Trustee Mason indicated the Trustees all received a copy of the invitation.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he sent the letter requested by Pat Deering, Farmland Preservation Coordinator & Information Specialist, Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District, to the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The letter supported the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District in its bid to be a certified local sponsor. A resolution to send the letter was approved at the previous Trustee meeting.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received a notice from the Ohio Township Association (OTA) concerning pending legislation which could potentially affect Townships. SB 6 Financial Continuing Education would require additional training for fiscal officers. The legislation is pending. Trustee Jenks questioned whether the legislation only affected Township fiscal officers. Fiscal Officer Miller reported it also affects other local levels of government.

Fiscal Officer Miller presented a poster received from OPERS which will be displayed in the Granville Township Building. The poster contains information concerning OPERS employees' purchase of service credit. Time is running out if OPERS

employees want to purchase additional service credit. Fiscal Officer Miller reported the only Township employees who pay into OPERS are the Roads District and Cemetery employees.

Elected Officials Reports:

Financial Matters:

Fiscal Officer Miller:

Amended Certificate and Revised Revenue and Appropriation Amounts:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he had planned to present the Roads District and Cemetery budgets but was unable to do so as Superintendent Binckley has been out of office.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he will work on the Roads District, Cemetery, and General Fund budgets and forward them to the Trustees so they may begin to review them.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported there were not any appropriations transfers.

Fiscal Officer Miller requested approval for the warrants, withholding vouchers, debit memos, and EFT's which were issued.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous 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:

			E192	Bain	221.94
E193	Binckley	1521.72	E194	Borden	453.09
E195	Boudinot	861.93	E196	Bowman	1588.98
E197	Bryan	944.36	E198	Butt	879.88
E199	Clemens	1420.92	E200	Coyle	269.68
E201	Curtis	1630.71	E202	DeSimone	401.70
E203	DuBeck	220.84	E204	Duncan	326.49
E205	Essick	590.59	E206	Gottfried	281.41
E207	Hall	1412.31	N/A	Hampton	0.00
E208	Harrison	593.72	E209	Henry	608.34
E210	Hill	1356.58	E211	Hussey	2568.33
N/A	Jenks	0.00	E212	Jones, A	554.77
E213	Jones, B	273.88	E214	Kindell	107.64
E215	Leckrone	155.05	E216	Lynn	368.83
N/A	Martell	0.00	N/A	Mason	0.00
E217	May	428.31	E218	Meisenhelder	596.31
E219	Melick	383.66	N/A	Miller	0.00
E220	Monroe	1381.17	E221	Poe	308.38
E222	Poole	503.94	E223	Reece	1278.20
N/A	Riley	0.00	E224	Saunders	597.63

E225	Smith, D	413.73	E226	Smith, S	402.42
E227	Thompson	1495.71	E228	Tracy	134.08
N/A	VanNess	0.00	E229	Watling	266.50
9101	PNB/FSA	573.82	9102	Blackboard	4210.50
9103	Bound Tree	1141.96	9104	Cargill	10495.39
9105	Delta Dental	1215.90	9106	Facklers	48.43
9107	Fire House	513.80	9108	Granville Lumber	14.07
9109	Howell Rescue	857.50	9110	LN&B Refrig	422.33
9111	Newark Auto	45.00	9112	OH Health	182.00
9113	OH Public Entity	176.00	9114	Omega Pest	125.00
9115	Pinkerton	65.00	9116	Super Laundry	214.67
9117	Treasurer – OH	150.00	9118	United Aggregates	384.38
9119	MedBen	110.10	9120	MT Business	55.00
9121	Starmark	11452.68	9122	Void	0.00
9123	Void	0.00	9124	Korda	23372.00
9125	Treasurer – OH	180.00	9126	D VanNess	31.44
9127	Kokosing	22.00	9128	NNCO	40.10
WV191	AFLAC	872.20	WV231	IRS	5919.83
WV232	Deferred Comp	1560.00	WV233	OCS-Knox Co	1088.91
WV234	OPERS	6011.47	WV235	OP&F	17537.11

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 VanNess:

Trustee VanNess reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. At the meeting, Trustee VanNess questioned U.S. Representative Pat Tiberi concerning whether the Township's FEMA and SAFER grants were subject to sequestration and possible budget cuts. Trustee VanNess reported he received an e-mail response from Representative Tiberi. Representative Tiberi stated the SAFER grants could have possible cuts. Trustee VanNess commented there is nothing the Township can do until Congress hashes everything out, but the Trustees should keep in mind there could be cuts from the SAFER grant funding.

Trustee VanNess reported he attended Jerry Newton's pre-planning meeting for the Licking County Commissioners. Mr. Newton asked each Township to prepare a three page document with an outline of the history of the Township. Mr. Newton does not want a history of Granville Village, or of Denison, but the history of the unincorporated part of Granville Township. They are going to send a letter requesting this information. Trustee VanNess questioned who the Township could ask to help providing the history of Granville Township.

Trustee Jenks responded Flo Hoffman would be able to help or could point the Township in the right direction. Trustee Jenks commented Kevin Bennett would also be

a good contact person. Trustee Jenks suggested the history is probably already done and would just need lifted from a document they have already prepared.

Trustee VanNess reported the Licking County Commissioners are also working on aligning the County requirements with the State requirements for new subdivisions which abut State highways. This will only affect new subdivisions which align with State highways.

Trustee VanNess reported they will be discussing the revised open space requirements for subdivisions next month. They will be sending the revised language for review. Trustee Jenks reported Zoning Inspector Warren May had some concerns about the open space proposal and believed they were more damaging to the Township than what was reported. Trustee Jenks requested Trustee VanNess contact Inspector May before the next county planning meeting. Trustee VanNess advised he will contact Inspector May. Trustee VanNess commented everything depends on the new language as the proposal is being completely rewritten.

Trustee VanNess stated everything else he has to report is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason reported he attended the joint communications meeting. There was nothing to report from the meeting.

Trustee Mason reported he intended to attend the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District dam meeting on February 26th, but was unable to do so as he had an emergency situation. Trustee Mason reported then next day he spoke at length to Jim Kiracofe regarding the information discussed in the meeting. The meeting covered dam ownership and dam safety. Mr. Kiracofe advised Trustee Mason there is nothing imminent required of the Township. The Township does have some responsibility. There are 19 dams in Licking County which fall under ODNR jurisdiction. Granville Township has two of the dams which fall under ODNR jurisdiction. One dam is at Goss Lake. There is also a dam at Owens Corning Fiberglass. Trustee VanNess reported there previously was a gravel pit at the site of the current Owens Corning lake and dam.

Trustee Mason reported Owens Corning is on top of their responsibilities regarding the dam on their property, and the Township does not have any responsibility regarding the Owens Corning dam. Granville Township has some responsibility regarding the Goss dam as there is a conservation easement on the property. The Township is not affected to a great degree. ODNR inspects the dams every five years. The landowner is required to inspect the dam every year and file a report of their inspection. Trustee Mason reported Owens Corning has been filing the reports of their inspections, but it is questionable whether the Goss' have filed their annual inspection reports. Trustee Mason reported the dams need permits and the landowner pays an annual fee for the permit to ODNR.

Trustee Mason reported the landowners need to have an emergency action plan concerning what will be done if the dam fails, etc. It is the landowner's responsibility to give a copy of the emergency action plan to the Township and to FEMA. The Township should make a copy of the plan and give it to the first responders. It was agreed Chief Hussey should keep a copy of the plan on file. Trustee Mason stated the Goss's need contacted to determine if they have an emergency action plan for the dam. Trustee Mason commented Mr. Kiracofe reported the Goss's had a representative at the dam meeting. Attendance at the meeting was required and Owen's Corning and a Goss representative were present.

Trustee VanNess will follow up with Mr. Goss to determine if he is putting together an emergency action plan for the dam or if he already has one. The Township needs to have a copy of the plan. Trustee VanNess questioned whether there was mention of the emergency action plan requirement in the conservation easement. Judy Preston, Chair, Granville Land Management responded it is not mentioned in the conservation easement for the property. Trustee Jenks commented the emergency action plan is required of anyone who has a dam in the Township, whether or not they have a conservation easement. They have to file an emergency action plan with the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District and with Granville Township.

Trustee VanNess stated a pond which has over 15 acres of water above the dam level has to have a State permit. It is likely the Goss lake has this amount.

Trustee Jenks:

Trustee Jenks reported he and Village Planner Alison Terry were asked to speak to a geography/ political science class at Ohio State on February 19th. Trustee Jenks and Ms. Terry spoke of how Townships and Villages operate, how they cooperate, etc. Trustee Jenks reported the lecture was well received.

Trustee Jenks reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on February 20th. Representative Pat Tiberi spoke on sequestration.

Roads District:

Superintendent's Report:

Trustee Jenks reported he received a call from Superintendent Binckley before the meeting. Superintendent Binckley will be back to work on Monday.

Township Garage Repair:

Trustee Jenks reported Robertson Construction completed the work on the Township building. Trustee VanNess reported the work looks good with the possible cosmetic exception of the seam where the old and new siding meet. Trustee VanNess commented the seam may become less apparent over time. Trustee VanNess reported Robertson Construction could have refused to do anything, and the work done will prolong the life of the building. The work should cure the issues with the Township building. Trustee

VanNess reported Robertson Construction will be billing the Township \$1,025. Fiscal Officer Miller will send the payment when the invoice is received.

Street Signs:

Trustee Jenks reported Kleem, the company which provides Granville Township's street signs, sent examples of possible color combinations for the new street signs. There are four approved colors for the new signs. The Village of Granville has decided to stay with their white and black signs. Trustee Jenks discussed the shape of the signs. The most basic shape is a rectangular sign. The Village has chosen a shape with a small dome on top which will be more expensive. The colors will not make a difference in the price of the signs.

The Trustees discussed the various colors for the signs. Trustee VanNess preferred black and white as it is a conservative approach, or possibly blue and white to reflect the school colors. Trustee VanNess noted the green and white were similar to ODOT signs. Trustee Jenks commented Newark uses the green signs and Heath uses brown. Trustee Jenks did not like the brown signs. Trustee Mason preferred the green and white signs as they tied in with ODOT.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether the Township wants quotes for a rectangular sign and a domed sign. Trustee Mason commented he was okay with a rectangular sign, and Trustee VanNess agreed. Trustee Jenks will obtain quotes for the rectangular signs only. The Township will need to find out what the quantity breaks are for the signs. The Township will need to put up breakaway poles for the street signs. The current wood poles will not qualify.

James Road Right of Way (ROW):

Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley met with the resident at 1115 James Rd. concerning the work done along the roadway without permit, the permit process, and the Township's expectations. Trustee Jenks reported the resident has paid for the permit and has installed a silt fence to keep the bank from washing out. Superintendent Binckley reported to Trustee Jenks the resident was very cooperative. Fiscal Officer Miller questioned whether there is now a revised permit. Trustee Jenks responded there is a revised permit and it will be discussed later in the agenda.

Speed Limit in Evergreen Hills:

Trustee Jenks reported a resident had concerns about the speed limit in Evergreen Hills subdivision. Trustee Jenks reported the problem has been caught in a bureaucratic spin. The Licking County Engineer's Office has to approve the Township's change of speed limits, but wasn't sure if a traffic study was required. The Engineer's Office has taken a position, if the area is known they can approve the change and waive the study. The Licking County Prosecutor's Office is reviewing their position. Trustee Jenks reported he spoke to Assistant Engineer Kurt Simross today and they are still researching. Trustee Jenks reported Licking County Engineer Bill Lozier said to put in the lower speed limit signs. Trustee Jenks reported it would be premature as the sign approval is still being discussed.

Revised ROW Permits:
Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley revised the Right of Way (ROW) Permit. It was sent to the Trustees with the revisions in red.

Granville Township Road District

TRAVIS BINCKLEY, SUPERINTENDENT

Granville Township Service Complex
1554 Columbus Rd. (Physical Location)
PO Box 315
Granville, Ohio 43023-0315
Phone/Fax 740-587-0229
Email: roads@granvilletownship.org

ROAD NAME _____

DATE _____

REFUNDABLE PERMIT FEE: \$500
Fee will be refunded within 30 days after the completion of the project and the Superintendent's approval.

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
TO PERFORM WORK IN GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP
ROAD RIGHT OF WAY**

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTION PAGE FIRST

Application is hereby made by (1) _____

P.O. Address (2) _____

For Permit to (3) _____, and

in accordance with the attached plans (4). Work will commence on or about (5) _____

and will require _____ days.

We hereby agree to maintain traffic in compliance of Section 7 of the Ohio Manual for Uniform Traffic Control. We also agree to contact the Granville Township Road District (740) 587-0229, 24 hours in advance to starting work covered by this permit.

We also agree to complete all work by December 1 and/or not resume work after this date until approval is given by the Superintendent or his representative.

We agree to comply with all the conditions, restrictions and regulations of the Granville Township Board of Trustees.

COMPANY: _____

BY: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:

Township Road Name _____ Section _____

R/W Width _____ Pavement Width _____ Surface Type _____

Special Conditions _____

Date: _____

Approved By: _____

Revision date 02/27/2013

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve the revised ROW permit. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Jenks will forward an electronic copy of the ROW permit to Fiscal Officer Miller to post on the Granville Township website. Fiscal Officer Miller reported Superintendent Binckley spoke to the Licking County Engineer's office and they do not want the County permit request form on the Township website but requested there be a link on the Township website to the form on the County website.

Trustee Jenks reported the Roads District has been patching potholes.

Trustee Jenks reported the road crews have been trimming trees along Old Columbus Rd. and River Rd.

Roseview:

The Trustees reviewed the Township map with Judy Preston, Land Management. The Trustees questioned her regarding what part of the Spring Valley Nature Preserve boundary was being contested by a Roseview resident. Superintendent Binckley and Trustee VanNess will go to the Preserve when the weather improves and attempt to find the pins. It was noted there is a 60 foot buffer zone behind Roseview which belongs to the management company. Ms. Preston advised the Trustees of the approximate location where the boundary is being questioned.

Trustee VanNess read a portion of the Roseview covenants which he received from the Engineer's Office. A copy of the covenants was given to Fiscal Officer Miller and to Land Management to file. Trustee VanNess reported a mismatch on the map, for an area called Reserve B. Reserve B is to be left in natural state with some hiking trails and no trees should be cut unless they are hazardous.

Ms. Preston reported she Roseview residents in the area are making a path through to Spring Valley. Trustee Jenks reported there have been comments some of the residents may have gone across the line and cut down trees on the Spring Valley property. Trustee VanNess reported there was a skid loader parked near the boundary and Superintendent Binckley told Trustee VanNess there was also a pile of logs which were possibly in the buffer zone.

Trustee VanNess stated there was an issue last year when trees were cut and mowing done in a certain area. Trustee Jenks reported he thought the area had been surveyed, but it was not. Trustee Jenks reported the issue is a resident is complaining people are hiking off Spring Valley Property onto her property. The Township will find the pins and put in larger stakes people can see.

Trustee VanNess believes if there are hiking trails in reserve B, other people should be able to also hike there. Ms. Preston advised Trustee VanNess to tell her when he and Superintendent Binckley look for the pins as she would like to go with them.

Trustee VanNess told Ms. Preston he will tell her when they go. Trustee VanNess reported they will find the pins, mark them with larger stakes, determine what has happened on Spring Valley Property and in reserve B, and draft a letter to the Roseview Homeowner's Association to remind them of their covenants.

Trustee VanNess requested Fiscal Officer Miller forward a copy of the Roseview covenants to Director Wildman.

Road Clearing:

Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley and the Road Crews did a good job of clearing the roads during the previous week's icy weather. Superintendent Binckley called out the crews at 1:00 a.m. to put down salt before the ice. Trustee Jenks reported one of the Township's trucks possibly backed into and damaged a car on Knoll Drive. No one witnessed the accident, but the damage is consistent with something the truck would do, and it was unlikely anyone else was out at that time. The damage estimate from the owners is \$2,000. The estimate has been turned into the Township's insurance company.

Boy Scout Presentation:

Judy Preston presented an Eagle Scout project idea on behalf of Alex Wilson. Ms. Preston previously sent the Trustees and GRD Director Andy Wildman a copy of the Land Management Committee meeting minutes which contained a detailed description of Mr. Wilson's project proposal. Mr. Wilson has proposed to put marker post at each trail intersection with a sign indicating which way the trails go. There will be a 4x4 post with a metal sign. Land Management requested he make the metal signs vertical to fit the post rather than horizontal. Mr. Wilson also would like to make a GPS coordinate for each post and incorporate the GPS coordinate into the map on the Spring Valley brochure. This could help someone who may be lost in the preserve. Mr. Wilson would also like to put 2/10 mile markers on the Roberts Ridge Trail.

Trustee VanNess commented Mr. Wilson is going to raise \$500 for the project. Ms. Preston stated Mr. Wilson reported after the money is raised the troop can keep the money and when the money is spent Spring Valley will sign the money was used for the project, or the money can go to Spring Valley to pay the bills. Ms. Preston reported Land Management advised Mr. Wilson they prefer the boy scouts pay the bills. Any money left after the project is completed goes to Spring Valley.

It was discussed the GPS coordinates must be determined before there is tree foliage.

Director Wildman approved the proposal on behalf of the GRD. Director Wildman agreed it will be good to provide direction as there may be people who become lost in the preserve.

Judy Preston stated the Land Management Committee agreed to approve the proposal.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to allow Boy Scout Alex Wilson to raise money and proceed with the Eagle Scout project outlined. Trustee Jenks suggested the motion is procedural, but questioned whether the Trustees need to approve the project as the GRD operates the park. Trustee Mason commented Granville Township still owns the park. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Cemetery Department:

Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley and Debbie McPeek are working together to update the cemetery rules. They have been delayed due to Superintendent Binckley being out of the office. Trustee VanNess questioned Trustee Jenks concerning what was sent and wondered if those rules are the current rules.

Trustee Jenks advised the Township currently has is a small brochure with rules. At the Ohio Township Association (OTA) meeting Superintendent Binckley learned there are some items that need to be included in the Township's rules. A set of draft rules was passed out at the conference. OTA suggested the draft rules be adopted. Trustee Jenks sent the Trustees the OTA's draft rules. Trustee Jenks reported there are things in the OTA's rules draft Granville Township might want to take out, and things Granville Township may want to add to or enhance. The draft is a good starting place. Ms. McPeek has added footnotes to the cemetery rules draft.

Trustee Jenks stated the cemetery rules will likely be too long for a brochure. Ms. McPeek has said funeral directors like being able to pass out a brochure to people. Trustee Jenks suggested a brochure containing important information be prepared but state there is a more complete set of rules in the Granville Township office (website). The complete set of rules will likely run 10-12 pages. Trustee Jenks reported there are several situations which need to be addressed such as the cemetery has the right to take flowers out at certain time of the year.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether all the rules in the draft would be reviewed, such as the rule which prohibited the picking of any cultivated or wild flower from the cemetery. This would prohibit even a weed being picked. Trustee VanNess believed some of the other rules in the draft are farfetched.

Trustee Jenks reported a copy of the cemetery deed has been given to the Prosecutor Office to insert some recommended language regarding grave reentry and to change deed to something else. The Prosecutor's Office has not yet returned the document.

Trustee Mason reported he looked through the staff handbook and there are two places which address the evaluation of staff. Zoning Inspector May has not been evaluated yet. The employee handbook states every employee shall be evaluated annually. The handbook also states an employee must be evaluated before any adjustment in salary.

Trustee VanNess commented the word 'shall' is a strong word and advised the Trustees he will take care of Zoning Inspector May's evaluation. Trustee VanNess questioned whether Zoning Inspector May was given a copy of the handbook. Trustee Jenks and Fiscal Officer Miller reported the handbook was e-mailed to everyone and employees signed electronically. Fiscal Officer Miller will check and make sure Zoning Inspector May was e-mailed an employee handbook and electronically signed for it.

Parks Department:

Trustee Jenks reported the GRD has not responded regarding the lease as they have been working on other projects.

Fire Department:

Trustee Mason reported Chief Hussey has been in touch with the Fire Department on several occasions from Florida. Trustee Mason has also stopped at the Fire Department several times while Chief Hussey has been on vacation and everything is running fine at the Fire Department. Captain Otter is currently the acting chief. Chief Hussey will be back on Tuesday. Fiscal Officer Miller noted there was a CPR training session taking place at the Fire Department this evening.

Land Management/ Zoning/ Open Space:

Trustee VanNess reported they have a list of items they are working on. One thing being added to the list is to eliminate the section on roads and right of ways (ROW) as it is in conflict with the Township ROW permit.

Old Business:

Rotary Bridge Project-

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received a drawing of the Raccoon Valley Park Bridge from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Trustee Jenks reported the drawing is of Korda's final set of plans. Trustee Jenks reported there are some little things which need to be done and then ODOT will put the project out to bid. There is a copy of the certified plans which will be sent out to bid at ODOT, and Fiscal Officer Miller will keep a copy here.

Trustee VanNess questioned if there is a timeframe. Trustee Jenks reported Korda has more to do, such as CLOMR/ LOMR, but the next phase of the project is close. Fiscal Officer Miller reported there are one or two payments left. The money has been given to the Township from the Rotary. A payment was recently sent to Korda.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the Township would receive information regarding the grant which Alison Terry helped prepare before the bridge project goes to bid. Trustee Jenks advised the Township will not receive correspondence back regarding the grant until the late summer or early fall. Trustee Jenks commented he is not sure when the project will be bid. Trustee VanNess reported the grant is a critical part of the project. Trustee VanNess reported the project is \$65,000 in the hole without the grant.

Trustee Jenks stated the Township can still walk away from the project at several points. When Korda is finished, there will need to be a meeting of the bridge committee. A timeline will need to be prepared. Trustee Jenks indicated he will be able to be more thorough with a report after the timeline is prepared. Granville Township will not want to make a commitment until it knows where the funds are. Trustee Jenks noted the grant money would be a reimbursement and is not upfront money. If the grant is awarded, someone would still need to front the money and anticipate receiving it back. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the grant would be subject to sequestration. Trustee Jenks stated it is an ODNR grant, not a federal grant.

Trustee Jenks reported he will be meeting with Alison Terry on another matter and will also discuss when the bridge committee should meet. Fiscal Officer Miller indicated there are two or three items still needed and he will be following up with them this week.

Union Cemetery:

Trustee Jenks reported the Union Cemetery Committee has contacted Stonehugger as a possible alternative company for headstone restoration.

Trustee Jenks reported it is nearly time for the annual joint Union Cemetery meeting. The meeting will be in April or May and the Township Trustees will review the budget with the cemetery committee and Village of Granville representatives.

Review of OIH purchasing:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he e-mailed Ohio Department of Administrative Services regarding OIH purchasing but has not heard anything back. It was decided this may be removed from the agenda.

Hunting near Township Garage:

There was nothing new to report regarding the issue of hunting near the garage. Trustee VanNess stated there the next hunting season won't be until this summer. Trustee VanNess reported he wants to resolve the issue before hunting season begins. Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley advised the tree stands have been removed from the property.

Trustee Jenks announced the newspaper reported there was a 10% increase in deer taken during the previous hunting season. Trustee Jenks reported neighborhoods are reporting the deer problem has lessened. Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel, commented he wrote the article and some of the neighborhoods which have seen a reduction in the deer problems are Bryn Du, Mt. Parnassus, and Fern Hill.

New Business:

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke to Bob Warner and his crew is going to return to the barn site and do more clean up and wood removal.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether Trustee VanNess heard any more information regarding the creek clean-up project. Trustee VanNess reported he had been trying to call Bob Murphy, but had an incorrect phone number. Trustee VanNess will try to obtain a correct phone number and contact Mr. Murphy.

Calendar Reminder:

Regular Township meetings, 3/13/13, and 3/27/13 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee Mason, with, Jenks-yes, Mason-yes and VanNess-yes the meeting was moved into Executive Session under ORC section 121.21(G)(2) to discuss possible property purchase. Members of the Open Space Committee (Doug Wagner, Deb Tegtmeyer, Leonard Hubert and Vince Paumier) were invited to attend along with land appraiser Jim Murr and Judy Preston with the Land Management Committee.

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

No further action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.