

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting October 9, 2013

Present: Granville Township and Granville Roads District Trustees* Paul Jenks, Bill Mason, and Dan VanNess, Fiscal Officer Jerry Miller and Betsey Hampton, Recording Secretary

Department Heads: Superintendent Travis Binckley, Chief Jeff Hussey

Guests: Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel

Roger Dunifon, 3464 Loudon Street, Granville, Ohio

Byron Reed, 134 Stone Valley Dr., Granville, Ohio

Don Martin, 2566 Outville Rd., Alexandria, Ohio

Dr. Laurel Kennedy, Denison University

Melanie Schott, Township Trustee Candidate, 664 W. Broadway

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

Minutes of September 25, 2013:

Trustee Jenks requested approval of the September 25, 2013 minutes be tabled until October 23, 2013, as FO Miller was on vacation last week and distributed them late to the Trustees. It was decided to table approval until everyone has had an opportunity to review the minutes.

Hearing Regarding Farm Lease SR161/SR16:

Trustee Jenks thanked Don Martin for attending the meeting as requested by the Township Trustees. Trustee Jenks explained the background concerning issues with the farm lease.

Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees had a number of issues with hunters who were not known and were hunting the property near the Township building. Some of the hunters came from Pennsylvania. There were complaints from the Kendal neighbors about hunters migrating onto their properties, and complaints the area was unsafe.

Trustee Jenks reported a hunter named Steve Maulfair from Pennsylvania contacted the Township and said he paid Mr. Martin "Big Money" to hunt the property. The Licking County Prosecutor suggested the Township invited Mr. Martin to the Township meeting and ask what was happening before any decisions were made. Trustee Jenks requested Mr. Martin tell the Trustees about Mr. Maulfair.

Mr. Martin reported Mr. Maulfair called and stated he had previously paid someone to hunt Mr. Martin's property on Lobdell Rd. Mr. Martin reported Mr. Maulfair found out Mr. Martin owned the property and asked to hunt the property again last hunting season. Mr. Maulfair virtually paid the taxes to be able to hunt on the property. Mr. Martin advised his sons and two others were going to hunt on the Township property. Mr. Martin advised his sons are the ones who actually farm the property near the Township garage. Mr. Martin's sons did not have time to hunt the property near the Township building and therefore Mr. Martin advised Mr. Maulfair he could hunt the Township property. Mr. Martin reported he only gave two people permission to hunt the property near the Township building. One was the person from Pennsylvania and the other was Mr. Hall, who has hunted the property for many years. They were only supposed to be bow hunting. Mr. Martin stated no one was supposed to be hunting with guns.

Trustee Jenks reported they came with guns. Trustee Jenks reported the matter was turned over to ODNR. Trustee Jenks discussed the matter with ODNR Wildlife Officer Josh Elster. Mr. Maulfair told Wildlife Officer Josh Elster he was paying to hunt all of Mr. Martin's properties. Mr. Martin denied he was paid by Mr. Maulfair to grant permission to hunt all the properties. Mr. Martin reported Mr. Maulfair was permitted to hunt the property near the Township building only because there was no one else hunting the property and the deer needed taken care of and they were only to bow hunt, not hunt with guns.

Mr. Martin indicated there could have been other people hunting on the property, but they were not given permission. Mr. Martin commented if someone is hunting the property they may be stopped and asked to show permission slips. Mr. Martin reported he also did not give anyone permission to gun hunt the property.

Trustee Mason questioned how many people from Pennsylvania were given permission to hunt the property. Mr. Martin reported three people from Pennsylvania were given permission to bow hunt. Mr. Martin reported he only met them one time when he took them to his property on Lobdell.

Trustee Mason questioned whether Mr. Martin was aware the residents at Kendal were concerned about the hunting on the property. Mr. Martin reported he was not contacted by Kendal and was unaware they were concerned.

Trustee Mason questioned whether Mr. Martin was asked to cease hunting on the property. Mr. Martin advised this spring he was sent a letter which said the hunting would be turned over to the Village.

Trustee Mason questioned whether it was upon receipt of the letter that he first became aware there was a problem with Kendal due to the gun hunting. Mr. Martin responded he did not know it was a problem with Kendal, but the letter is when he was notified the Village was taking over the hunting. Trustee Mason stated the Trustees had been told the hunting was all under control and Trustee VanNess had a conversation with Mr. Martin and there would not be any more problems with the situation.

Mr. Martin reported Trustee VanNess had a conversation with him and told him there were a bunch of people hunting the property. Mr. Martin reported he advised Trustee VanNess he did not have a bunch of people at the property and if there were a bunch of people hunting they were not given permission by him. Mr. Martin stated when he received the letter, it was after hunting season. Mr. Martin reported there was a time when Mr. Hall was on the property turkey hunting. Mr. Martin advised he did not know Mr. Hall was coming to the property to hunt. The season was over after the letter was sent and he did not think anyone would be hunting on the property anyway.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether Trustee VanNess gave anyone permission to hunt the property. Trustee Jenks reported several of the people stated Trustee VanNess gave them permission to hunt the property.

Trustee VanNess stated no he had not given anyone permission. Trustee VanNess reported at one point Mr. Sawyer asked a year ago if he could hunt the Township property and Trustee VanNess advised Mr. Sawyer to talk to the renter. Trustee VanNess reported he later heard a rumor Mr. Sawyer was hunting on the property and told others Trustee VanNess specifically told him he could hunt the property, but he had been told to talk to the renter. Trustee VanNess commented he does not have the authority to give anyone permission to hunt on the property and would not do that.

Trustee Mason commented he thought the Trustees took action to post the property and then there was a problem after the property was posted. Trustee VanNess commented this was before the issue came up. Trustee Mason commented he thought Trustee VanNess told the other Trustees he spoke to Mr. Martin and the problem was resolved. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the property was posted this past spring. Superintendent Binckley affirmed it was posted this past spring.

Trustee VanNess commented at that point hunting season was over. Trustee VanNess commented he just heard about the turkey hunting, but other than that there has not been any hunting on the property.

Trustee Mason stated he thought there had been a conversation with Mr. Martin and the hunting issue was resolved. After that there was more hunting and Trustee VanNess indicated it really was not a problem with Kendal and had talked to the people at Kendal. There was further discussion of the issue. Trustee Mason commented communication has been lousy concerning the problem.

Trustee VanNess commented he thinks the problem has been resolved. No gun hunting is allowed and the Village will manage the bow hunting. Mr. Martin commented he does not care who hunts the property as long as someone does hunt it. Mr. Martin commented the Trustees know how many deer are at the property and how it affects the crops. Trustee Mason commented he can imagine how many deer are there, as there are many on his yard and they are all over Denison (University).

Trustee Jenks commented the letter to Mr. Martin barring hunting was sent on April 10, 2013. Trustee Jenks questioned if Mr. Martin had any feeling whether his yield was reduced by deer, or if there was any deer damage. Mr. Martin responded there are too many variables to be able to answer. Someone would have to see what the deer damage is, etc. Mr. Martin reported in the summer, ODNR could come out, look at the crops, and provide permits to kill deer in the summer. Mr. Martin commented he thought the Township was taking care of that process this year. Trustee Jenks reported the Village took care of it with their program.

Trustee Mason reported the Township's problem is Kendal is close and the residents feel threatened when they hear gunshots. Mr. Martin commented that is exactly why he did not have anyone gun hunt at the property. Mr. Martin clarified his two sons were going to gun hunt at the property, but did not have time. Mr. Martin commented his sons know the situation and know where Kendal is located. Mr. Martin indicated the hunters from Pennsylvania and Mr. Hall were

just supposed to bow hunt. There was further discussion of the issue. Mr. Martin noted people come in without permission and when they were putting in crops people came in on four wheelers, etc. Mr. Martin reported the people say they can come in because it is Township property and they live in the Township. Trustee Jenks advised if that situation arises the Martins should call the Sheriff or notify the Township. Mr. Martin reported he does not want anyone to run over the crops, etc.

Trustee Jenks stated the issue was to try to resolve the pay for hunting issue as that would have been an illegal sublet of the property and a violation of the contract (land rental). The Trustees wanted to give Mr. Martin the opportunity to respond to the allegation before the Trustees made any decisions about what to do with the property next year.

Trustee VanNess clarified Mr. Martin reported he gave permission for the Pennsylvania hunters to hunt on his own property. Mr. Martin commented maybe he should not have allowed the hunters to also come to the Township property, but thought they could bow hunt as there was not anyone else hunting the property.

Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley approached some hunters who had out of state plates as he was curious what out of state hunters were doing on the property. Superintendent Binckley reported the hunters were from Pennsylvania and were there only to gun hunt.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether there have been any big issues since the letter was sent in April. Superintendent Binckley reported the only incident was Mr. Hall hunting turkeys. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the Trustees thought the situation was resolved. Trustee Jenks commented the hunting issue was resolved, but the issue is whether Mr. Martin was charging people to hunt the property as that would have been improper. This issue came up within the past 60 days. Trustee Jenks reported Mr. Maulfair wanted to pay the Township to hunt the property because he had previously paid Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin reported this is similar to what Mr. Maulfair told him when he said he had previously paid someone else to hunt Mr. Martin's property.

Trustee Jenks thanked Mr. Martin for coming to the Trustee meeting.

Correspondence Received or Sent:

FO Miller reported he received a note from the Granville Chamber of Commerce reporting Maggie Barno is stepping down as the Executive Director. They are advertising for a replacement.

FO Miller reported he received a notice from the Licking Land Trust. They are hosting a "Day in the Country" on October 13, 2013. It will be held at the Brush Farm in Pataskala from 3-5 p.m. FO Miller reported the Trustees also received the invitation.

FO Miller reported he received a notice from Granville Lumber Company. Ownership is changing hands. The same people will run the company, but it will be owned by Ambassador Enterprises in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This is effective October 1, 2013.

FO Miller reported he received a notice from NAPA it will be changing owners. It will still be NAPA, but will be affiliated with Springfield Auto Supply. FO Miller indicated the Township does business with NAPA. Superintendent Binckley reported some prices seem better and the new owners will have better corporate buying power.

FO Miller reported he received a legislative update from Village Council. They have approved acceptance of the Kendal sewer line which was installed in 2006. The Village has taken ownership of the line. Trustee Jenks reported this was supposed to happen when it was installed, but they just did it. Trustee VanNess questioned why it took so long and if it had anything to do with the TIF. Trustee Jenks stated it is a coincidence the TIF is ending at the same time the sewer line is accepted. Trustee Jenks noted the issue concerned the fact the sewer line was out of the easement and was not where the Village thought it should be. The issue was correcting the easement. Kendal wanted rid of the sewer line because if it needed maintenance, Kendal would have been responsible. Kendal worked with the Village to have them take over the sewer line.

FO Miller reported he received a notice from Richard Pinkerton who manages the Township's rental property at Spring Valley Nature Preserve. The lease for the property is up at the end of September. The resident has expressed interest in leasing the property on a month to month basis. She will continue renting on a monthly basis until she or the Township decides to end the lease. There will be a new lease to sign. FO Miller requested approval to sign the lease on behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee VanNess questioned if the person leasing the property was requesting to rent on a monthly basis rather than an annual basis. FO Miller reported the current lease gives the renter the option to continue renting on a monthly basis after the current lease expires until either party gives notice. The renter has expressed her desire to stay on the property and Mr. Pinkerton is going to prepare a new lease for the Township to review and to approve.

Trustee Jenks noted the GRD has expressed interest in the house. They have asked if the house becomes available they be contacted as they think it would make a good office for the GRD. Trustee Jenks reported Director Wildman wants notified if the property becomes available. If the tenant decides to vacate, the Township should call the GRD. Trustee Jenks commented he thought the GRD may not wish to pay to rent the house, but they did not actually state it. Trustee Jenks commented the GRD is outgrowing their space. Trustee Jenks commented there would be a benefit to the GRD being located at the park as they could keep an eye on the property and provide better security in the park.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to allow FO Miller to review and to approve the new month to month lease for the house at Spring Valley Nature Preserve. Trustee VanNess questioned the amount of the lease. FO Miller reported it is \$1,200 per month. The Township mows and maintains the property. Trustee Mason seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous vote after no further discussion.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Elected Official Reports:

FO Miller:

Financial Matters:

FO Miller reported he was having computer issues and was unable to print out the appropriation transfers and checks. FO Miller will bring them to the next Township meeting and request their approval.

FO Miller reported he attended the meeting at the Township Building concerning the possible annexation of 13 properties from Union Township into Granville Township. The meeting was an informational meeting where the residents could ask questions. Licking County Prosecutor Ken Oswald, Licking County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) Tony Stocco, Licking County Auditor Mike Smith, Village of Granville Manager Steve Stilwell, Union Township Trustee Rick Black and Granville Village resident Patricia Taylor and her daughter, Judy Preston attended the meeting. FO Miller reported Ms. Taylor owns five of the properties to be annexed. The Village of Granville can petition the Licking County Commissioners for the annexation of the 13 properties. The first reading was on October 2, 2013. The second reading and possible vote will occur on October 16, 2013.

Trustee Jenks reported he met with Village Manager Stilwell. Mr. Stilwell requested Chief Hussey attend the next meeting to report on any possible changes in fire and emergency services.

FO Miller reported the meeting was simple. The tax changes for the residents were reviewed.

Trustee Mason commented the Township Trustees have no responsibility in this issue at all. Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel questioned what the tax changes would be. Trustee Jenks reported FO Miller has a spreadsheet which details the changes with Mr. Peterson. Trustee Jenks stated the spread sheet has the current tax information, but that Union Township has a fire levy on the ballot which, if approved, would change the taxes for Union Township. Granville Township does not have any new taxes for the near future.

Trustee Jenks reported there has been confusion as he received a phone call from the Buckeye Lake Beacon who thought Granville Township had some jurisdiction over the annexation. It was stressed Granville Township does not have any control over the decision. The Village Council makes the proposal to the Licking County Commissioners, and the Commissioners make the decision whether to annex the properties into Granville Township. If the properties are annexed into Granville Township, they will be taxed like all Township/Village residents.

FO Miller reported he provided a copy of the spreadsheet to the Buckeye Lake Beacon and will provide one to Chuck Peterson. The spreadsheet includes information about the Green Space Levy, Cemetery Levy, etc. FO Miller noted Union Township's general fund is more than Granville Township's general fund levy.

Trustee Jenks advised Mr. Peterson he may obtain details from Rick Black, Union Township Trustee. The annexation is being discussed as Union Township is attempting to have uniformity of taxing districts. Buckeye Lake has conformed, Heath has conformed, Granville Village may conform, and only Hebron will be left. Except for Hebron, there will be conformity of districts and there will be compliance with the State law.

FO Miller reported the Township has an insurance policy due for renewal. This policy covers the officers and employment practices, etc. FO Miller noted this is the policy which required the personnel policy manual to be updated last year. The policy is again due for renewal. FO Miller reported the premium last year was \$7,121. This year the premium will be \$6,567, which is a decrease of \$600. FO Miller reported there were concerns due to the wording for the Granville Township Roads District. FO Miller reported he has received language from the insurance company to clarify the Granville Township Roads District is covered with the policy. FO Miller advised the letter is being reviewed by the Licking County Prosecutor's Office. FO Miller requested a motion to approve the renewal of the insurance policy.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the coverage levels were the same as in the previous policy such as dollar amounts, etc. FO Miller confirmed the coverage levels are the same.

Trustee Jenks further discussed the policy. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees, and people who work or volunteer with the Trustees, such as the BZA, Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer, Zoning Commission, etc., work for the Township. Trustee Jenks noted the Granville Township Roads District is a separate government entity. FO Miller had trouble getting the insurance company to name the Granville Township Roads District. The insurance company stated if the Granville Township Roads District is named, everyone would also have to be named and if someone were not named, the company could claim they were not covered, etc.

Trustee Jenks stated as the Granville Township Roads District is a separate government entity and if an accident occurs and employees were not named, they may not be covered. The insurance company presented a letter to FO Miller and APA Lecklider will see if the letter is enough to ensure the Granville Township Roads District is covered. This will prevent the insurance company later stating there should have been two separate policies because the Granville Township Roads District is a separate government agency.

FO Miller requested a motion to accept the renewal of the Granville Township officer and employment practices liability policy. Trustee Jenks requested the motion be contingent upon APA Lecklider's approval of the insurance company's letter affirming coverage of the Granville Township Roads District.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to accept the renewal of the Granville Township public officer and employment practices liability policy, contingent upon APA Lecklider's approval of the insurance company's letter affirming coverage of the Granville Township Roads District. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote after no further discussion.

FO Miller advised he will report concerning health insurance later in the agenda.

Trustee Jenks:

Old Colony Cemetery:

Trustee Jenks reported he attended an Old Colony Board meeting. Trustee Jenks reported he is pleased with the Old Colony Board. The Old Colony Board has taken control, is managing costs, looking for grants, etc. The Old Colony Board is telling the Fannins what headstones to repair and Superintendent Binckley is doing most of the headstone alignment. Previously Superintendent Binckley was doing the work, but the Fannins were billing the Township for the alignment. Trustee Jenks advised Lynne Boone deserves credit. Trustee Jenks reported there will be a joint Old Colony Cemetery Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 6, 2013, at Village Council. The proposed budget will be presented at the meeting. By law, the meeting happens in the spring, but would be too late to hire the Fannins, get grants, etc. The meeting will also request approval for the Township to match what the Village contributes toward headstone repair. Trustee Jenks requested the Trustees be prepared to vote concerning the Township's contribution. Trustee Jenks reported he was told the Old Colony Cemetery Board will present their proposed budget and plans at the meeting. Lynne Boone will present what was done last year and what they will try to do next year. The Old Colony Cemetery Board will need matching money from the Township and the Village. Trustee Jenks told the Village and the Old Colony Cemetery Board the Granville Township Trustees are willing to match what the Village contributes, up to \$5,000. Trustee Jenks reported Mollie Prasher will send an invitation with the exact time.

MORPC:

Trustee Jenks reported Bill Habig, MORPC, provided the proposed Article of Agreement amendments and has asked each organization (i.e. Granville Township) to pass a resolution in support of the recommended changes. This will need to be voted by early November. Trustee Jenks advised he will request a vote concerning the proposed Article of Agreement at the next Township meeting. This will allow the Trustees time to read the agreement.

Trustee Jenks reported the Township Association is meeting at Ellas Park on October 17, 2013.

Trustee Jenks reported he was invited to attend the inauguration ceremony for the new Denison President, Dr. Weinberg, on Friday October 11, 2013.

Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees will be receiving an invitation to a volunteer reception at Bryn Du on October 24, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The reception will thank all the community volunteers. The reception is sponsored by the Village of Granville.

Trustee Jenks reported everything else he has to discuss is covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason reported everything he has to discuss is covered elsewhere in the agenda or in executive session.

Trustee VanNess:

Sunset Drive:

Trustee VanNess reported there were more issues on Sunset Drive. Trustee VanNess reported he made runs to Sunset Drive. Trustee VanNess has received complaints concerning noise at all hours of the night from 51 and 53 Sunset Drive. Trustee VanNess reported he is gathering Sheriff's reports and is working with Dr. Sata to have the tenants evicted. Trustee VanNess reported he will continue to work on this issue.

Trustee Mason stated the last communication was if there was one more incident, Dr. Sata was going to evict them. Trustee VanNess advised the ball is in Dr. Sata's hands. Trustee VanNess reported he gives each Sheriff's report to Dr. Sata. Trustee VanNess reported the previous weekend he was at the property on Friday night and the Sheriff's Department was also called to the property three hours later. Trustee VanNess provided the Trustees copies of the Sheriff's report.

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke about the problems with APA Lecklider. APA Lecklider advised noise ordinances are tough to control and it is best to have the land owner deal with the problem. Trustee VanNess reported he also spoke to Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer May about the issues. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer May would issue any violation letters to the landowner and not to the renters.

Trustee Mason suggested having Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer May issue something to the landowner would support what Trustee VanNess trying to do. Trustee VanNess advised the land owner would have to pay the violation and possibly pass the fine on to the renter, but it would be difficult to get the money from the renters. Trustee VanNess reported the land owner knows he needs to remove the tenants, but they will likely fight him in court. The land owner will pursue eviction as fast as possible. Trustee VanNess will reinforce there are ongoing problems. Trustee VanNess reported Dr. Sata wants to work with the Township and be a good neighbor. Trustee VanNess concluded it is not an easy situation, but he will work to keep the pressure on.

Trustee VanNess reported everything he has to discuss is covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Roads District:

Superintendent's Report:

Mowing:

Superintendent Binckley they completed the last round of roadside mowing for the year.

Patching:

Superintendent Binckley reported they will begin patching Jones Rd., Battee Rd., and Knoll Dr. next week.

ODOT Tree Clearing Project:

Superintendent Binckley reported he met with a supervisor with Asplundh. They will be working with ODOT clearing trees and brush along SR 16. They will also be cutting and trimming trees within their ROW along the power lines running through Spring Valley Nature Preserve and Salt Run Park.

LEADS Clean-up:

Superintendent Binckley reported he is still working with Bob Murphy with the LEADS Program concerning the Raccoon Creek Cleanup. Superintendent Binckley reported they will be back toward the end of the month.

Parks Department/ Granville Recreation District:

Spring Valley Lower Shelter House:

Superintendent Binckley reported he will be meeting with Andy Wildman tomorrow morning to discuss the roof repairs needed at the lower shelter house at Spring Valley Nature Preserve.

Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported they completed the fall foundation pours today. The crew has been mulching leaves, etc.

Superintendent Binckley reported there are two cemetery deeds to sign.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief's report:

Fire Department Runs:

Chief Hussey reported the Department is was involved in a serious automobile crash on SR 62 in which a child was critically hurt. The Department helped to cut the child from the vehicle.

Personnel:

Chief Hussey reported one of the Department's employees is suffering from a serious medical condition.

Volunteer Personnel:

Chief Hussey requested approval to appoint five Denison students as Volunteer Fire Fighters. They have completed physicals and background checks and are ready for appointment as trainees. The students are as follows:

Stefanie Vargas
Charles Maguire
Brian Averill
Kathryn Darrah
Jaimeson Kass

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve appointment of the above Denison students as Volunteer Fire Fighter trainees. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote after no further discussion.

Trustee Jenks addressed Dr. Kennedy and stated people often point out what young people do wrong, but every semester the Township receives some of its best volunteers from Denison students. Trustee Jenks questioned whether there was anything Denison could do to recognize

the good these students do. Dr. Kennedy advised there is a new website which would be the perfect opportunity to recognize the students who volunteer as Fire Fighters for the Township.

Trustee VanNess questioned what school year the student volunteers were in. Chief Hussey responded they are freshman. Chief Hussey advised the Fire Department recruited at student orientation.

Trustee VanNess questioned whether the freshman volunteers remain for four years. Chief Hussey responded it is the Department's goal the volunteers remain for four years. It will take a year for them to obtain their fire and EMS training. They will attend fire training after the first of the year and EMT training next summer. They may have internships, etc. Chief Hussey noted they are busy kids and great volunteers.

Land Management / Open Space:

Wolfe Property Conservation Acceptance:

Trustee VanNess reported Steve Layman will be at the meeting later to discuss the Wolfe property conservation acceptance.

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke to Jim Murr today. Mr. Murr will begin the appraisal next week. Trustee VanNess indicated the appraisal has been the biggest concern.

Trustee VanNess reported Judy Preston and the Land Management Committee inspected the Wolfe property last Saturday. Trustee VanNess received a preliminary report from Ms. Preston concerning baseline documentation. This will be added to the conservation easement as exhibit B.

Trustee VanNess reported the survey has been completed. The final document will be completed and will be submitted as an exhibit.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether the federal government shutdown was affecting the FRPP agreement. Trustee VanNess reported he needs to add a soils map to the baseline document. This is received from the soil survey document service which is run through NRCS. Due to the federal government shutdown, the website is also down and is preventing access to the needed materials.

Trustee Jenks commented there were deadlines and questioned whether the Township would need to look at the deadlines to see if extensions are needed as the shutdown is preventing access. Trustee VanNess stated the only deadline was approval of the conservation easement document. Trustee VanNess questioned if the Trustees wanted to approve the conservation easement. Trustee Jenks suggested the Trustees wait until Mr. Layman reports to the Trustees.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer:

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke to Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer May. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer May reported he granted permits for solar panels for a property on Hankinson. Trustee VanNess reported Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer May went to the Licking County Prosecutor's Office and discussed the permit issue for the property on Loudon St.

Permit Property-2142 Loudon St.

Trustee Jenks reported concerning the issue at 2142 Loudon St., where the Township (Zoning Inspector) improperly issued a permit build a new house, and tear down a house and build a new one on the site. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the permit stated to tear down a house and to build a new one as he thought the problem was with a different lot. Trustee Jenks commented the builders are only putting up two houses. Trustee Jenks advised he was not sure whether there was one or two permits issued. Trustee Jenks questioned if Mr. Dunifon knew whether there were one or two permits issued. Mr. Dunifon advised he did not know how many permits were issued. Trustee VanNess noted one of the building lots was very small and would not have the same area as the existing house. Trustee VanNess reported there has been deconstruction on the existing house. Trustee VanNess advised he thinks it is a separate building permit if something is done on the other lot.

Trustee Jenks indicated both permits may be in violation of the Township zoning ordinance, but the Township knows the new house is in violation of the Township zoning ordinance.

Trustee Jenks reported the Licking County Prosecutor suggested the Township request Terra Nova apply for a variance. Trustee Jenks indicated the Township is requesting Terra Nova go to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and ask for an area waiver for any and only permits issued in error by Granville Township. They should not ask for waivers for any other properties. The Township would waive the \$500 fee so Terra Nova may go to the ZBA without a cost other than the preparation of the waiver request. Terra Nova will need to see if the ZBA will give them a waiver on one or possibly two permits. The waivers would need to be requested within 90 days of today's date. Trustee Jenks commented he does not want to still be discussing the issue a year from now.

Trustee Jenks reported he talked to Terra Nova and they think this is a fair solution and will be willing to file for waivers. Trustee Jenks commented the outcome of the waiver appeal will be determined by the ZBA and the Trustees do not have any control over the decision. There was further discussion concerning the lots in question. Trustee Jenks suggested the Township waive the fees on one or both permits as the Township's issuance of a permit was incorrectly applied. The proposal does not allow them to file for waivers on four additional lots. It was discussed the property size was 3.8 acres.

Trustee Jenks made the follow proposal:

In order to clear any potential cloud which may exist on the property at 2142 Loudon St., Trustee Jenks moved to have the Township waive any fees associated with Terra Nova Builders submitting for an area waiver (appeal request) to the Township Board of Zoning Appeals for permit or permits already issued for the property located at 2142 Loudon St., so long as such

submission be done no later than 90 days from today's date. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Jenks will call Terra Nova tomorrow and requested when the minutes are received they be sent to Terra Nova so they will have something upon which to act. Trustee Jenks reported he told ZBA Chairperson, Jim Larimer the Trustees would be voting on this proposal at the Trustees' meeting. Trustee Jenks reported he also advised Mr. Larimer the Township would not influence the ZBA's decision in any way.

Zoning Commission:

Trustee VanNess reported the Zoning Commission has not had any meetings lately and advised there was nothing to report from the Zoning Commission. Trustee VanNess provided FO Miller with the job duties for the recording secretary.

Zoning Appeals Board (ZBA):

Trustee VanNess reported the ZBA had a meeting on September 23, 2013. Trustee VanNess reported he has not yet received minutes from the meeting.

Old Business:

Sign on Carmarthen Way:

Trustee Jenks reported at the previous Township Trustee meeting Jan Sachs, 1442 Burg St., Granville, Ohio, addressed the Township Board regarding relocation of the new road sign for Carmarthen Way.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether Trustee VanNess or Trustee Mason had looked at the sign in question. Trustee VanNess reported he looked at the sign. Trustee VanNess stated at the previous meeting he was advised the signs were being placed consistently with all the other signs and was consistent with the Village of Granville. Trustee VanNess reported when he drove to the location he noticed the signs at Miller, Joy Lane, Briarwood, etc., are not placed opposite and are instead on the corners. They are placed similar to how the Township's old signs were placed. Trustee VanNess reported it is in the Township where the signs are placed across the street. Trustee VanNess questioned if anyone else noticed this situation. Trustee VanNess indicated he thought the Township was trying to be consistent with the Village. Trustee Mason commented the Township is trying to be consistent through the Township.

Superintendent Binckley explained Miller, Joy Lane, and Briarwood. Briarwood is a different type of intersection, what was discussed are T- intersections. Briarwood is at an angle and so it is a different scenario. Superintendent Binckley reported he spoke to the Village and the sign at Miller was placed on the corner due to the bank on the other side of the road and there would be a hazard if the sign was on the other side. If the sign was on the bank, it would need lowered, etc. Superintendent Binckley reported the Village did not have an explanation why the Joy Lane sign was not placed on the opposite side of the road. Superintendent Binckley reported he did more research with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices. The Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices states signs do not have to be across the road for T intersections, but recommends they be and details certain scenarios, etc. The signs should be across the road

unless there is a sight problem, etc. Superintendent Binckley reported the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices provides pictures, etc.

Trustee Mason reported he also went to the intersection and commented the Township appears consistent with the placement of the signs, but it is not the mountain he is going to die on. Trustee Mason commented he does not know what it would do to the Township if the sign is moved. Trustee Mason asked whether it would put the Township out of sync and would it open up the Township for requests for other signage moving and removal etc. Trustee Mason commented he does not agree the sign placement makes the driveway appear to be a street. Trustee Mason stated the sign plainly signals the street.

Trustee Jenks reported there was one other lady who complained and said the new sign was placed in her picture window view.

Trustee Jenks suggested he would call and tell Ms. Sachs the Township is being consistent with the advice provided concerning sign placement and the Trustees have elected not to move the sign. Trustee Jenks will advise Ms. Sachs if she can document there are numerous people who do use her driveway the Trustees will reopen the discussion. Trustee Jenks commented he would like placement of the signs in the Township to be consistent. Trustee Jenks suggested if the drivers have to look to the right and to the left it is more difficult, but also did not think the issue is something to die for. Trustee Jenks commented Ms. Sachs did not say there was a problem, but she suspected there would be a problem. Trustee Jenks suggested the Trustees wait until there is a problem. Trustee Jenks reported he will call Ms. Sachs.

Trustee VanNess commented he believes in this day, road signs are almost irrelevant as many people use GPS or know where they are going. Trustee VanNess commented he agrees with Trustee Mason and also sees Trustee Jenks' point and agreed with his suggestion.

FO Miller reported Ms. Sachs stated she would take the issue to the County level. Superintendent Binckley reported the County Engineers Office has already been out and looked at the sign and recommended the Township not move the sign.

Rotary Bridge Project-status

Trustee Jenks reported there is nothing new to report except Village Planner Alison Terry contacted ODNR concerning the supplemental grant for which the Township applied. ODNR will award the supplemental grant between October 15th and 20th. Trustee Jenks reported they will advise FO Miller first. The Township will know soon if it received the supplemental grant award.

Kendal TIF:

Trustee Jenks reported the Licking County Prosecutor is still researching the issue. The Prosecutor asked FO Miller for more information today, but FO Miller's computer had a virus and he was unable to send the information. FO Miller commented he was not sure if the information the Prosecutor's Office requested was on his computer. He will also look in the file cabinets.

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke to School Treasurer Mike Sobul concerning the TIF. Mr. Sobul said the TIF could not be stopped in the middle of the year. Trustee Jenks commented this is correct, but the big issue is whether they can stop in the middle of the TIF. Trustee Jenks discussed once the loan for the sewer line was paid and the TIF goes away, but maybe the TIF cannot end early. It was a 30 year TIF and they are only 7 years into the TIF.

Trustee VanNess reported Mr. Sobul was confident the TIF would remain through next year and end at the end of next year. Trustee Jenks reported he heard Mr. Sobul's opinion, but the Prosecutor does not agree. Trustee Jenks reported there is a meeting tomorrow, and he will take direction from the Auditor and Prosecutor. Trustee Jenks reported there is a meeting because Mr. Sobul rendered an opinion, but Trustee Jenks wants to hear from other people.

Energy Aggregation:

Trustee VanNess reported he attended an energy aggregation meeting last Wednesday and again today. Trustee VanNess reported the RFPs have been completed. Trustee VanNess reported this morning it was resolved the Village's RFP and the Township's RFP are identical except for letterheads. FO Miller was not able to provide the RFPs to the Trustees due to computer problems. APA Lecklider added a supplement with budget billing and the opt out fee.

Trustee VanNess reported he would like to have the RFP approved and sent to RD Energy and AEP Energy, along with any others which have budget billing and an opt out plan. Trustee VanNess reported the Village will send out their RFP at the same time. Trustee VanNess reported the Village's RFP does not have to go back to the Village Council, but can be approved by Village Manager Steve Stilwell.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to send out the RFP as drafted by APA Lecklider. Trustee Mason reported he has not read the RFP. Trustee Jenks questioned if Trustee Mason wanted to wait until the next meeting to vote. Trustee Mason questioned whether it needed to be voted upon tonight. Trustee VanNess advised it should be voted upon tonight. Trustee VanNess reported the deadline to return the RFP's bid proposals will be 12:00 p.m., on November 8, 2013. Trustee VanNess reported this date is right after the election and it will be known if the proposal passed. The Township and Village could then begin choosing the energy aggregator.

Trustee Jenks noted the RFP was prepared by APA Lecklider in conjunction with Village Attorney Mike King. The RFP does not oblige the Township to accept any proposals. All the Township is doing is sending the RFPs out. Trustee Jenks reported he is comfortable with the RFP as it was prepared by the Township's attorney. FO Miller reported there are some blanks to fill in on the RFP, such as the number of eligible houses, businesses, etc. Trustee VanNess reported Mollie Prasher will look up the census data.

Trustee Jenks seconded Trustee VanNess' motion to send out the RFP as drafted by APA Lecklider. Trustee Mason commented because the RFP was prepared by APA Lecklider he will vote yes. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

FO Miller will send out the RFPs.

FO Miller reported Mollie Prasher is working on postcards to send concerning energy aggregation. It is estimated there will be 3,080 post cards sent. The Village will print the postcards. The cost for the postage to mail the post cards is \$1,016.40. The card stock to be used for the printing will cost \$20. If the cost is split, it will cost the Township \$508.20 plus \$10 for the card stock. FO Miller reported the wording on the postcards is changing and will have the words energy aggregation be bigger and bolder. Trustee VanNess reported the post cards will also advise the voters the polling place for the Township has changed and is at Bryn Du. FO Miller noted this was an opportunity to communicate with the Township voters their polling place has changed.

Trustee Jenks questioned if the Township's postcards would be different from the Village's postcards. FO Miller advised the comment would be put on all the cards. FO Miller reported the comment will say people who voted at the Granville Intermediate School will now vote at Bryn Du Fieldhouse.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to approve spending \$518.20 from the Township General Fund to send post cards concerning energy aggregation. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and after no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

FO Miller reported another cost associated with energy aggregation was the election expense. This has already been approved as the Trustees approved placement of the proposal on the ballot. The estimate for the cost is \$300 for the Township and \$300 for the Village. FO Miller stated a motion is not required as the Township already committed to the cost when it approved placement of the issue on the ballot.

Home on Raccoon Valley:

Trustee Jenks reported there is nothing new concerning this item. Trustee Jenks reported the Auditor has the house on the fast track to be sold at auction. The property will be sold with the house still up. The Township and Health Department are inspecting the house periodically to make sure windows are not broken, no one can get in, etc. Trustee Jenks questioned if the gas and electric were turned off. Trustee Jenks reported the Health Department was going to turn off the gas and electric and notify Chief Hussey. Chief Hussey advised he was not notified the gas and electric were turned off. Trustee Jenks requested Chief Hussey call Joe Ebel, Director, Licking County Health Department, and make sure the gas and electric were turned off so there is not a hazard due to a gas or electrical problem.

Trustee Jenks reported several timelines were given regarding the house. The house could be sold by early spring. Trustee Jenks reported there is approximately \$30,000 owed in back taxes, fees, etc. Any money beyond the \$30,000 would be placed in escrow. The family could apply for money in escrow. Trustee Jenks indicated there are two cars on the property. The family did not declare an executor and cannot claim the cars. Trustee Jenks reported the Township is watching to make sure the vehicles do not become derelict. The Prosecutor will help the Township apply for abandoned vehicle titles and towed to junkyards.

The Township is mowing the grass every four weeks. Trustee Jenks reported if the house is broken into, etc, it will be addressed. The Township has secured the doors to the house. Trustee Jenks reported the County thinks the house can be auctioned while it is cold outside.

Employee Health Insurance:

Trustee Jenks reported there is an issue concerning employee health insurance. Trustee Jenks reported this was reported at the previous Trustee meeting. At the last meeting it was reported the Township may have been able to extend its current health insurance plan and avoid the requirement to proceed through the universal exchange. Trustee Jenks reported Starmark has refused to allow the Township to renew the current health insurance plan.

FO Miller reported Jeff Cashman, Wichert Insurance, contacted Starmark on behalf of the Township to see if the Township could renew the health insurance plan on December 1, 2013. FO Miller reported the Township is Wichert's only client with Starmark Insurance and was unknown to the Trustees until last year. Last year the Township contracted with Starmark as they had much better prices, but they have been hard to deal with, possibly because Wichert does not have many customers with Starmark. Starmark at first gave Wichert the run around, then later stated they will not renew Granville Township.

FO Miller reported the Township had received notice from Starmark they would be out of the high deductible business beginning on January 1, 2014. The Township would, therefore, have had to change coverage or programs.

FO Miller reported the next option is for the Township to have employees complete FormFire which is where the employees enter their medical history, etc. The information will then go to Wichert Insurance who will present the information to insurance vendors. The insurance vendors will know the employee's health risks and can provide quotes for coverage.

FO Miller recommended the Township proceed with having employees enter their information in to FormFire as soon as possible to obtain quotes, etc. FO Miller recommended the Township coverage renew December 1, 2013, so it will not need to choose under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which becomes effective January 1, 2014. Renewing on December 1, 2013, will allow any possible problems with the ACA to be resolved before the Township is required to work under it. FO Miller noted if there is a huge increase in rates, the Township may instead choose to wait.

Trustee Jenks agreed with FO Miller. Trustee Jenks stated if the Township does not renew in December it will need to proceed under the ACA. Trustee Jenks commented the way the Township can control its destiny is to get into a one year program which will delay working under the ACA for one year. Trustee Jenks suggested the Township have Chief Hussey work on the project as he has the most employees. Trustee Jenks reported he is concerned as the high deductible plan the Township currently has will likely not be available. The Township was going to try to continue with it as there was no reason to change, and then change again under the ACA. The Township now may be forced to change before the ACA begins. Trustee Jenks requested FO Miller and Chief Hussey look at what is available and the Township will need to make quick decisions.

Trustee Jenks requested Chief Hussey keep Superintendent Binckley informed. The Township will need to get the employees' information entered into FormFire, get quotes, etc. Trustee Jenks suggested the Township will probably not be able to find a high deductible plan.

FO Miller reported he received a medical insurance quote from United Health Care (UHC). FO Miller but did not think the information came through Wichert Insurance. It looked like UHC provided prices based on our employee history which was entered into FormFire last year. UHC included prices for five different plan options. FO Miller will do a further review of the information provided by UHC. The deadline for the UHC plan is October 23, 2013, which is the date for the next Trustee meeting.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether Chief Hussey could dedicate time to work with FO Miller on the health care coverage project. Chief Hussey responded he would be able to work with FO Miller on the project.

Trustee VanNess questioned if FO Miller could contact UHC to advise them the Township is looking for another carrier and request an extension of the deadline. FO Miller advised he will first check with Wichert to see if they triggered the letter and determine Wichert's reaction. FO Miller reported the UHC quotes are based on last year's information and there have been some changes.

FO Miller stated he will provide the Trustees with information concerning health care coverage during the next two weeks.

Trustee VanNess noted the process is not something the Township would have to do regardless, but just needs completed faster.

Trustee Jenks reported if the programs were all the same, the only decision would be based on rates, but differences between programs will need to be analyzed. The issue is how the Township cares for its employees and stays on budget, etc.

Trustee Jenks advised the Township wants to begin the coverage a month early to avoid the Affordable Care Act. This brings up issues concerning deductibles, etc. Some employees may have already met their deductibles for the year, etc. Trustee Jenks commented it is not simple and he appreciated Chief Hussey's involvement.

New Business:

Trustee Jenks reported he has an issue concerning Trustee VanNess and the upcoming Trustee election. Trustee Jenks reported he has had over a dozen people tell him when Trustee VanNess is politicking for his position, he is telling the people how bad Trustee Jenks is. Trustee Jenks reported people have said Trustee VanNess has told them he is the voice of reason and Trustee Jenks spends money. Trustee Jenks reported this also happened after a recent political fundraiser at Buckeye Lake. Trustee Jenks reported he was approached by people who said Trustee

VanNess is the Trustee who brings fiscal sanity to the Trustee Board and votes no to Trustee Jenks' yes.

Trustee Jenks reported he went through the previous year's voting records. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees voted 228 times from July through August. Trustee VanNess voted no twice and abstained twice. Trustee Jenks commented if Trustee VanNess is voting no to show he is fiscally responsible and the other Trustees are not, there were only two no votes. Trustee Jenks commented he was unaware he was running for Trustee, but found Trustee VanNess' comments offensive and inaccurate.

Trustee VanNess commented he did not know Trustee Jenks was running for Trustee either.

Trustee Jenks commented he found Trustee VanNess' comments offensive, inaccurate, and did not like Trustee VanNess talking about him.

Trustee VanNess responded he did not know he was talking about Trustee Jenks and requested Trustee Jenks make sure his facts are right.

Trustee Jenks commented his facts are right and Trustee VanNess should run on his own merit. Trustee Jenks commented Trustee VanNess is telling other people what the facts are and the public record shows 228 votes with 2 no and two abstentions. Trustee Jenks commented he is going to begin handing out this information to people Trustee VanNess has talked with and share this information.

Trustee VanNess commented Trustee Jenks should make sure the facts are right.

Trustee Mason commented Trustee VanNess should make sure the facts are right. Trustee Mason reported when he circulated his petition he had four people tell him the exact same thing. Trustee Mason stated he does not want to turn this into a dirty campaign, but has been told Trustee VanNess has said he has a farming mentality, is keeping the lid on the money in the Township, and is fiscally responsible. Trustee Mason reported he has been told by two people Trustee VanNess said Trustee Mason and Trustee Jenks gang up against him. Trustee Mason commented he believes he and Trustee Jenks have protected Trustee VanNess as a matter of fact.

Trustee VanNess reported the only thing could be the story got out when he told a few people he voted no for spending \$4000 for kitchen chairs for the Fire Department when the other Trustees voted yes. Trustee VanNess commented that is the only thing he thought was over the top and unneeded.

Trustee Jenks commented if he had heard the story from one person, he would have forgotten it, 2 people would have it wrong, but he has heard it from 12 people. Trustee Jenks reported he heard it after the fundraiser at the Yacht Club. Trustee Jenks requested Trustee VanNess not talk about him because he is not running for Trustee and the record does not indicate Trustee VanNess has voted against the other Trustees.

Trustee Mason commented he only wants the truth out there and does not want untrue facts. Trustee VanNess agreed with this statement. Trustee Mason stated the time was taken to go back and review the voting record. Trustee Mason commented if the Trustees are ganging up on Trustee VanNess, in 228 votes Trustee VanNess voted no 2 times on Fire Department issues and abstained 2 times. Trustee Mason commented only 4 times out of 228 votes did Trustee VanNess vote differently.

Trustee Jenks reported he voted no as many times as did Trustee VanNess.

Calendar Reminder:

a) Regular Board* meetings 10/23 and 11/13 starting at 7:00PM

Executive Session:

On a motion by Trustee Jenks, with, Jenks-Yes, Mason-Yes and VanNess-Yes the meeting was moved into Executive Session for a personnel decision and a property decision under ORC section 122.21(G)(2) at 8:08 PM.

After a period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Jenks-Yes, Mason-Yes, and VanNess-Yes the meeting was reconvened into regular session.

Trustee Mason made a motion to accept the Wolfe Conservation Easement contingent upon proper inclusion of Jim Murr's new appraisal numbers. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Trustee VanNess moved to waive contingencies 3e. Survey of Building Envelop and 3g. Oil and Gas of Lease in the Purchase Agreement on the Wolfe property. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Trustee VanNess moved to hire Jim Murr to conduct a FRPP survey of the property discussed in executive session for up to \$5000. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Trustee Jenks moved adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

*The Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, meet in their dual capacity as the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township and the Board of Granville Township Road District Trustees.