# Granville Township Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 28, 2014

Present: Granville Township and Granville Roads District Trustees\* Bill Mason, Melanie

Schott, and Paul Jenks, and Betsey Hampton, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Fiscal Officer Jerry Miller.

Department Heads: Superintendent Travis Binckley, Chief Jeff Hussey

Guests: Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel

Roger Dunifon, 3464 Loudon St., Granville Steve Stilwell, Manager, Village of Granville Melissa Hartfield, Mayor, Village of Granville Joe Taylor, Utilities Director, Village of Granville

Larry Fruth, Water Plant Supervisor, Village of Granville

Jacqueline O'Keefe, Village Council and Granville Township Open Space Committee

Doug Wagner, Chair, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Jeff Brown, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Leonard Hubert, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Vince Paumier, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Bill Wernet, Granville Township Open Space Committee

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

Minutes of the Union Cemetery Meeting/ Energy Aggregation Meeting, May 7, 2014: Trustee Schott made a motion to approve the Union Cemetery/ Energy Aggregation Meeting minutes from May 7, 2014. Trustee Jenks seconded the motion and it was approved by an affirmative vote with Trustee Mason abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.

## Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting, May 14, 2014:

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2014, as submitted. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

## Resolutions of recognition:

Chief Hussey reported Dr. Frank Orth and Captain Russell Thompson Jr. left the Granville Township Fire Department at the end of April. Each held key positions with the Fire Department and Chief Hussey presented resolutions for Granville Township to honor each individual. Chief Hussey read the following resolution honoring Dr. Frank Orth:



### RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION Frank S. Orth, DO

WHEREAS Dr. Frank S. Orth, who resides in the Granville community, began serving the Granville Volunteer Fire Department Incorporated as Medical Director in the mid 1990's, and then subsequently served the Granville Township Fire Department as Medical Director from January 1, 2007 until April 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS Dr. Orth, has a long, distinguished career as an emergency physician in Central Ohio, and

WHEREAS Dr. Orth graciously donated his time and talents to his home community, and

WHEREAS the Granville Township Fire Department has worked closely with Dr. Orth to develop emergency medical protocols and programs for its EMTs and Paramedics, and

WHEREAS through Dr. Orth's guidance, the Granville Fire Department's EMS program has become a leader in the field of EMS in Licking County, and

WHEREAS Dr. Orth has worked in close cooperation with local partners including Licking Memorial Hospital, Denison University's Whisler Health Clinic, and many other Central Ohio hospitals, and

WHEREAS Dr. Frank Orth has substantially contributed to the health and welfare of countless Granville residents and visitors,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Granville Township Trustees wish to recognize Dr. Frank Orth for his service to Granville Township, the Granville Community as a whole, and specifically for the assistance provided to the Granville Township Fire Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Granville Township Board of Trustees wish him well in his continuing work in the emergency medical field following his retirement as Granville Medical Director and request the Township Fiscal Officer make this Resolution of Recognition a part of the minutes of their meeting on May 28, 2014.

Paul Jen	ks, Trustee
William	R. Mason, Jr., Trustee
 Melanie	Schott, Trustee

Jerry Miller, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Mason made a motion to accept the resolution honoring Dr. Frank Orth. Trustee Jenks seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chief Hussey read the following resolution honoring Captain Russell Thompson Jr.:



### RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION Russell L. Thompson, Jr.

WHEREAS Captain Russell L. Thompson has been a fulltime Granville firefighter/ paramedic and fire officer from October 3, 1989 until April 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS Captain Thompson has retired from the Granville Township Fire Department effective April 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS Captain Thompson faithfully served the residents of Granville and Licking County by responding to thousands of emergency calls throughout his career, saving countless lives and reducing suffering and loss of property, and

WHEREAS Captain Thompson demonstrated a tremendous passion for his career of firefighting and EMS that raised the standards of professionalism for the entire Fire Department, and

WHEREAS Captain Thompson took great pride in meticulously maintaining the Granville Fire Department fleet as a mechanic and fleet manager for two and a half decades, and

WHEREAS Captain Thompson tirelessly trained others in his capacity as a certified Fire Instructor, teaching all aspects of emergency response, and is considered an expert in equipment operations and agricultural rescue techniques throughout the state of Ohio, and

WHEREAS Captain Thompson demonstrated an incredible work ethic which motivated and inspired his coworkers to perform at their highest level,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Granville Township Trustees wish to recognize and thank Captain Russell L. Thompson Jr. for his service to The Granville Township Fire Department and the entire Granville Community for an amazing career that touched many lives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Granville Township Board of Trustees wish him well in his retirement from The Granville Township Fire Department and request the Township Fiscal Officer make this Resolution of Recognition a part of the minutes of their meeting on May 28, 2014.

	Paul Jenks, Trustee
	William R. Mason, Jr., Truste
	Melanie Schott, Trustee
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Jerry Miller, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Jenks made a motion to accept the resolution honoring Captain Russell Thompson Jr. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chief Hussey reported a public dinner honoring Captain Thompson is being planned for some time in July. Trustee Jenks advised Chief Hussey the Trustees would like to be part of anything for Captain Thompson.

## **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

## Village Lime Lagoon Presentation:

Trustee Mason introduced Steve Stilwell, Manager, Village of Granville, and Melissa Hartfield, Mayor, Village of Granville. Trustee Mason reported he, Mr. Stilwell, and Granville School Superintendent Jeff Brown have been meeting monthly to explore additional ways the Village, Township, and School District may work more cooperatively. Trustee Mason reported the Village needs an area for lime sludge resulting from the Village's water treatment plant. Trustee Mason advised Mr. Stillwell and other Village employees are present to explain the situation and what is needed. Trustee Mason reported there has been some discussion concerning Township property near the Township garage. Mr. Stilwell will present information concerning how large an area is needed and what would occur.

Mayor Hartfield thanked the Trustees for allowing the Village to speak and for considering the Village's request. Trustee Mason commented with more discussion, the more likely there will be a resolution to the problem.

Mr. Stilwell introduced Joe Taylor, Utilities Director, Village of Granville and Larry Fruth, Water Plant Supervisor, Village of Granville. Mr. Stilwell provided background concerning lime usage at the water plant, and presented several documents and maps to the Trustees. Mr. Stilwell explained the Village provides water to Village residents, some Township residents, Alexandria, Owens Corning, Kendal, etc. Mr. Stilwell explained water is taken from the ground, and is high quality. The plant process improves the water quality and lime is used as a water softener. Mr. Stilwell reported for many years lime byproducts have been put on the shores of Raccoon Creek to dry, and then later taken by farmers who use it on their land. Mr. Stilwell stressed the lime byproduct is not harmful to the environment and is good for fields.

Mr. Stilwell reported the EPA and ODNR have advised the Village they need to cease putting the lime on the shore of Raccoon Creek to dry because it is in the flood plain. The Village, therefore, needs to locate a place to transport liquid lime to lagoons. One lagoon would be used for five years, and then the Village would switch to the other. One lagoon would dry out while the other is being used. When the lime is dry, it will be taken away.

Mr. Stilwell reported the Village previously tried to obtain permission to put the lagoons on Village property, but permission was denied by the Ohio EPA. Mr. Stilwell provided the

Trustees with a fact sheet about the lagoons, including a map of the water treatment plant, outlines, etc.

Mr. Stilwell indicated the Village does not expect an answer tonight, but wanted to let the Township know the Village's needs to see if there is a way the Township and Village can work together. Trustee Jenks commented on the map of the Township property near the Township garage and advised Mr. Stilwell there are portions which are green space protected. There was discussion concerning what portion is protected and what is unprotected.

There was further discussion concerning what is currently being done with the lime byproduct. Mr. Stilwell reported the Village's cost to handle the lime went from \$7,000 per year to \$45,000 per year. Trustee Mason stated the problem is the current temporary bunker is located in the flood plain.

FO Miller reported originally 49 acres were purchased with General Fund dollars. Part was sold to Kendal and another part was used to build the Township Service Complex. There was further discussion concerning the acreage of the property.

Trustee Schott questioned if any other areas are currently being considered for the lagoons. Mr. Stilwell reported the Village has been looking for over a year and worked with a realtor who is looking for possible locations. Mr. Stilwell stated the challenge is the lagoons cannot be in a flood plain, has to be 10 acres, and has to be within a certain distance from the water treatment plant.

Trustee Jenks commented closer to the plant is better. The distance the lime could be pumped, and the dimensions of the lagoons were discussed. Mr. Stilwell reported on other locations which were reviewed by the Village and why they were not acceptable.

Trustee Schott questioned a ditch/creek on the map. Mr. Stilwell reported the ditch/creek only flows part of the year. Mr. Stilwell commented if regulations allow, the lime slurry will go to the lagoon, settle to the bottom, and the top water will flow off into a ditch and go into the creek. The top water would be clean. The pH will be slightly higher, but can be put into the creek. It is not dangerous to the environment.

Mr. Stilwell advised Mr. Fruth and Mr. Taylor are available to answer operation questions.

FO Miller questioned if the Village has a deadline. Mr. Stilwell reported the Village is not paying fines, as it keeps moving forward and is in the process of identifying a location. Mr. Stilwell described how the lagoons would be landscaped, and how they would look from the road. Mr. Stilwell commented there would not be an odor, and the lagoons would look like a blue pond or white field.

Trustee Schott questioned what would need done to the existing location, and Trustee Jenks questioned whether the Village wanted to buy or to have a long term lease for the property. Trustee Jenks suggested as the Village is making an infrastructure investment; it would likely

want to own the property. Mr. Stilwell replied ownership would make the agencies involved more comfortable.

Trustee Schott questioned if there are any areas being looked at which are further from the road. Trustee Jenks reported he has spent time reviewing the issue with Trustee Mason and Mr. Stilwell. Trustee Jenks opined areas in the flood plain are removed, only areas large enough are reviewed, only areas within pumping distance are reviewed, and finding a location is difficult. There was further discussion concerning pumping distance. The possible pumping distance is three miles. The location being discussed is closer. The elevation of the Township location is also approximately the same as the water treatment plant which is beneficial. Pumping the slurry up hill has an easy way of returning water to the river. Mr. Stilwell reported he understands the challenges to the Township, but the property near the Township garage is a perfect location for the lagoons.

Trustee Schott reported there have been other possible uses discussed for the land in question.

Trustee Mason reported the Township will take the matter under advisement. Trustee Jenks thanked the Village employees for coming. Trustee Jenks reported alternatives such as mechanical dryers for the lime have been reviewed, but mechanical dryers are expensive and costly to operate and maintain.

Trustee Schott questioned if there was discussion with the School District concerning any possible locations which belong to the School District. Mr. Stilwell responded there have not yet been any discussions with the School District. There was further discussion concerning how the location being discussed was chosen.

## <u>Correspondence Received or Sent:</u>

### Rotary Bridge:

FO Miller reported the necessary documents for district five concerning the Rotary Bridge were delivered on May 19, 2014.

#### License Plate Taxes:

FO Miller reported he received an e-mail from James Snedder Jr. Mr. Snedder is a veteran and requested county entities propose resolutions to remove license plate taxes they receive for veterans. FO Miller read Mr. Snedder's e-mail to the Trustees.

To all Licking County's Cities, Villages, Townships and Licking County Commissioner's:

may 13, 2014

I am requesting that each of these County entities to purpose a resolution to remove their portion of license plate tax for all combat veterans that have related handicaps that were created while in a combat action zone and is being support by a VA pension.

Isn't it time for the local communities to support these Vets by removing this local tax. Those who have Purple Hearts are already recognized by the State of Ohio for free license plates.

Now it time for the people in these local entities to show support for their Hometown Veterans'.

I am asking any Veteran and those who have supported the troops to deliver a copy of this message to their local Mayors and Township Trustees. I will supply our County Commissioners with a copy of this issue.

That's my View and Support James Snedden Jr.

FO Miller noted a portion of license plate taxes are received by Townships. Trustee Jenks questioned if there is a mechanism to eliminate the Township's portion of the tax. It was discussed this may not be possible. There was further discussion concerning the license plate taxes and how they are collected. Trustee Jenks discussed the Township may not be able to say it is forfeiting it's portion of the taxes for a certain group as the people collecting the taxes may not have a way to accomplish this.

FO Miller will check with County Auditor Mike Smith's office to see if there is even a way to stop collection of the Township's portion of the license plate taxes for a certain group.

## Lots from Union Township to Granville Township:

FO Miller reported he received notice from the Licking County Commissioners the 13 lots which were located in Union Township and are part of the Village of Granville are now officially part of Granville Township as of May 22, 2014. Trustee Jenks reported he provided Judy Preston with this information. The taxes will be effective January, 2015.

## **Liquor Control Fees:**

FO Miller reported he forwarded liquor control licenses/fees information for 2014 to the Trustees. FO Miller noted as the Village annexes areas of the Township, some of these businesses will no longer be part of the Township and their licenses fees will no longer go to the Township's general fund.

## Licking County Planning Commission Meeting:

FO Miller reported he received a notice from the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) concerning two public hearings concerning: a text amendment 4.2: Loop Cul-De-Sacs and Roundabouts; Section 11.31: Fire Protection; Appendix XI: County Roadway Classifications List and Appendix XII: Road Classification Map of *Subdivision, Land Division, Development and Congestion Prevention Regulations for Licking County, Ohio.* 

The LCPC is conducting a public hearing at 7:00 pm on June 23, 2014 and the Licking County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 10:30 am.

FO Miller reported this information was forwarded to the Trustees and Superintendent Binckley.

Trustee Schott questioned if she should attend the meeting. Superintendent Binckley stated the reason the information was sent to the Township was due to the road classification portion. SR 161 - Old Worthington Rd., is being converted to a County road.

There was discussion concerning the use of roundabouts. Trustee Jenks reported he grew up with roundabouts and is in favor of them. Trustee Jenks commented roundabouts are more efficient. Trustee Mason commented roundabouts take up less land. Trustee Jenks discussed roundabouts take up more land, but provide a 30 plus % energy savings as less time is spent waiting at the intersection and a roundabout is the most efficient way to move traffic. Trustee Mason reported he read an article which stated roundabouts use less land. There was further discussion concerning the issue. The Trustees agreed they support roundabouts. Trustee Jenks requested Trustee Schott go to the LCPC meeting and voice the Township's support of roundabouts. Trustee Jenks concluded roundabouts are easier and less expensive to maintain as they do not have light bulbs to change.

FO Miller commented Warren May previously was requested to attend some LCPC meetings. The Trustees requested Zoning Inspector Binckley also attends the LCPC meeting. FO Miller questioned whether it is more difficult to plow a roundabout and Superintendent Binckley reported they are more difficult to plow, but the crews can clear them.

# **Elected Official Reports:**

#### FO Miller:

FO Miller reported he just learned there is a notice which must be given to all Township employees within 30days of their hiring. The notice advises the employees on how they can report fraud and provides access the State of Ohio's Fraud Reporting Site. FO Miller reported he would like to add this notice to the employees' personnel manual, as all newly hired employees acknowledge receipt of the Township's personnel manual.

FO Miller reported he will have APA Lecklider approve the notice before it is added to the manual and distributed to the employees. Trustee Schott questioned whether the notice will be given to existing employees, and FO Miller reported it will. Trustee Jenks stated if the notice is added to the manual, all new employees will sign when they are hired. Trustee Jenks stated all current employees will sign they are aware of the Fraud Reporting System.

Trustee Mason made a motion to change the Granville Township personnel manual and add the Fraud Reporting Notice. Trustee Jenks seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

FO Miller reported he attended the Union Cemetery meeting on May 7, 2014. The Township budgeted \$5,000 in matching funds for the Union Cemetery. FO Miller reported he checked with Village Finance Director Carrie Kraner, and \$5,000 for Union Cemetery has been added to the Village's budget. FO Miller contacted Jim Patin and requested invoices be sent to the Village and the Township. FO Miller will make the payment when the invoice is received.

FO Miller reported he met with Jason Carr of Wilson, Shannon, and Snow, concerning the 2012-2013 Township Audit. The Audit has been forwarded to the Ohio State Auditor's Office for review.

#### Financial Matters:

## Amended Certificate and Revised Revenue and Appropriation Amounts:

FO Miller presented and explained the following appropriations transfers to the Trustees. FO Miller reported one of the transfers was for a tree removed from Spring Valley Park near 28 Sunset Dr. FO Miller requested permission to transfer the money from the Parks Department fund to an account to pay the \$500 cost. Trustee Jenks noted the tree was in the Spring Valley Park.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to approve transferring \$500 from the Parks Department Fund and to pay the \$500 cost for the tree removal. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote with no further discussion.

FO Miller reported the Licking County Auditor's Office requested repayment of some inheritance tax money which was previously paid to the Township. The money was owed due to a legal ruling in favor of the deceased family. The Auditor's Office had planned to debt the Township's 1<sup>st</sup> half tax settlement, but the general fund's portion did not have enough revenue to repay the debt. FO Miller requested permission to move money from the general fund carryover line item to another general fund line item to be able to write the check to the Auditor's Office for \$2,861.61.

Trustee Schott made a motion to allow movement of \$2,861.61 from the general fund carryover line item to repay the inheritance tax to the Licking County Auditor. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

FO Miller reported he was notified by the Knox County Auditor's Office that Granville Township will receive some inheritance tax from a property partly in Morgan County and partly in Granville Township. FO Miller reported Knox County advised the amount should be over \$10,000 and is expected to arrive later in the year.

FO Miller also provided a list of the warrants and payroll checks previously issued. FO Miller requested approval for the warrants, withholding vouchers, debit memos, and EFT's which were issued.

On a motion by Trustee Schott and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, withholding vouchers, debit memos, EFT's and if applicable, then and now purchase order certificates were approved for payment and processing:

## GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY

# Payment Listing

5/10/2014 to 5/28/2014

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Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Туре	Vendor / Payee	Amount	
505-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Joseph C Asselin	\$862.42	
506-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Susan A Bain	\$238.75	
507-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Thomas M Barnhill	\$282.03	
508-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Christopher M Bassetti	\$304.88	
509-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Andrew R Baughman	\$1,176.32	
510-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	B. Travis Binckley	\$2,137.52	
511-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Charles D. Borden	\$1,111.11	
512-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Thomas A. Bowman	\$1,656.24	
513-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Tyler J. Bryan	\$1,096.10	
514-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Joshua M Butt	\$900.41	
515-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Derwin R Clemens	\$1,513.66	
516-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Gregory S. Coyle	\$119.37	
517-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Casey R. Curtis	\$1,993.35	
518-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Drew T DeSimone	\$317.45	
519-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Paul J. DuBeck III	\$108.83	
520-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	C. Michael Duncan	\$241.95	
521-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Troy A Elmore	\$243.70	
522-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Bradley D Essick	\$2,229.72	
523-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Robert M Glaze	\$394.67	
524-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Adam C Gottfried	\$535.07	
525-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Elizabeth G Hampton	\$155.30	
526-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Joshua B. Harrison	\$384.87	
527-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Kevin M Henry	\$668.98	
528-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Brianne M Hill	\$1,552.18	
529-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Jeff A Hussey	\$2,603.98	
530-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Paul R. Jenks	\$1,356.46	
531-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Aaron C. Jones	\$240.58	
532-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Brian P. Jones	\$137.21	
533-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Colton D Kreager	\$702.29	
534-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Bradley A. Leckrone	\$408.35	
535-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Terry L. Lynn Jr	\$225.93	
536-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	William R. Mason Jr.	\$1,237.90	
537-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Warren J. May	\$1,321.42	
538-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Ralph R Meisenhelder	\$660.05	
539-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Troy A Melick	\$393.45	
540-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Daniel J Meroer	\$295.01	
541-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Jerry A Miller	\$1,752.21	
542-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Tyler S Poe	\$146.40	
543-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Brandon T. Reece	\$1,310.37	
544-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Steve L. Riley Jr.	\$296.66	
545-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Andrew T. Saunders	\$1,201.28	
546-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Melanie J Schott	\$1,249.41	
547-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Douglas W. Smith	\$593.89	
548-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Scott M Smith	\$417.83	
549-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Seth W Teagle	\$522.03	
550-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP	Michael J Theisen	\$708.33	

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Туре	Type Vendor / Payee	
551-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EP Jarrad P Tracy		\$137.75
553-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EW Park National Bank-IRS (Fed, Med & SS w/h)		\$6,955.29
554-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EW OCSPay Center-Knox Cty 7085726383		\$885.76
555-2014	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	EW Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.		\$1,547.00
556-2014	05/23/2014	05/21/2014	EW	Ohio Department of Taxation	\$3,090.28
557-2014	05/23/2014	05/21/2014	EW	School District Income Tax	\$196.56
558-2014	05/23/2014	05/21/2014	EW	Village of Granville - Income Tax Dept	\$1,473.91
559-2014	05/23/2014	05/21/2014	EW	AFLAC	\$761.34
10007	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$1,835.37
10008	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Elan Financial Services - f/k/a PNB VISA	\$1,375.69
10009	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	ELM Recycling LLC	\$1,082.00
10010	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	\$269.15
10011	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	GovDeals, Inc.	\$4,500.00
10012	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Granville Milling Company	\$434.80
10013	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Hope Timber Garden Center Ltd	\$185.00
10014	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Jae's Towing & Recovery	\$1,714.68
10015	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	KE-WA-PA Inc.	\$303.37
10016	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Medical Mutual of Ohio	\$12,363.41
10017	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Newspaper Network of Central Ohio	\$231.00
10018	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Ohio Health Consortium Inc	\$64.00
10019	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Ohio Health/Behavior Health	\$175.00
10020	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Ohio Public Entity Consortium	\$176.00
10021	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Osburn Associates Inc	\$1,230.10
10022	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Paumier Medical Management Group Inc	\$2,125.72
10023	05/19/2014	05/14/2014	AW	Springfield Auto Supply Inc	\$304.38
10024	05/19/2014	05/19/2014	AW	Pinkerton Real Estate Services	\$71.50
10025	05/19/2014	05/19/2014	AW	Reese, Pyle, Drake & Meyer	\$9,320.00
10026	05/23/2014	05/20/2014	WH	Park National Bank - G Twp FSA W/H	\$732.28
10027	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Alpha Link	\$47.50
10028	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Dish Network	\$60.20
10029	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	\$10,035.00
10030	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Granville Lumber	\$23.96
10031	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Hope Timber Garden Center Ltd	\$425.50
10032	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Janet L. Packard	\$129.00
10033	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Lawson Products Inc	\$834.22
10034	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Medical Benefits Mutual	\$90.70
10035	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Mini-Mix Inc.	\$610.50
10036	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	MT Business Technologies Inc	\$56.55
10037	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	MT Business Technologies Inc	\$53.08
10038	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Physio-Control Inc	\$244.00
10039	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$540.00
10040	05/28/2014	05/27/2014	AW	Verizon Wireless	\$320.46

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 he was contacted by Don Jones who is a Chamber of Commerce representative and will be in the Village offices at 12:00 p.m. on May 29, 2014. Mr. Jones will be making a presentation concerning the "Granville App". There was discussion and none of the Trustees are available to attend the meeting. Trustee Schott commented Mr. Jones should inform the Trustees of his next presentation.

Trustee Jenks advised everything else he has to report is covered later in the agenda.

### Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason reported the Memorial Day ceremony went well and was well received. Trustee Mason reported it was a pleasure to take part in the ceremony and to represent the Township. Trustee Jenks reported he has heard many positive comments concerning the ceremony.

Trustee Mason advised everything else he has to report is covered elsewhere in the agenda.

### Trustee Schott:

Trustee Schott reported on May 19, 2014, she attended the public hearing at the Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission made a recommendation to the Township Trustees concerning lots of record under five acres. This will be covered later in the agenda.

Trustee Schott reported she attended the Newark Granville Community Authority (NGCA) meeting on May 22, 2014. The NGCA voted two resolutions and Trustee Schott provided copies of the resolutions and the NGCA budget to the Trustees. Trustee Schott reported the NGCA will be using their money for a boiler system for the schools.

Trustee Schott reported she attended the NPDES meeting concerning soil and water on May 27, 2014. Superintendent Binckley also attended the NPDES meeting. Trustee Schott reported some things did come up in the meeting. Trustee Schott reported there was an update on an upcoming audit. The NPDES will let the Township know where they fall short or need to provide additional information. Trustee Schott reported the Township is in a small MS-4 area. Superintendent Binckley reported the audit concerns the MS-4 report and a copy of the report will be added to the Township's website.

Trustee Schott reported she and Superintendent Binckley will be checking into some items which other communities are doing such as working with the Department of Agriculture. Superintendent Binckley reported he contacted the Department of Agriculture today concerning the commercial applicator's licenses for applying pesticides and herbicides. Superintendent Binckley reported the Township operates under some laws concerning the application of pesticides and herbicides. Superintendent Binckley reported he received an application. There was further discussion concerning this issue. Trustee Schott reported the Township does not administer many of the herbicides or pesticides, but any amount should be done with a permit.

Trustee Schott reported the NPDES will meet quarterly.

Trustee Schott reported she attended the Union Cemetery Audit findings meeting conducted by Jason Carr from Wilson, Shannon, and Snow. Trustee Schott advised she has a copy of the audit report if anyone would like to review it.

Trustee Schott noted there was one adverse note regarding cash accrual accounting instead of managerial accounting. Trustee Schott reported many Townships have the same issue. The Cemetery Board was concerned, but Mr. Carr advised them this will not hurt them in obtaining fundraising money.

Trustee Schott reported everything else she has to report will be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

## **Roads District:**

## Superintendent's Report:

Mowing:

Superintendent Binckley reported the crews began mowing the north side of the Township.

# Repair - Brecon Circle:

Superintendent Binckley reported earlier repairs to fix plow damage on Brecon Circle had to be redone, as heavy rains had washed away the seed.

# Spraying:

Superintendent Binckley reported the Township began spraying and weeding around guardrails and signs.

## Drainage:

Superintendent Binckley reported calls were received regarding drainage after the recent heavy rains. Superintendent Binckley reported most calls were in the Knoll Dr. area. Superintendent Binckley stated every 3-4 years there are issues in this area as the clay tiles which were installed in the 1950s fail. Superintendent Binckley indicated extra water may be needed from the Fire Department for flushing. Superintendent Binckley suggested the problems may be due to oversaturation caused by the recent heavy rains.

#### **ROW Permit:**

Superintendent Binckley reported he received a right of way (ROW) permit application from Consumer Gas Coop. They would like to install 6 inch plastic gas line on Burg St. to tie into an existing line. Tracey McVeigh is the contact. Superintendent Binckley provided maps to the Trustees. Superintendent Binckley showed the location of the line on the Township map.

Superintendent Binckley stated he previously reported on working with ODOT and the County Engineer's Office concerning signage to increase safety and awareness on some dangerous curves, etc. Superintendent Binckley announced the Township is attempting to receive a grant for signs on the dangerous roads. Superintendent Binckley reported he will attend a meeting with ODOT, the Licking County Engineer's Office, and one other Township concerning the issue on May 29, 2014.

Trustee Jenks questioned if the project includes County roads such as Welsh Hills Rd. Superintendent Binckley advised County roads will be included in the County's signage project in which Granville Township has been invited to participate. The goal is to obtain a grant for the signs, and the Township would only need to supply labor.

# Cemetery Department:

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Binckley reported the crews have been mowing, mulching, and completed the preparations for Memorial Day. Trustee Mason commented the cemetery looked great.

Superintendent Binckley reported the Fannin's will be in town June 4 - 26, to repair headstones. Superintendent Binckley reported the Township will be bringing mulch and sand to the Old Colony Cemetery. Trustee Schott reported a workday is scheduled on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Parks:

Superintendent Binckley reported he received a request from the Granville Recreation District (GRD) to roll the soccer fields. Superintendent Binckley indicated the request was received two weeks prior, but the crews first had to finish preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day. The fields have now been rolled.

### Fire Department:

# Chief's Report:

Denison:

Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department provided coverage for the Denison graduation ceremony. This was primarily done by volunteers.

Chief Hussey reported he attended the Denison quarterly town and gown meeting which had good information.

## Training/ Meetings:

Chief Hussey reported Volunteer Mason Wilkins graduated from Fire Fighter Academy training. He successfully completed 330 hours of training and gave a great speech at the graduation.

Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department hosted a Village staff meeting. It was nice to have the Village staff see the Fire Station facilities.

Chief Hussey reported he was asked by Adult Protective Services of Licking County to join an interdiction group for endangered adults as a Fire and EMS representative. The group will meet monthly and will conduct phone conversations concerning reporting. Chief Hussey requested guidance from the Trustees concerning his participation with the interdiction group.

Trustee Mason questioned how much time the group will require? Chief Hussey reported the group will meet for an hour once per month and have some additional responsibilities.

Trustee Schott questioned the period of time for the commitment. Chief Hussey responded it would be for one year.

Trustee Jenks suggested Chief Hussey participate in the interdiction group for a one year period and if it consumes too much time not participate the following year. Trustees Mason and Schott agreed. Chief Hussey commented the request was a result of incidents which were handled locally.

## Personnel:

Chief Hussey reported he received a leave of absence request from a PEAK time Firefighter, Mike Tyson, who is leaving to work full time in Delaware. Chief Hussey reported he is working on a replacement for Firefighter Tyson. Firefighter Tyson will return to an intermittent position at a later date.

Chief Hussey reported due to Captain Thompson's retirement, there is a vacant Captain position in the Fire Department. There are three lieutenants, one of whom is on probation and is not eligible for promotion. Chief Hussey reported the clear candidate for the captain position is Lt. Casey Curtis. Lt. Curtis was hired in 2007 and previously worked in other Townships. Lt. Curtis also was a volunteer for the Township Fire Department. Chief Hussey recommended Lt. Curtis be promoted to Captain. Chief Hussey reported there is not a pay change between the positions. Chief Hussey commented this may want to be discussed at a later time as most fire departments pay a differential for the higher ranks. Chief Hussey reported Lt. Curtis is one of only four fire executive graduates in Licking County, has his associate's degree in fire science, and a bachelor's degree in public administration. Chief Hussey reported Lt. Curtis has been a great employee and is deserving of the promotion.

Trustee Mason made a motion to accept Chief Hussey's recommendation to promote Lt. Curtis to the rank of Captain. Trustee Jenks questioned whether any action was required concerning Mike Tyson. Chief Hussey reported Firefighter Tyson is just requesting a leave of absence and will be returning as an intermittent employee. Trustee Schott questioned whether anyone else who was a candidate for the promotion was an Ohio Executive graduate. Chief Hussey reported there was one other candidate and he did not have any higher education or professional training. Chief Hussey reported this has been discussed with the management staff and there was consensus concerning the recommendation. Trustee Schott seconded the motion to promote Lt. Curtis to the rank of Captain and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chief Hussey reported he will invite Lt. Curtis' family and friends to a swearing in ceremony at the next Trustee meeting.

## Land Management/ Open Space:

Wolfe Property Status:

Trustee Jenks reported the items which needed received concerning the Wolfe property have been received and were recorded May 28, 2014. Trustee Jenks reported the property will be ready to be closed upon when FO Miller returns from vacation. Trustee Jenks reported the Township will write a check to the Wolfe's, and then will be reimbursed by the federal program. Trustee Jenks reported Matt Harbage was contacted by Steve Layman and Mr. Harbage is in agreement with what was done and confirmed the Township will be reimbursed.

Trustee Jenks reported the delay has been with the company employed by the title company to review liens on titles. Trustee Jenks noted the company is being sued in Pennsylvania for tardiness in clearing liens.

Trustee Jenks advised FO Miller to contact Steve Layman when he returns from vacation to arrange for the closing. Trustee Schott questioned if there was any action required on the part of the Trustees. Trustee Jenks advised the Trustees previously took all required action and have been waiting on clear title.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP):

Trustee Jenks reported the FRPP replacement program, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), is more difficult, has 50% of the FRPP funds, has an onerous application system, and only has one window scheduled for this year's applications. There may also only be one window scheduled next year for applications.

Trustee Jenks reported Matt Harbage has done a nice job for his constituents in Ohio. Trustee Jenks stated Mr. Layman reported Mr. Harbage filled out a sample ACEP application in a training webinar in which Mr. Layman participated. Trustee Jenks reported Granville Township will be submitting its application to participate in the ACEP. Trustee Jenks reported Granville Township will also be submitting an application for a property which the Township has been discussing. This property will be the only application submitted by Granville Township this year. Trustee Jenks advised the Township will be competing with others for the ACEP funds.

Trustee Jenks reported a resolution by the Trustees is required to authorize him to sign the ACEP application on behalf of the Township. Trustee Jenks indicated normally FO Miller would be the person authorized to sign on behalf of the Township, but the application is due next week and FO Miller will be out of town.

Trustee Jenks made a motion the Trustees authorize him to sign the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) application on behalf of Granville Township. Trustee Jenks reported he will sign the ACEP application and forward it to Mr. Layman. Mr. Layman will deliver the application to Mr. Harbage. Trustee Schott seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Jenks advised FO Miller the Township needs to send something proving Trustee Jenks had the authority to sign the ACEP application. Trustee Jenks discussed normally a copy of the minutes would be sent, but they will not be approved until the next Trustee meeting. Trustee Jenks questioned if a letter from FO Miller would be sufficient. FO Miller advised he would enclose the portion of the minutes which gave Trustee Jenks authorization to sign the ACEP

application on behalf of the Township. Trustee Jenks will attach this information to the application.

Trustee Jenks noted ACEP will fund up to 50% of an open space easement. It will be more difficult to be selected for the program as the application process is more difficult, and there will be more people vying for fewer funds.

## **Zoning:**

## Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer:

Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley reported at the previous Trustee meeting a resolution was passed declaring a vehicle left in a parking lot at 1771 Columbus Rd. a junk motor vehicle. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley sent a letter by certified mail and hand delivered a copy to the person to which the vehicle was registered. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley reported the fourteen day waiting period for the owner to remove the car will be over tomorrow. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley recommended the owners be given the additional weekend, but also recommend the Trustees order the removal of the vehicle on Monday, June 2, 2014, if it is not removed by the owners prior to that date.

Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley reported APA Lecklider will draft a letter. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley requested the Trustees give someone power to sign the letter.

Trustee Jenks reported there is a scrap yard which will remove the vehicle at no charge. Trustee Jenks agreed the Township should wait until next week in case the owner removes the vehicle, but if not would like the authority to remove the vehicle, and the authority to sign the letter ordering the removal of the vehicle. Trustee Jenks advised he did receive a complaint from Park Shai, the real estate agent for the property.

Trustee Mason made a motion the Township create the letter advised by APA Lecklider and he be authorized to sign the letter next week and order the removal of the vehicle from 1771 Columbus Road. Trustee Schott seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

## **Zoning Commission:**

Trustee Schott reported the Trustees' public hearing concerning the amendment to the Zoning Resolution will be held on June 11, 2014. FO Miller advised this will be advertised in the May 29<sup>th</sup> Granville Sentinel.

Trustee Schott reported the Zoning Commission held a public hearing on May 19, 2014, to review a proposed adoption of language to section 403 of the Township Zoning Resolution. Trustee Schott reported after the meeting, some of Roger Dunifon's comments were shared with Trustee Jenks. Trustee Schott commented some of the proposed language is unclear. Trustee Schott stated the Trustees have the ability to modify the language. Trustee Schott provided copies of language the Trustees have proposed to Mr. Dunifon. There was discussion concerning the language proposed by the Trustees.

Trustee Schott requested the Trustees look over the proposed language to clarify what the Zoning Commission proposed. Trustee Schott reported she spoke to APA Lecklider who does not believe the language is necessary as the intent is already in place. Trustee Schott commented APA Lecklider advised if the Trustees are more comfortable with the clarification and does not make a change, it may be added.

Trustee Mason stated he feels strongly the additional language is necessary to avoid having the confusion again. There was further discussion concerning the additional language.

FO Miller commented any changes need to be discussed at the Trustees' public hearing. Trustee Schott reported APA Lecklider encouraged her to bring the additional language prior to the public hearing, but it will need to be discussed at the public hearing and a decision may not be made tonight.

Trustee Jenks questioned what the protocol for the amendment will be. It was discussed the public hearing will be held on June 11, 2014, and any changes can be made at that time. Trustee Jenks questioned if there was a waiting period after the changes are made. Trustee Schott advised there is a 30 day referendum period. Trustee Jenks advised it is instead a 30 day waiting period.

FO Miller advised it is a referendum period and a percentage of voters from the previous election may appeal. Trustee Schott will check to find out if the 30 days period is a waiting period or referendum period.

FO Miller reported he will advertise the proposed change provided by the Zoning Commission at the public library. FO Miller questioned if the Trustees' proposed change should also be at the public library. Trustee Jenks advised the Trustees' changes do not need included in any notification as no action has been taken.

Mr. Dunifon made a correction to the proposed changes.

Trustee Schott reported she received clarification from APA Lecklider if the Trustees modify the proposed language, it does not need to return to the Township Zoning Commission or to the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC).

Zoning Appeal Board (ZBA):

Trustee Schott reported the ZBA has not met.

#### **Old Business:**

Rotary Bridge Project-status

Trustee Jenks reported there is not anything new regarding the Rotary Bridge Project. FO Miller reported he delivered a second set of documents on Monday, May 19, 2014. The project will be bid.

## Energy Aggregation:

Trustee Schott reported the energy aggregation is still on the agenda due to an e-mail received from Mollie Prasher. Ms. Prasher is checking with some companies to see if there are any other offers for group pricing. Trustee Schott reported energy aggregation may be removed from the agenda.

# Clean-Up/Fix-Up Week:

Trustee Jenks reported he agreed to talk to Big O to see if the Township could have a program similar to the Village's program. Trustee Jenks reported Big O is willing to do this. Trustee Jenks suggested all the Township needs to do is decide it wants to do what the Village is doing.

FO Miller noted the Township's contract with Big O is due for renewal next February. Any changes the Township wants may be put in the contract in February.

## Explore Granville App:

Trustee Jenks reported Mr. Jones wants to present information concerning the Explore Granville App.

## New Business:

## Open Space Fund Report:

FO Miller presented handouts to the Trustees and meeting guests concerning the Granville Township Open Space Fund. The handouts summarized the Open Space Fund revenues, expenditures and balances. The handout provided actual figures from 2006-2013 and projected amounts for 2014-2018. Additionally FO distributed a handout which listed the properties which have been purchased with Open Space Funds. FO Miller explained the information contained in the handouts.

### Granville Township Open Space Fund Summary Recap (Actual 2006-2013) Projected (2014-2018)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Revenue	1,142,727.47	1,137,672.85	1,125,616.82	1,052,780.38	1,056,132.32	1,058,714.95	1,027,462.38	1,067,198.81	1,050,854.00	1,040,000.00	305,000.00	305,000.00	20.000.00
Expenditures	(778,746.18)	(447,801.14)	(157,859.86)	(2,416,153.32)	(1,676,969.81)	(358,167.06)	(126,916.05)	(52,601.31)	(2,798,834.20)	(577,103.10)	(580,957.80)	(565,163.00)	(567,763.00)
Net	363,981,29	689,871.71	967,756.96	(1,363,372.94)	(620,827.49)	700,547.89	900,546.33	1,014,597.50	(1,747,980.20)	462,896.90	(275,957.80)	(260,163.00)	(547,763.00)
Beginning balance 1/1	2,521,989.65	2,885,970.94	3,575,842.65	4,543,599.61	3,180,226.67	2,559,399.18	3,259,947.07	4,160,493.40	5,175,090.90	3,427,110.70	3,890,007.60	3.614,049.80	3,353,896.80
Ending balance 12/31	2,885,970.94	3,575,842.65	4,543,599.61	3,180,226.67	2,559,399.18	3,259,947.07	4,160,493.40	5,175,090.90	3,427,110.70	3,890,007.60	3,614,049.80	3,363,886.80	2,806,123.80

Actual figures 2006 - 2013

2012 - Final payment made for White Property. All Open Space easement paid off

2014 - Estimated Expenses includes actual cost for Granville Golf Course and Wolfe Property, plus \$ 500,000 for other easements

2015-2018 - Estimated Expenses inloude \$500,000 annually for property acquisition

2.5 mil levy last collects in 2015 (\$700,000 annually)

1.0 mil levy last collects in 2017 (\$305,000 annually)

Trustee Jenks indicated if the Township is accepted into the ACEP, it will match up to 50% of the Open Space Funds spent by the Township.

FO Miller reported the 2.5 mil levy will last collect in 2015. This levy brings in \$700,000 each year. FO Miller reported the 1.0 mil levy last collects in 2017. This levy brings in \$305,000 each year.

Trustee Jenks opened up the discussion concerning the financial component of the Open Space Fund to include the Granville Township Open Space Committee. Trustee Jenks reported there will be an executive session concerning a possible open space acquisition and a discussion with the Open Space Committee of possible future properties. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees wanted the Open Space Committee to see the finances for the Open Space Fund to know where the Township currently is, and where it could be in the future.

Jackie O'Keefe, Granville Township Open Space Committee, questioned how FO Miller arrived at the \$500,000 amounts for 2015, 2016, and 2017. Trustee Jenks advised the amount was a guess based on properties the Township is purchasing or thinking of purchasing. The \$500,000 is based on the assumption the Township will spend \$1,000,000 per year and receive half from the government. Trustee Schott questioned if it was an average of what was previously spent.

FO Miller reported he looked at what was spent from 2006-2013 and determined it was approximately \$750,000 per year. This was without the federal program.

Trustee Jenks advised if a property which is purchased is not a farm property; it will not be eligible for the federal program. Trustee Jenks stated the new federal program has half the money, a more difficult application process, and will be more competitive. Trustee Jenks advised any of the information on the handouts for 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 is an estimate. There was further discussion concerning the new federal program.

Doug Wagner, Granville Township Open Space Committee, questioned if the conditions for the program would be more or less agreeable, and Trustee Jenks advised they are less agreeable and are more challenging. Trustee Jenks noted the action taken earlier in the meeting for Granville Township to apply to participate in the new federal program. Trustee Jenks reported Pat Deering with Licking County Soil and Water is trying to get five properties into the program and acceptance will be very competitive. Trustee Jenks reported everyone is comfortable Granville Township will have its application in on time. Trustee Jenks reported one application must be completed by the land owner, and another application must be completed by the Township to participate in the program. There was further discussion concerning the application process.

Trustee Jenks reported Steve Layman feels comfortable Granville Township will qualify for the new program. Trustee Jenks reported Mr. Layman indicated if Ohio receives a great number of applications, and other states are confused, Ohio will be able to receive a greater share of the funds. Matt Harbage, the Ohio contact for the program worked hard to have everyone trained.

Bill Wernet, Granville Township Open Space Committee, opined on the Township's estimate of receiving \$500,000 from the ACEP and questioned how long this money was guaranteed to be in the federal budget.

Leonard Hubert, Granville Township Open Space Committee, reported the ACEP funds were included as part of the recent Federal Farm Bill, which is authorized for five years.

Trustee Schott questioned if the rate for the ACEP would be \$450,000,000 each year for five years. Mr. Hubert reported he has not reviewed the specifics of the Farm Bill, but it typically covers administration as well as dollar amounts. Amounts are normally fixed and do not have many changes. There was further discussion concerning funding for the ACEP.

Trustee Jenks reported the FRPP was having a tough time getting people to utilize the money. Mr. Wernet reported this has changed and there are now more people trying to enter the program.

Mr. Wernet commented he was curious concerning speculation of dropping the 2.5 mil levy as the survey for the last comprehensive plan under taxes showed favor to preserve open space and green space. Mr. Wernet reported preserving open space and green space was ranked more important than the schools, parks and rec and senior services. Mr. Wernet stated he was puzzled why the Township would drop something supported by the comprehensive plan and something a large percentage of people support.

Mr. Wernet reported one of the major concerns in the comprehensive plan is the community is growing too fast. Mr. Wernet reported 76% of the residents would pay additional taxes to support the green space program. Mr. Wernet commented he is not suggesting an additional green space tax.

Trustee Jenks suggested there be two discussions. Trustee Jenks commented one discussion concerning what should be done with the green space levies, such as whether they be kept, should happen. Trustee Jenks commented the handouts provided do not anticipate the renewal of the taxes as they have not happened. The handouts show what money is left if the levies disappear either naturally or because they are voted down. Trustee Jenks advised no decision has been made concerning the future of the levies.

Mr. Wernet reported he read in the Granville Sentinel, the Trustees were proposing not to put the levies on the ballot for renewal. Trustee Jenks reported that was a misstatement. Trustee Jenks reported in a meeting he stated there were a number of issues for the Trustees to address in the out years and all the Trustees discussed the issues. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees had a financial planning meeting where the Trustees listed the issues which need to be addressed for this year and beyond. What will be done with certain levies was discussed. Trustee Jenks advised this was all that was stated.

Mr. Wernet questioned whether Trustee Jenks was stating he never told Mr. Wernet the Trustees were considering getting rid of one or more of the green space levies. Trustee Jenks commented no decision has been made concerning the green space levies.

Trustee Schott reported the Township has until August 2014, to make a decision concerning whether to have a renewal levy put on the ballot.

Trustee Jenks commented this is a discussion the Trustees will have, and the need to talk over these issues has been discussed, but no decision has been made in any public meeting. Trustee Jenks commented that issue along with a five year plan, determining priorities, etc. needs to be decided. Trustee Jenks reported the Township's five year plan is very vague as some major components have not been determined such as a firehouse, green space levy and general fund levy.

Trustee Schott commented she does not think the Township's five year plan is vague and FO Miller did a good job clarifying the Township will run out of money in the general fund within the next five years. Trustee Jenks stated the Township does not have a plan to address the issues such as running out of funds in the general fund due to the loss of the inheritance tax.

FO Miller noted the open space levy can go on the ballot this fall or it could be placed on the ballot in 2015 without there being a break in collections.

Mr. Wernet commented he misunderstood something he read. Trustee Jenks suggested the Township Trustees would not be doing their job if they did not discuss the above issues.

Mr. Wagner commented the Open Space Committee has not met to reach any consensus, but his opinion is the green space program has always sold itself and has always been supported by the residents. Mr. Wagner reported five levies have passed within the previous twelve years. Mr. Wagner advised he could appreciate discussion, but his opinion is to let the voters decide if the program stands on its virtues. Mr. Wagner stated if the voters do not see the value they will vote it down. Mr. Wagner commented he would not like to see the Trustees decide not to put the levies on the ballot as he believes people like the program, vote for it, pay for it, and it does what it is supposed to do.

Mr. Wernet commented he sells real estate in Granville Township and has met many people who respect the plan and see the value in the plan. Mr. Wernet commented the green space program prevents Granville from becoming like New Albany. Mr. Wernet commented the program benefits the Granville School District. Mr. Wernet commented the School District has problems when the amount of residential housing is increased. Mr. Wernet noted the School District already has growth coming from Union Township. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Superintendent Jeff Brown, Granville Schools, reported under the old school funding methods Mr. Wernet's notation would be accurate, but the new funding formula is tied to student population, 1-1. With increased revenue the School District becomes poorer and receives more State aid. Superintendent Brown reported when student population increases there is an increase in revenue from the State. Superintendent Brown reported it is now advantageous for the District to have a modest increase in student enrollment. Superintendent Brown reported the District currently has declining enrollment. If enrollment stabilizes and increases it would benefit the schools.

There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Trustee Schott commented she agrees there is a balance needed between growth and preservation, but believes there can also be a balance with the levy collection. Trustee Schott questioned whether when the green space program started if a life span for the program was seen.

Mr. Wagner commented he did not see the green space program as perpetual. There is a task to be done, and Mr. Wagner stated he does not think the task has been completed. Mr. Wagner suggested there are some key properties which have not been added to the program.

Trustee Schott stated the key properties should be considered before levies are placed on the ballot. Trustee Schott reported there have been some conversations with the Village concerning where growth is occurring and where areas could be secured.

Superintendent Brown questioned what year the statistics indicating what percent of the population favors the levies were obtained. Mr. Wernet responded the surveys have been done for decades and the range is always the same. Superintendent Brown asked the date of the last survey. Ms. O'Keefe reported there was a survey concerning the comprehensive plan in 2006. Mr. Wernet reported the Open Space Committee did a survey in 2008.

FO Miller commented from a financial standpoint the account has gone up and up. If the Granville Golf Course easement had not been purchased there would have been \$6,000,000 in the account at the end of 2014. FO Miller reported he is trying to show there needs to be an attempt to determine what the correct number needs to be. FO Miller stated the Township should ask what it needs to buy, weigh what the properties are, see if there will be matching federal money to determine how much money is needed to buy the properties.

Mr. Wagner commented it is nice to have the money as opposed to giving IOUs. It is nice to have cash when a property becomes available. Mr. Wagner commented he understands the Trustees goals of being fiscally conservative with tax dollars, but if the Township had not had cash for the golf course, the easement could not have been purchased. Mr. Wagner stated there are key properties which everyone could agree it would be nice to have money to purchase easements on if there are opportunities. Mr. Wagner commented the program will end someday, but there is still work which needs done. There was further discussion.

Mr. Wernet commented he does not think it is a question of one levy or another. Mr. Wernet stated there would be support for a fire levy, Township levy, etc. Mr. Wernet commented the voters should decide as they feel very strongly about the issue.

Ms. O'Keefe questioned how many of the expenditures from 2006 were subsidized by the FRPP. Fiscal Officer Miller reported the first property was this year, and is the Wolfe property. There was further discussion concerning the ACEP.

Superintendent Brown commented any time new money is sought it is a difficult environment. The recent school levy only passed by 54 votes. New levies across the State generally fail. Superintendent Brown commented some thinking has changed in the past five years.

Mr. Wernet stated letting the levy end for a year and then trying to pass it would be dangerous. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Mr. Wernet reported green space programs maintain property values. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Mr. Wagner stated he remembered Retired Fiscal Officer Kennedy discussing the costs of development such as for schools, roads and fire. Mr. Wagner discussed this further and commented it is cheaper for a community to prevent development.

Trustee Schott commented it depends on what kind of development. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Mr. Wernet suggested State funding formulas can change and if the School District builds up enrollment and the formula changes, it may have trouble. Mr. Wernet stated the problem should not be made larger. Some development is beneficial such as offices, but not residential. Mr. Wernet reported the comprehensive plan goes into detail regarding these issues.

Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees are hearing from different factions as well as the Open Space Committee. People who say the tax burden causes them to not be able to afford to live in Granville Township, people who cannot afford to move to Granville Township, and certain businesses who cannot afford to be in Granville Township. Trustee Jenks reported the national tipping point is between 2.5 % to 3.5 % of the adjusted gross income. Granville Township is at that point. Trustee Jenks suggested if people who are affluent move to Granville there will not be problems passing tax levies. Trustee Jenks commented Granville has one of the best school systems in the State of Ohio and people move to be in the School District. Trustee Jenks reported there are residents in Granville who are starting to be injured.

Mr. Wernet commented those people would be hurt if their property values are lowered. Trustee Jenks advised the Trustees are looking at everything and not one component. Trustee Jenks commented all the Township is doing is presenting facts concerning where the Township will be if some things happen. There was further discussion.

Trustee Jenks stated when the green space program was initiated there was not a one home per five acre rule. Trustee Jenks reported this rule makes a difference to limit development in the Township. Trustee Jenks noted there could be a debate concerning this issue. Mr. Wernet commented Trustee Jenks statement was incorrect and although it was not in legislation, people thought there was a five acre rule. Trustee Jenks commented people may have thought there was a five acre rule, but it is fact there was not a five acre rule. Trustee Jenks reported restricting development to five acres restricts mass development. Trustee Jenks questioned if a robust green space program is needed now as there are protections. There was further discussion concerning when the green space program and five acre rules began.

Trustee Jenks commented there needs to be a balance with support for schools, fire, people who are at a tipping point for taxes, businesses, etc. Trustee Jenks advised he will present data concerning ideas he presents.

Ms. O'Keefe commented the comprehensive plan addressed annexation threats by Heath and Newark. Trustee Jenks reported in executive session the Trustees will give information concerning properties being discussed to protect Granville Township from possible annexation. Ms. O'Keefe commented this issue will come into play concerning expenses and need for the levy. Trustee Jenks commented the Township is not at the point where it is talking about levies, it is only discussing properties. Mr. Wernet read a quote from a study in the comprehensive plan regarding greenways and economic benefits. Mr. Wernet commented this issue has been strongly supported by the public.

Trustee Mason questioned how many new builds were completed in Granville Township the last several years. Trustee Jenks reported the year he began as Trustee there were three new builds, but that was during the economic downturn. It was reported last year there were seven new builds and Granville Township does not have many new builds.

Mr. Wernet commented the key is the School District which will have an increase in new builds in Union Township and the Schools will be overwhelmed if there are also new builds in Granville Township.

Trustee Jenks reported he will listen to the Schools and not to someone else. Trustee Jenks will ask the School Board as they are the experts. Trustee Jenks noted the school's levy passage was tentative. Trustee Jenks commented the statistics concerning certain commerce and people who are over 50 and 60 tell him the Township is strained on taxes. Trustee Jenks noted this could change if the economy improves. Trustee Jenks commented he is not going to listen to third parties about schools and will listen to experts on other things. There was further discussion.

Mr. Wernet commented it was okay if Trustee Jenks did not want to listen to the voters. Trustee Jenks commented he is listening to the voters. There was further discussion. Trustee Jenks advised he and Mr. Wernet are voters and offset each other's votes. Trustee Jenks requested Mr. Wernet stop recording the meeting. There was further discussion concerning recording of the meeting and the issues. Trustee Jenks took issue with Mr. Wernet's actions and comments and indicated he was going to leave the meeting.

Trustee Schott stated no decision is being made tonight concerning the green space levy. Trustee Schott requested Trustee Jenks remain for executive session.

It was reported comprehensive plans are completed every ten years and it has been eight years since the current comprehensive plan, which took five years, was created. There was further discussion concerning the comprehensive plan.

Trustee Schott reiterated the Trustees have not made a decision concerning the open space levy.

Mr. Hubert commented as public officials they know there are times residents make statements beyond comfort levels. Mr. Hubert requested Trustee Jenks remain and deal with whatever needs dealt with.

Vince Paumier, Granville Township Open Space Committee, commented everyone is busy, but has come to the meeting.

There were no further questions concerning the financial projection information.

### **Executive Session:**

On a motion by Trustee Schott and a second by Trustee Mason, with, Jenks-Yes, Mason-Yes, and Schott-Yes, the meeting was moved into Executive Session under ORC section 122.22(G)(2) for discussion on possible property purchases at 8:30 PM. The Open Space Committee was invited to stay for the Executive Session.

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

With no further action being taken, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.

### Calendar Reminder:

- Public Hearing on Zoning Resolution Change, 06/11/14 starting at 7:00 PM
- Regular Board Meetings, 06/11/14 and 06/25/14 starting at 7:00 PM

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