

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 9, 2014

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

Department Heads: Chief Jeff Hussey

Guests: Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel

Judy Preston, Chair, Granville Township Land Management Committee

Helen Sunkle, 109 Fairview, Granville, Ohio

Jim and Linda Neuenschwander, 362 Bryn Du Drive, Granville, Ohio

Ben Rader, 130 W. Broadway, Granville, Ohio

Bill Wilken, 474 Glyn Tawel, Granville, Ohio

Ronald D. Mack, 107 Linnell Dr. Granville, Ohio

Susan and Will Kosling, 30 Rose Drive, Granville, Ohio

Ronda Saunders, 3400 Lancaster Rd. SW, Granville, Ohio

Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg St., Granville, Ohio

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

Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting, June 11, 2014:

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2014. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

FO Miller reported he came into office in January, 2012, following Norm Kennedy who served as the Granville Township Fiscal Officer for 28 years. Mr. Kennedy was aware of the potential problems which could occur with the Granville Township General Fund. In Mr. Kennedy's 2012 budget talk with the Trustees, challenges to the General Fund were discussed, including lessening support at the state level, the 2011 reduction of the local government fund, and the elimination of the inheritance tax. FO Miller reported the local government fund's annual revenue went from \$50,000 to \$21,000, and will likely continue to go down.

FO Miller stated the loss of the inheritance tax has hurt the Township the most. FO Miller indicated the Township has always depended upon revenue from the inheritance tax. FO Miller reported there also has been a reduction in what composes the General Fund. FO Miller reported the Township receives 1/10 of one mil of property tax. In 1934, a law was passed enabling local governments to tax up to 10 mils without passing a levy. Levies above 10 mils must be voted. Out of this money villages receive a certain proportion, townships receive a certain proportion, and schools receive a certain amount. Previous to 2005, the Township received 3/10 of one mil from this money, however, it was determined there was an error, and the schools were entitled to receive an extra 2/10 of a mil which reduced the Township's 3/10 of a mil, leaving only 1/10. The Township's 1/10 mil generates approximately \$30,000 annually which means \$60,000 was lost when the previous amount was reduced. This reduction, the loss of the inheritance tax, along with the reduction of the local government fund have all combined to lower the amount coming into the General Fund.

FO Miller presented a report with a summary of actual General Fund revenue and expenses from 2009 to 2013, and projected revenue and expenses from 2014 to 2018. FO Miller explained the information presented in the report. FO Miller noted Granville Township has done well with revenue generated by the inheritance tax, in part due to the creation of Kendal. In 2013 the General Fund's revenue from inheritance tax was \$468,239.56.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Property Tax (0.1 mill)	26,651.36	26,768.68	27,330.61	27,081.31	28,441.03	31,204.18	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00
Local Govt Fund	39,328.24	39,453.17	39,419.22	28,161.76	21,570.58	21,000.00	22,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Inheritance Tax	146,171.17	275,636.52	205,471.18	428,183.32	468,239.56	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	33,422.41	52,969.24	52,475.26	45,389.77	58,096.22	38,680.00	38,796.00	42,484.00	44,074.00	49,793.00
Subtotal	245,573.18	394,827.61	324,696.27	528,816.16	576,347.39	90,884.18	91,796.00	96,484.00	98,074.00	103,793.00
Special Revenue	9,594.08	11,847.46	159,508.36	51,452.30	39,500.00	164,621.00	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	255,167.26	406,675.07	484,204.63	580,268.46	615,847.39	255,505.18	91,796.00	96,484.00	98,074.00	103,793.00
Normal Expenditures	217,489.05	182,377.90	189,843.16	158,426.56	157,672.84	232,167.50	223,382.50	250,321.11	261,666.60	299,994.96
Other Expenses	403,448.35		59,852.30	70,169.86	441,883.42	740,680.33				
Total Expense	620,937.40	182,377.90	249,695.46	228,596.42	599,556.26	971,747.83	223,382.50	250,321.11	261,666.60	299,994.96
Net	(365,770.14)	224,297.17	234,509.17	351,672.04	16,291.13	(716,242.65)	(131,586.50)	(153,837.11)	(163,592.60)	(196,201.96)
Beginning balance 1/1	793,171.66	427,401.52	651,698.69	886,207.86	1,237,879.90	1,254,171.03	537,928.38	406,341.89	252,504.77	88,912.17
Ending balance 12/31	427,401.52	651,698.69	886,207.86	1,237,879.90	1,254,171.03	537,928.38	406,341.89	252,504.77	88,912.17	(107,289.79)
2005 the General Fund inside millage decreased from 0.3 to 0.1 mill.										
State Tangible Personnel Property Tax started to phase out in 2009 and was eliminated by 2012										
2009 - \$302,281.69 - twp garage + \$100,000 - bond + \$1166.66 Bond Interest										
2011 - \$34,975 - SWIF Grant - Spring Valley Creek Restoration										
2011-14 - Rotary Bridge Activity										
2013 - \$417,981.42 transferred out to new FireStation Fund										
2014 - \$500,000 transferred out to new FireStation Fund and \$240,680.33 - Rotary Bridge										
2015 and beyond - Township Park Fund exhausted										

FO Miller reported the "Other Revenue" listed in the report included zoning permit fees, rent received for Township property, special revenue, etc. FO Miller explained "Special Revenue" funds are those such as are being used for the Rotary Bridge. Granville Rotary gives money to the Township, and the Township then pays the bills for the bridge. The Township is not making any money on the project, it is simply the conduit for paying the costs of the bridge.

FO Miller reported the normal revenue for the Township's General Fund will be \$91,000 to \$100,000 if nothing else is done.

FO Miller explained the list of expenses which are paid by the General Fund and include the elected official's salaries and benefits, a \$30,000 yearly payment made to the Licking County Health Department and zoning expenses.

FO Miller noted the report includes a line for the General Fund net balance and explained the net balance went up or down in years past due to the inheritance tax collections. FO Miller reported based on projected revenues and expenses, the Township will run out of money in 2018, if nothing is done to bring additional money into the General Fund.

FO Miller reported he is therefore, recommending the Trustees put a levy on the ballot to generate funds for the Township's General Fund. FO Miller reported he is recommending a 1 mil levy which should generate approximately \$300,000 for the Township. FO Miller stated this will be a five year levy and commented he believes the annual amount is reasonable and will provide flexibility for the future. The levy will need to be renewed in five years.

Ronald D. Mack, 107 Linnell Dr. Granville, Ohio, questioned if the General Fund was used for road maintenance. Trustee Mason responded the Township has a Roads District Fund and discussed the Township has different funds for different purposes, such as a Fire Department Fund, Open Space Fund, Cemetery Fund, etc. Trustee Mason stated the monies from the various funds cannot be intermingled and must be spent on what the citizens have voted. FO Miller noted these are called restricted funds.

Trustee Jenks reported the restricted funds may be supplemented by the General Fund, but not the reverse. FO Miller indicated the General Fund is unrestricted and may be spent on what the Trustees believe is necessary.

Trustee Schott reported General Fund money has been used previously for property purchases. FO Miller listed some of the previous General Fund property purchases such as Salt Run Park, Raccoon Valley Park, Pohm property, part of the property at SR 16 and SR 161, etc. FO Miller suggested the money for these property purchases was possible because of the inheritance tax. There was further discussion concerning property purchases. FO Miller noted the Township now has Open Space and Green Space Levies with which to help purchase properties.

Trustee Schott reported the Open Space and Green Space Funds have restrictions and the General Fund property purchases do not have any restrictions. FO Miller used the Granville Golf Course as an example, where restricted Open Space funds could not be used to purchase an easement on the portion which contained buildings. The Village purchased the easement on the building portion of the Golf Course. If the Village had not made their purchase, the Trustees could have used General Fund money to purchase the building area easement.

FO Miller reported he believes 1 mil is the correct amount for the five year levy. FO Miller noted part of his recommendation includes the Open Space levy. FO Miller reported at a previous Trustee meeting (May 28, 2014), information concerning the Open Space Fund was presented. FO Miller reported at the end of 2014, there would have been 6 million in the Open Space Levy if the Golf Course easement and the Wolfe property easement had not been purchased. It is projected there will be 3.4 million dollars in the Open Space Fund at the end of 2014. There is a 2.5 mil levy which collects over \$700,000 annually. There is also a separate 1 mil levy which collects \$300,000 per year through 2017.

Trustee Jenks reported the 2.5 mil Green Space levy ends this year, but collects through the end of 2015. Trustee Jenks stated the question is whether the Township asks the voters to renew the 2.5 Green Space levy. FO Miller discussed in reviewing the amount of money the Township has for Green Space/ Open Space and the need for more money in the General Fund, he would recommend the Trustees look at the 2.5 mill Open Space/ Green Space Levy to see if it could be

reduced or eliminated. FO Miller reported the Trustees have stated they are not in favor of increasing taxes. FO Miller commented something needs to be done for the General Fund, and if the Trustees decide to put a 1 mil General Fund levy on the ballot, they should also look at the Open Space levy.

Trustee Jenks announced the Trustees would like to hear what the public has to say before the Trustees talk. Trustee Jenks noted FO Miller has advised there is 3.4 million dollars in the Green Space Fund. Trustee Jenks advised the Township is not getting rid of the Green Space program and there is still money which will come in from the 1 mil levy. Trustee Jenks further commented on the amount of money the Township currently has for the Open Space program, and the money which will still come into the fund. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees have heard from residents they feel taxed and additional taxes will be hard to pass and will hurt people economically.

Trustee Mason stated he believes it is important for the public to know the Trustees have a list of 23 properties they are interested in for the future. Trustee Mason reported the Trustees have anticipated if every property became available in one year, the Township projects it could purchase the properties on the list with the money it will have available. Trustee Mason commented when does it become the Trustees' responsibility to say there is enough money in this area to accomplish what the Township needs done in the future and where the Trustees can help save money as they look to the future.

Trustee Jenks opened the public discussion concerning the issue.

Ronda Saunders, 3400 Lancaster Rd. SW, Granville, Ohio, addressed the Trustees and advised she owns a 43 acre farm. Ms. Saunders advised she is concerned about the Green Space levy as she and her husband were looking at a piece of property to expand their farm, but it was instead purchased by the Township. Ms. Saunders commented it is hard for the private citizen to buy land in Granville Township when the Township artificially drives up the prices. Ms. Saunders suggested it is difficult for private buyers to match the Township's prices. Ms. Saunders also noted the Township takes money from her pocket to make the purchases. Ms. Saunders questioned how much land the Township needs. Ms. Saunders reported she maintains a nice farm, but the Green Space program makes it difficult for them to expand and compete.

Trustee Mason questioned which property the Township purchased near Ms. Saunder's farm? It was reported the Township purchased easements on the Smith property and the orchard property. Ms. Saunders reported she read the easements on the properties and none are consistent. Ms. Saunders stated the restrictions on the Smith property will not allow the Saunders to do what they would like to do which is board horses, give horse riding lessons, raise cattle, etc. and to add aquaculture in the future. There was further discussion concerning easement restrictions.

Trustee Jenks indicated he cannot state what happened in the past was right or correct. Trustee Jenks stated different Trustees with different ideas concerning the Open Space program have served through the years. The different goals were reflected in the easement language. Trustee Jenks reported the current Trustees have goals to protect the Township from annexation, preserve large farms, and buy parkland. The Trustees have debated when the program will have done

enough. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees have identified the properties they would still like to purchase to reach the determined goals, but they believe at some point there will be an end.

Ms. Saunders reported the Township also purchased an easement across the road from her farm and so they cannot expand the farm across the road. Ms. Saunders commented the Township needs to be in sync with the School District. The school district says it needs more children and is taxing the residents because it does not have enough students, while the Township is taxing the residents so there are not additional students.

Trustee Schott commented some of the properties with easements have been for sale and potential buyers have come before the Trustees to see if some of the restrictions could be addressed and re-worked. Trustee Schott indicated nothing has been changed in any of the easements, but changes are not out of the question as long as the purpose of the Open Space program is still met.

Trustee Mason commented the orchard property was recently sold. There was further discussion concerning the issue. Trustee Jenks stated the Trustees will wait to have their discussion until after they have heard what all the meeting guests have made their comments.

Ronald D. Mack, 107 Linnell Dr. Granville, Ohio, questioned whether the properties the Township acquires with the Open Space funds are taken off the tax base. Trustee Jenks responded when the Township purchases an easement on a property, the property is not taken from the tax base. Trustee Jenks noted there was an easement purchased on the orchard, but it continued to operate and pay taxes. Trustee Mason stated the Golf Course will also not be removed from the tax base. Trustee Jenks reported if the Township owns a property and operates it on an income basis, it does not come off the tax base and provided as an example as the house at Spring Valley Nature Preserve which is rented. The park is off the tax base, but as the home is rented for a profit, it remains on the tax base. There was further discussion concerning this issue and how it is affected by CAUV.

Mr. Mack questioned how many acres the Township owns which is park space? Trustee Jenks advised the Township has Spring Valley Nature Preserve, Raccoon Valley Park, McPeck Lodge, etc. FO Miller will provide an exact amount of park acreage for Mr. Mack.

Mr. Mack commented he heard there is a piece of property which will become another large subdivision similar to Park Trails. Mr. Mack suggested the Township has not done what it wanted to prevent this type of large development. Trustee Jenks responded the Township did meet with the owner and could have afforded the property, but the price being asked was too high and not appropriate. Trustee Jenks noted this property is not in Granville Township, but in Newark. Trustee Mason reported there was not much the Trustees could do about the property as it was not in Granville Township. There was further discussion concerning this property. Trustee Jenks reported when the Park Trails land was annexed into Newark, the property across River Road was also annexed into Newark although it remains in the Granville School District. It was noted there is a peninsula of land which was annexed into the Village of Granville to prevent further annexation in this area by Newark.

Judy Preston, Chair, Granville Township Land Management Committee, reported as a private citizen, she would like to see the big Open Space levy go away. Ms. Preston commented the Township has enough money, has enough property, and only the small levy should be kept. Ms. Preston stated she has been a supporter of the Open Space program and as the Chair of the Land Management Committee is familiar with all the various easements. Ms. Preston suggested the Trustees consider whether some of the properties purchased which do not fit the current goals such as the property at James and SR 37 should be sold. Ms. Preston suggested there are some properties which have come into the Green Space program which the Township does not need to hold onto. There was further discussion concerning this issue. Ms. Preston suggested if a property was purchased with Open Space funds, the money would return to the Open Space program and if the property was purchased with General Fund money, the money would return to the General Fund. Trustee Jenks commented the Township has never sold one of the properties it has purchased.

Ben Rader, 130 W. Broadway, Granville, Ohio, commented that based on FO Miller's presentation, he questions when enough is enough. Mr. Rader stated wants versus needs and commented the Open Space program seems to go on and on and he believes it is time to say no more. Mr. Rader reported due to FO Miller's presentation concerning the loss of the inheritance tax for the General Fund, it is obvious the 2.5 mil Open Space levy should be dropped and a 1 mil General Fund levy placed on the ballot to allow the Township to be run correctly. Mr. Rader discussed his taxes were over \$29,000 last year and enough is enough. Mr. Rader commented \$3,000 of his taxes last year were for Open Space, and while he would like to save some of this money, he wants to see the Township run as it should be.

Linda Neuenschwander, 362 Bryn Du Drive, Granville, Ohio, commented she believes the previous speakers have said what is necessary and agrees the decision is a no-brainer. Mrs. Neuenschwander commented she believes it would be a good campaign.

Mr. Mack commented he also agrees with what the other speakers stated.

Bill Wilken, 474 Glyn Tawel, Granville, Ohio, commented there is value to having open space in the community. Mr. Wilken stated as the Township has the resources necessary to purchase land which may become available he does not see sense in building a piggy bank.

FO Miller commented the Wolfe property easement was purchased with the assistance of a federal program which provided matching funds. The easement was \$510,000 and the federal government will reimburse the Township \$245,000. FO Miller suggested programs such as this and one sponsored by the State of Ohio may stretch the Townships dollars. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Trustee Schott questioned whether the federal program was available when the Open Space and Green Space levies were passed. FO Miller reported the Township was not using the programs at the time the levies were passed and the Wolfe property is the first easement purchased with the matching federal money. The location and size of the Wolfe property was discussed.

Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg St., Granville, Ohio, questioned whether the 1 mil levy would be assessed on Township properties only and was advised it would be assessed on Township and Village properties. Trustee Jenks stated the tax would be on all properties in the Township due to uniformity of taxation as required by Ohio tax law. There was discussion indicating a separate Township Roads District was created to assess taxes only in the unincorporated portion of the Township. Trustee Jenks explained the General Fund tax will be on every property in the Township as there is not a way to exempt them under Ohio law.

Trustee Mason commented the Township does cooperate well with the Village by trading plowing of roads, mowing, etc.

Ms. Preston questioned what a 1 mil levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home. Trustee Jenks advised the Trustees do not yet know what the levy is. FO Miller reported 1 mil is \$35 per \$100,000 valuation. Ms. Preston commented this would be a bargain.

Mr. Schaadt commented it would be refreshing to see taxes go down. Trustee Jenks indicated many people agree with Mr. Schaadt. Trustee Jenks restated the Township is not destroying a good program. The program is well funded and probably can do everything the Trustees want it to do with less incoming funds. Mr. Schaadt commented there is nothing to prevent the Township from putting another Open Space levy on the ballot in 3 or 4 years if it is decided the Township needs more Open Space money. Trustee Schott noted the 1 mil levy will still be in place.

Trustee Jenks closed the public hearing session concerning the General Fund and the Open Space levy and reopened the regular meeting.

Trustee Schott reported she has heard from some residents the Trustees have the option to put the Open Space levy renewal on the ballot and to let the voters decide the outcome. Trustee Schott indicated she does not believe taking the 2.5 mil levy off the ballot will take away the Open Space program from the voters. Trustee Schott concluded there will still be the 1 mil levy and believes taking the 2.5 mil levy off the ballot is due to the Township having enough money for the program's future.

Trustee Schott commented for several years there was over \$5,000,000 in the Open Space Fund waiting to buy the right property. Trustee Schott stated this is a great deal of money to hold. Trustee Schott commented she does not believe this takes away support for the program and she supports leaving the 1 mil levy. Trustee Schott indicated the 1 mil levy will end in 2017, and it may be evaluated at that time whether it should remain the same or be increased.

Trustee Mason reported he agrees with Trustee Schott. Trustee Mason stated it would be irresponsible of the Trustees to collect money the Township does not need. Trustee Mason reported the Trustees have done their homework and determined which properties it would like to purchase in the future and has the money to do so if they become available.

Trustee Jenks advised he agrees with Trustees Schott and Mason. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees have been discussing the issue for some time and wanted to hear from the public

regarding the issue as the Trustees need to decide what should be put upon the fall ballot. Trustee Jenks reported a worksheet concerning the 23 properties the Township would like to purchase is available. The properties are not listed by name, but only by number to prevent prices for the properties being raised. Estimates are provided using the amount the Township has previously paid per acre. The worksheet indicates the Township has enough money in the Open Space Fund.

Trustee Mason made a motion not to put a renewal of the Open Space levy on the 2014 fall ballot. Trustee Jenks noted this issue does not need to be decided tonight. Trustee Jenks stated the Township does need to decide whether it wishes to put a General Fund levy on the fall ballot as it needs to pass a resolution to request the Licking County Auditor certify the funds for a General Fund levy. Trustee Mason advised he is ready and wants to move forward on the issue. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and stated the opinions of the residents have been heard and tonight's meeting advertised the discussion and she is also ready to move forward on the issue. FO Miller commented the 2.5 mil Open Space levy may go on the fall 2014 ballot, or may go on the ballot twice in 2015 (spring and fall). Trustee Jenks stated passage of this motion means the Trustees will not be putting a renewal 2.5 Open Space levy on the fall 2015 ballot. Without any further discussion, the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Jenks questioned what is the appropriate amount for a General Fund levy? Trustee Jenks indicated the Trustees will determine the amount to request and pass a resolution to allow FO Miller to request the County Auditor certify the funds. Trustee Schott questioned if there would be enough time at the next Trustee meeting to change the amount if what is certified by the Auditor is not enough. FO Miller advised a special meeting would likely be necessary. Trustee Schott reported she is comfortable with the projections provided by Fiscal Officer Miller for a 1 mil levy. There was discussion the amount of a 1 mil levy which will likely generate around \$300,000 annually.

Trustee Schott reported FO Miller had a workshop with each Trustee concerning worst case scenarios concerning funds, etc. and a 1 mil levy should cover where the Township should be for the next five years.

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT
THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY VALUATION
AND REVENUE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03(B)**

The Board of Trustees of Granville Township met in general session at the Granville Township Service Complex on July 9, 2014, with the following members present:

Paul Jenks Bill Mason Melanie Schott

Trustee Mason moved adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE TOWNSHIP AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT

TAX VALUATION OF GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A ONE MILL ADDITIONAL LEVY.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of Granville Township and it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, this Board must request certified information from the Licking County Auditor before submitting the question of a tax to the electors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Granville Township:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy a current expenses property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of Granville Township, as authorized by Section 5705.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, and that it intends to submit the question of the addition of that levy to the electors at an election on November 4, 2014.

Section 2. This Board requests the Licking County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of Granville Township and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a one mill (1 mill) additional levy.

Section 3. The Township Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Licking County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Trustee Schott seconded the Motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Yea: Trustee Jenks Trustee Mason Trustee Schott

Nay: None

Dated this 9th day of July, 2014.

Jerry Miller

Granville Township Fiscal Officer
FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township in general session on July 9, 2014.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2014.

Jerry Miller
Granville Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth W. Oswalt
Licking County Prosecutor

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

TO THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP

I certify that:

1. On _____, there was filed with me a certified copy of your Resolution adopted on _____ determining the necessity of levying a tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of Granville Township, as provided in Section 5705.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, and requesting that I certify the total current tax valuation of Granville Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a one mill (1 mill) additional levy; and,

2. The total current tax valuation of Granville Township is \$ _____; and,

3. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy specified in the Resolution is \$ _____ annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy.

Dated: _____, 2014.

Michael L. Smith

Licking County Auditor

It will be decided at the next Trustee meeting if the levy will be put on the fall ballot.

Trustee Mason reported the Trustees would be remiss if they did not report something they have been researching for a period of time is rebuilding, refurbishing, or building a new Township Fire Station. Trustee Mason reported the Township Fire Department has outgrown the current Fire Station which belongs to the Village. Chief Hussey has information concerning how many runs the Department is currently making compared to how many were made five years ago. There was discussion concerning the number of employees required to keep up with the number of runs, etc. Trustee Mason reported the Township is in good shape regarding equipment due to good planning for the future.

Chief Hussey also reported the Fire Department has outgrown the current station and is stretched to the limits of the structure. Chief Hussey stated they are looking at the options which would be the best for the community. There was further discussion concerning equipment costs, funding, grants, EMS billing, the fact money has already been put aside for a new station. Chief Hussey commented the community may not be asked for much for a new station, but there is discussion concerning a solution.

Mr. Rader questioned how much of the EMS billing is paid by insurance companies. Chief Hussey did not have the information, but will provide it to Mrs. Rader. Trustee Jenks advised there will be more public meetings concerning the Fire Station. Trustee Jenks reported most of the Township's funding is good. The General Fund is being addressed, Open Space Fund addressed, and the Fire Station will be further discussed in the future. Trustee Jenks indicated Granville Township plans and saves for future expenses and provided several examples such as funds being saved for additional cemetery land, Fire and Roads District trucks. Other Townships must pass levies when additional equipment is needed. Granville instead plans for and sets aside money for necessary expenses as businesses do and does not often request money from the public.

Public Comment:

Trustee Jenks moved back to the regular meeting and opened it for public comment concerning anything other than the Open Space and General Fund levies.

Mr. Mack thanked the Granville Township Roads Department for the great job they do with snow removal and roads maintenance. Mr. Mack commented Superintendent Binckley has done a great job with the Roads Department.

Correspondence Received or Sent:

Richard Howe Trust:

FO Miller reported he received a phone call from Tom Bline, Treasurer of the Welsh Hills Cemetery concerning some funding from the Richard Howe Trust. FO Miller reported the Township also receives some funding from this trust, approximately \$1,700 per year. FO Miller

contacted Park National Bank concerning the Trust and will forward the information he obtains to Mr. Blind.

Frank Gates Contract:

FO Miller reported he received a statement from Frank Gates, Inc., Workman's Comp administrator for the Township. Frank Gates, Inc. represents the Township in Workman's Comp hearings. FO Miller requested approval to renew the Township's contract with Frank Gates Inc.

Trustee Schott questioned the cost of the contract and FO Miller advised it is \$3,340 per year, is something the Township must have, and is the company the Township has used for several years.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to renew the Township's Worker's Compensation contract with Frank Gates for next year at a cost of \$3,340. Trustee Mason seconded the vote and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Elected Official Reports:

FO Miller:

FO Miller reported he was busy last week with the July 4th fair and thanked the Fire Department and the Village staff who supported the community event and were present for two nights for fireworks, etc. on behalf of the Kiwanis. FO Miller noted because of the rain postponement, a police officer had to spend the night with the fireworks which were loaded.

Financial Matters:

Amended Certificate and Revised Revenue and Appropriation Amounts:

FO Miller reported there were no appropriation transfers.

FO Miller 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 Mason and a second by Trustee Schott, 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:

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
657-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	Ohio Department of Taxation	\$2,198.33
658-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	School District Income Tax	\$179.17
659-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	Village of Granville - Income Tax Dept	\$1,185.99
660-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	City of Columbus	\$211.99
661-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	Heath Income Tax	\$3.69
662-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	Lancaster Income Tax	\$25.52
663-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	Newark Income Tax Department	\$85.61
664-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	EW	Regional Income Tax Agency	\$32.23
665-2014	06/27/2014	06/24/2014	CH	Medical Mutual of Ohio	\$10,558.59
666-2014	06/27/2014	06/25/2014	EW	AFLAC	\$750.22
667-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Joseph C Asselin	\$924.47
668-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Susan A Bain	\$255.05
669-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Thomas M Barnhill	\$282.03
670-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Christopher M Bassetti	\$146.85
671-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Andrew R Baughman	\$2,090.82
672-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	B. Travis Binckley	\$2,136.29
673-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Charles D. Borden	\$1,156.66
674-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Thomas A. Bowman	\$2,388.94
675-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Tyler J. Bryan	\$1,029.53
676-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Joshua M Butt	\$900.41
677-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Derwin R Clemens	\$1,538.39
678-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Gregory S. Coyle	\$119.37
679-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Casey R. Curtis	\$1,650.39
680-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Paul J. DuBeck III	\$363.05
681-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	C. Michael Duncan	\$272.07
682-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Troy A Elmore	\$388.54
683-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Bradley D Essick	\$1,815.64
684-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Robert M Glaze	\$340.27
685-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Adam C Gottfried	\$460.31
686-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Joshua B. Harrison	\$609.37
687-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Kevin M Henry	\$616.88
688-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Brianne M Hill	\$1,525.14
689-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Jeff A Hussey	\$2,603.98
690-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Brian P. Jones	\$126.51
691-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Colton D Kreager	\$702.30
692-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Bradley A. Leckrone	\$426.31
693-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Ralph R Meisenhelder	\$611.29
694-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Troy A Melick	\$393.45
695-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Daniel J Mercer	\$689.21
696-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Tyler S Poe	\$146.40
697-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Brandon T. Reece	\$1,337.13
698-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Steve L. Riley Jr.	\$148.70
699-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Andrew T. Saunders	\$2,074.52
700-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Douglas W. Smith	\$267.41
701-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Scott M Smith	\$537.05
702-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EP	Seth W Teagle	\$532.60

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
704-2014	07/01/2014	07/01/2014	CH	Park National Bank	\$20.00
705-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EW	Park National Bank-IRS (Fed, Med & SS w/h)	\$6,474.68
706-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EW	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.	\$1,547.00
707-2014	07/03/2014	07/01/2014	EW	OCS Pay Center-Knox Cty 7085726383	\$885.76
708-2014	06/30/2014	07/02/2014	CH	Granville Township - Dummy vendor	\$2,059.72
709-2014	06/30/2014	07/02/2014	CH	Windstream	\$372.70
710-2014	06/30/2014	07/02/2014	CH	American Electric Power	\$784.30
711-2014	06/30/2014	07/02/2014	CH	Village of Granville	\$215.45
712-2014	06/30/2014	07/02/2014	CH	Columbia Gas - Utility Payments	\$340.51
10088	06/30/2014	06/30/2014	AW	Northwest Title	\$510,000.00
10089	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Travis Binckley	\$300.00
10090	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Joseph Asselin	\$75.00
10091	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Tyler Bryan	\$75.00
10092	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Joshua Butt	\$75.00
10093	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Kevin Henry	\$75.00
10094	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Burden's Machine & Welding	\$605.00
10095	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Carstar Collision Care of Wilmington	\$16,604.00
10095	07/08/2014	07/08/2014	AW	Carstar Collision Care of Wilmington	-\$16,604.00
10096	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Cintas Corporation	\$531.91
10097	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Dish Network	\$60.20
10098	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	\$3,316.07
10099	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Fire House	\$140.00
10100	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Frank Gates Company	\$3,340.00
10101	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Granville Lumber	\$79.34
10102	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Granville Milling Company	\$113.35
10103	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	MT Business Technologies Inc	\$53.08
10104	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Newark Winnelson	\$206.40
10105	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Ross' Granville Market	\$42.48
10106	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Scioto Materials LLC	\$837.90
10107	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Springfield Auto Supply Inc	\$115.43
10108	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Verizon Wireless	\$320.42
10109	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Wright Brothers Power, LLC	\$31.99
10109	07/09/2014	07/09/2014	AW	Wright Brothers Power, LLC	-\$31.99
10110	07/08/2014	07/07/2014	AW	Certified Oil Company	\$3,881.28
10111	07/08/2014	07/08/2014	AW	Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$1,553.30
10112	07/08/2014	07/08/2014	AW	Paumier Medical Management Group Inc	\$1,530.41

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

Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason reported he attended the joint communications meeting on June 27, 2014.

Trustee Mason reported he was present for the closing on the Wolfe property on June 30, 2014.

Trustee Mason reported he served as starter for the Fire Cracker 5 race on July 4th, and participated in the parade along with Trustee Schott and FO Miller.

Trustee Mason reported he fielded several phone calls including one concerning a sinkhole in Snowden Estates. Superintendent Binckley will look at the sinkhole when he returns from vacation. Trustee Mason also received a call concerning a flooded roadway at Lake Hudson and Superintendent Binckley was also notified of this issue.

Trustee Mason reported he met with FO Miller for a financial update. Trustee Mason reported this is done on a regular basis.

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

Trustee Schott:

Trustee Schott reported she worked on zoning matters and had conversations with the Licking County Prosecutor's office.

Trustee Schott reported she received a call concerning chickens in the Township. It was noted whether chickens are allowed depends on the area's zoning, if it's agricultural, in a subdivision, etc.

Trustee Schott reported she participated in a banana split eating contest on behalf of the Township and although she did not win she received a \$100 donation to the Township from Whit's.

Trustee Schott introduced Susan Kosling, 30 Rose Drive, Granville, Ohio, and her son, Will. Will is working on a Boy Scout merit badge concerning citizenship and community. There was further discussion.

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

Roads District:

Superintendent's Report:

Trustee Jenks reported Superintendent Binckley is currently on vacation and presented the Roads District report on his behalf.

A drainage pipe was installed at 372 Thornewood.

Paving was completed on Jones Road, Battee and the Township Roads south of Newark-Granville Rd. All of the 2014 Paving Project has been completed except for Vill Edge which will not be done until 2015 after the Rotary Bridge is completed.

Additional drainage issues are being handled in the Knoll subdivision.

Cemetery Department:

Trustee Jenks reported there has been one funeral.

Trustee Jenks reported portions of the cemetery fence were repaired.

Superintendent Binckley reported a hydrant had been hit at the cemetery and has been replaced. Superintendent Binckley reported there did not seem to be a major water loss.

Parks Department

Trustee Schott reported a mural was previously planned for the concession stand at Raccoon Valley Park. Trustee Schott reported the GRD (Granville Recreation District) has decided the proposed mural was not of a recreation nature and will instead be mounted on Abe's Body shop. The GRD will work with the GSVA (Granville Studio of Visual Arts) to put a more appropriate mural at Raccoon Valley Park in the future.

Fire Department:

Chief's Report:

Chief Hussey reported the Township was busy the previous two weeks due to the Fourth of July. Chief Hussey stated the Kiwanis put a great deal of effort into the Festival and the community appreciates what is done by the Kiwanians.

Chief Hussey commented there were hundreds of additional hours covered by the Fire Department which was performed by the Department volunteers.

Runs:

Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department responded to five fatal crashes and several other serious crashes. Chief Hussey reported the Department also responded to a house fire due to a thunder storm on July 1, 2014.

Grant:

Chief Hussey reported the Township received a \$3,750 seat belt funds, EMS grant.

Trustee Schott made a motion for the Township to accept the \$3,750 EMS grant. Trustee Mason seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Personnel:

Chief Hussey reported he received a resignation request from Volunteer Fire Fighter, Ian Huprich. Trustee Mason made a motion to accept Fire Fighter Huprich's resignation. Trustee Schott seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Land Management/ Open Space:Wolfe Property Status:

FO Miller reported the closing for the Wolfe property was held on Monday, June 30, 2014. FO Miller, Trustee Mason, and Steve Layman attended the closing. The Township made payment and signed all documents. FO Miller reported he is waiting for a few documents to be filed before the Township may request reimbursement from the FRPP program. FO Miller indicated the easement purchase for this property has been in process for a long time and it is the first time the Township is using matching Federal funds.

Trustee Schott questioned if the Open Space sign for the Wolfe property was ordered. Trustee Jenks indicated they were not able to get the previous numbering system used for Open Space properties. Superintendent Binckley will recreate the system by looking at all the properties. Until the correct number is determined, a sign in stock which was not wanted by the property owner will be used. It will not be a problem to order a new sign to match the other signs.

Trustee Jenks announced as soon as the numbering system is determined, a new map with the new properties will be created with the help of the Village. The Village will also have an overlay of their properties. FO Miller reported the website also needs to be updated.

Zoning:Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer:

Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley is on vacation. There was nothing to report concerning zoning permits.

Zoning Commission:

Trustee Schott reported the Zoning Commission will meet on July 21, 2014, concerning a possible PUD on SR 37. There was further discussion concerning the upcoming meeting and the proposed subdivision. Ms. Saunders announced she is on the Licking County Planning Commission Technical Review Committee for the proposed property. Ms. Saunders recommended the Fire Department and School Superintendent attend the Technical Review Committee meetings. Chief Hussey advised he always attends the technical review meetings of which he is informed. There was further discussion concerning the proposed subdivision and meetings.

Zoning Resolution:

FO Miller reported the Township has a zoning resolution concerning grandfathered properties which will be effective tomorrow as there was not a referendum filed. FO Miller will go to the Licking County Recorder's office and file the new resolution. He will also provide copies to the Prosecutors Office, Licking County Planning Office, Township Boards, Zoning Inspector, the Village and the Public Library, as well as updating the Township's website.

Zoning Appeal Board (ZBA):

Trustee Schott reported the ZBA has not met.

Old Business:

Rotary Bridge Project-status

Trustee Jenks reported there will be a construction meeting on July 17, 2014 at the ODOT District Office. The meeting will include ODOT, the construction company, the GRD, the Village, Dr. Weigand from Rotary Club, Road Superintendent Binckley and FO Miller.

Trustee Jenks reported Dr. Weigand would like a community meeting with the residents who will be affected by the construction traffic to let them know what is happening and how long it will take.

Explore Granville App:

Trustee Jenks reported there is nothing new concerning the Explore Granville App.

Sludge Lagoon:

Trustee Jenks reported the Township is still working with the Village Water Department to find a location for a sludge lagoon.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Trustee Jenks, with, Jenks-Yes, Mason-Yes, and Schott-Yes, the meeting was moved into Executive Session under ORC section 121.22 (G)(2) to discuss a potential property purchase at 7:55 PM.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Calendar Reminder:

- Regular Board Meetings, 07/25/14 and 08/13/14 starting at 7:00 PM

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