

Granville Township  
Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 22, 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 Head: Chief Jeff Hussey, Superintendent Travis Binckley  
Guests: Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel  
Pat Deering, Farmland Preservation Coordinator and Information Specialist, Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting, October 8, 2014:

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2014. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Licking County Soil and Water – Pat Deering:

Trustee Mason introduced Pat Deering, Farmland Preservation Coordinator and Information Specialist with the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District. Trustee Mason reported he and Ms. Deering attended a meeting at the Ohio Department of Agriculture concerning Ohio's Farmland Preservation Program. Trustee Mason reported he had a lengthy conversation with Ms. Deering last week. Trustee Mason advised he requested Ms. Deering do two things for Granville Township. First to inform the Township about any grants at the state level and others she is aware of which the Township should apply. Secondly, to identify properties within Granville Township which have conservation easements the Trustees have not included on our map. Trustee Mason reported Ms. Deering sent the Trustees an e-mail which was helpful to understand these issues. Trustee Mason advised he invited Ms. Deering to attend this evening's Trustees' meeting to discuss and better explain Ohio's program.

Ms. Deering reported she sent the information in an e-mail so the Trustees would have a chance to review and decide if they had any questions for her to answer. Ms. Deering reported the biggest program she works with is the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) which provides funding to assist landowners and communities in preserving Ohio's farmland. Ms. Deering indicated Licking County Soil and Water has been involved with LAEPP since 2009. Ms. Deering reported her agency has been successful in obtaining easement grant money through LAEPP each year since 2009. Ms. Deering stated her agency works with local land owners and farmers who voluntarily come to request assistance. Ms. Deering advised her agency does not dictate where easements should be considered.

Ms. Deering reported in previous years there was a \$500,000 cap per county, but there is not a per county cap in 2014. Ms. Deering reported the program pays up to \$2,000 per acre for an agricultural easement. It is an Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) program with a point based scoring system which includes items such as comprehensive planning, soil, development pressure, freeway access, etc. Ms. Deering noted some criteria changes each year, but some stay the same as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Deering advised all required information is on ODA's website.

Ms. Deering reported she meets with landowners, walks them through the program and the process, and make sure they understand everything. The owners will continue to own the land and may sell it or gift it. The land must remain one farm if there are multiple parcels under one legal name. Ms. Deering noted helping the owners with the application takes about 30-40 hours and is a huge time commitment.

Ms. Deering reported after the applications are submitted, ODA makes recommendations, a statewide advisory board makes decisions and makes a recommendation to the ODA director. ODA then announces who has been selected.

Trustee Schott questioned what the application dates were and whether applications may be submitted year round. Ms. Deering advised applications may be submitted once a year as there is money available through the Clean Ohio Bond Fund Program and provided a brief explanation and history of the program. It was reported for 2015 there is 6.5 million dollars available through the program. Ms. Deering reported the local sponsor certification application was due October 15, 2014. FO Miller completed this application and mailed it in. Ms. Deering reported the timeline is on ODA's website. ODA will review Granville Township's application and make a decision. The landowner period is from mid-November until January 15, 2015. From January 15, 2015, until April 15, 2015, the online application is open. During this time, all the information gathered such as soil, slope, etc. is entered into the online application to obtain a score. The score is given to the landowner to tell them how they rank compared to the other landowners. There was discussion the landowner may opt to take more than a 25% local match. There was further discussion concerning this area.

Trustee Jenks questioned if the Township has a landowner it would like to get in the program, if the Township contributed 40% out of its Open Space funds, would the landowner's chances of getting into the program be increased? Ms. Deering responded it is the land owner's decision and depends on how much or how little the landowner will take.

Trustee Jenks questioned if the Township can supplement and give the landowner a better chance of getting into the program. Ms. Deering responded not in ODA's eyes. Ms. Deering indicated ODA has a match option which should come from the landowner.

Trustee Jenks stated the Township is restricted as it cannot use Green space money to supplement the easements in this program. Trustee Jenks reported he will check with the Prosecuting Attorney's office concerning this issue as the easement would not be the Township's easement. The language passed by the Township voters is very specific. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Trustee Schott questioned what supplementation by Granville Township would do to the other farmers outside of Granville Township.

Trustee Jenks questioned how the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District (LCSWD) advertise the program. Ms. Deering advised it is on the LCSWD website, in their fall newsletter, in email blasts, advertised in the Newark Advocate, and on the radio.

Trustee Jenks asked if the Township has some specific landowners can we send them a letter and refer them to LCSWD. Ms. Deering responded it depends on how the Township will use its funds and whether it has other funds to use. Ms. Deering indicated if the Township applies for the ODA funds it would hold the easement jointly with ODA and it will have to meet ODA's criteria.

Trustee Jenks questioned if there were any other programs the Township should look into. Ms. Deering reported the Township should look into the Clean Ohio Green Space fund. Trustee Jenks questioned if the Township would work with LCSWCD concerning the Clean Ohio Green Space fund. There was discussion concerning the purchase of Spring Valley Nature Preserve. Ms. Deering advised she cannot fit work concerning the Clean Ohio Green Space Fund into her workload.

Ms. Deering suggested we contact Hiram Township in Portage County as they have a comprehensive plan concerning transferring development rights.

Trustee Schott commented she appreciated Ms. Deering coming to the Trustees' meeting. There was discussion concerning the ODA meeting on September 5, 2014, and the previous year's dollar amounts. Ms. Deering advised in 2013, the amount available (less than 3 million) was less than in previous years. The 6.5 million dollar amount this year is more than in previous years.

Trustee Mason reported when he spoke to Ms. Deering by phone she noted there may be other properties in Granville Township under easements of which the Trustees do not have record. Ms. Deering advised she put this information into the e-mail to the Trustees and provided a link to the Licking Land Trust website.

Ms. Deering stated FRPP (Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program) is a good program and she wants to promote the program. It was noted Ms. Deering had introduced previous Granville Township Trustees to the FRPP and the Township has been successful with FRPP in the past and hopes to continue to be successful in the future. Also, noted there is less funding through the ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program) with replaced FRPP this year.

Trustee Schott questioned whether there were any disadvantages for the Township to pursue state funding as there is more state funding available than federal funding. Ms. Deering indicated the Township will need to determine if the Township is able to comingle the funds. Ms. Deering recommended contacting Elizabeth Township in Miami County and the Tecumseh Land Trust in Miami and Greene Counties. Tecumseh Land Trust has put together great deals involving different funding sources. Ms. Deering noted potential scenarios for putting together funding for easements. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Ms. Deering reported if Granville Township receives funding from Ohio's Farmland Preservation Program, it will not decrease the amount able to be received by the rest of Licking County, but will decrease the amount available statewide as there is not a per county funding cap this year.

Trustee Jenks questioned if Ms. Deering was aware of the informational meeting concerning new CAUV values. Ms. Deering reported she is aware of the meeting and will list it on the LCSWCD website. Trustee Jenks reported the Township will send someone to the meeting as this will have an impact on the Township's programs.

The Trustees thanked Ms. Deering for attending the meeting.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Correspondence Received or Sent:

Refuse Contract:

FO Miller reported he received an e-mail from Kimble Companies Inc. stating they saw Granville Township's refuse contract will expire March, 2015, and wanted to receive a bid packet.

Trustee Jenks reported Kimble Companies may be confusing Granville Township with the Village of Granville. Trustee Jenks reported he reviewed the contract with Big O. Trustee Jenks reported the Township's contract with Big O expires March 31, 2015, and has an automatic three year renewal.

Trustee Jenks reported he will meet with Big O to make sure they intend to honor the additional three years which includes up to a 3% increase in their base price. Trustee Mason reported he remembered the contract. Trustee Jenks concluded he believes the Township has three more years after March, 2015. He will confirm this and then respond to Kimble Companies e-mail.

CAUV Meeting:

FO Miller reported he received notice there will be an informational meeting concerning new CAUV values on November 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Jenks reported Licking County Auditor Mike Smith advised CAUV values may go up considerably. Trustee Jenks and Superintendent Binckley will attend the meeting. It was noted an increase will affect the farmers in the area.

Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP):

FO Miller reported he completed and submitted the local sponsor certification application for the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP). FO Miller reported he will wait to see if Granville Township is chosen as a local sponsor and the Trustees will then be able to decide what they want to do.

Elected Official Reports:

Financial Matters:

FO Miller presented and explained the following appropriations transfer to the Trustees.

Post Date	Transaction Date	Account Code	Amount	Resolution Number	Type
10/13/2014	10/13/2014	2192-120-599-0000	\$935.00		Permanent Legal Expense
10/13/2014	10/13/2014	2192-120-599-0003	-\$935.00		Permanent Legal Expense
10/21/2014	10/21/2014	1000-110-111-0000	-\$2,000.00		Permanent
10/21/2014	10/21/2014	1000-110-121-0000	\$2,000.00		Permanent
10/21/2014	10/21/2014	2141-110-111-0000	\$450.00		Permanent
10/21/2014	10/21/2014	2141-110-121-0000	-\$450.00		Permanent
10/21/2014	10/21/2014	2191-220-190-0002	\$10,000.00		Permanent
10/21/2014	10/21/2014	2191-220-599-0004	-\$10,000.00		Permanent

Trustee Jenks made a motion to approve the appropriations transfers. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote with no further discussion.

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 Jenks 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
1011-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Joseph C Asselin	\$909.20
1012-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Susan A Bain	\$175.49
1013-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Thomas M Barnhill	\$282.05
1014-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Christopher M Bassetti	\$146.86
1015-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Andrew R Baughman	\$1,659.61
1016-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	B. Travis Binckley	\$2,138.39
1017-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Charles D. Borden	\$626.47
1018-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Thomas A. Bowman	\$1,594.72
1019-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Tyler J. Bryan	\$1,029.86
1020-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Joshua M Butt	\$900.68
1021-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Derwin R Clemens	\$1,502.05
1022-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Gregory S. Coyle	\$382.06
1023-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Casey R. Curtis	\$1,604.52
1024-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Troy A Elmore	\$388.60
1025-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Bradley D Essick	\$1,552.98
1026-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Adam C Gottfried	\$428.24
1027-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Benjamin S. Hagstad	\$95.20
1028-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Joshua B. Harrison	\$380.01
1029-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Kevin M Henry	\$617.03
1030-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Brianne M Hill	\$1,537.83
1031-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Jeff A Hussey	\$2,583.18
1032-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Aaron C. Jones	\$138.45
1033-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Brian P. Jones	\$179.94
1034-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Jaime J Jones	\$334.64
1035-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Bradley A. Leckrone	\$251.02
1036-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Ralph R Meisenhelder	\$611.41
1037-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Troy A Melick	\$393.51
1038-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Daniel J Mercer	\$572.35
1039-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Tyler S Poe	\$577.18
1040-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Brandon T. Reece	\$1,859.30
1041-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Steve L. Riley Jr.	\$148.70
1042-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Andrew T. Saunders	\$1,842.74
1043-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Douglas W. Smith	\$508.15
1044-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Scott M Smith	\$454.34
1045-2014	10/10/2014	10/07/2014	EP	Seth W Teagle	\$263.72
1047-2014	10/10/2014	10/08/2014	EW	Park National Bank-IRS (Fed, Med & SS w/h)	\$5,702.99
1048-2014	10/10/2014	10/08/2014	EW	OCS Pay Center-Knox Cty 7085726383	\$885.76
1049-2014	10/10/2014	10/08/2014	EW	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.	\$1,247.00
10270	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$686.56
10271	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Certified Oil Company	\$2,979.19
10272	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Cintas Corporation	\$490.87
10273	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	DMO Security	\$360.00
10274	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Frost Brown Todd LLC	\$935.00
10275	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Generator Systems Inc	\$352.00
10276	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	GovDeals, Inc.	\$13.89
10277	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Granville Lumber	\$244.05

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10278	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Granville Milling Company	\$99.95
10279	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Hook & Hose Fire-Rescue Training Co., LLC	\$1,800.00
10280	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	JEMS (Journal of EMS)	\$44.00
10281	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	KE-WA-PA Inc.	\$446.63
10282	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Lakes' End	\$539.85
10283	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Ohio Health/Behavior Health	\$161.00
10284	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Ross' Granville Market	\$142.55
10285	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Socioto Materials LLC	\$375.48
10286	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Springfield Auto Supply Inc	\$14.02
10287	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Super Duty Truck Parts	\$1,048.77
10288	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Travis Binckley	\$300.00
10289	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Vince Catalogna	\$465.00
10290	10/14/2014	10/13/2014	AW	Elan Financial Services - f/k/a PNB VISA	\$1,077.00
10291	10/21/2014	10/21/2014	AW	Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc.	\$4,970.42

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

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Jerry A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Jenks:

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

Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason reported everything he has to report will be covered later in the agenda.

Trustee Schott:

Trustee Schott reported she attended the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce event to introduce the new executive director, Stephen Matheny. Trustee Schott reported she had a conversation with Don Jones after the meeting concerning the Granville App. Mr. Jones reported he is not seeking funding for the Granville App, but would like to discuss advertising the app with the Township. Mr. Jones indicated they would like to get the word out to people how to download the app. Trustee Schott reported she requested Mr. Jones attend a future Trustees' meeting to let the Trustees know how they can help.

Roads District:

Superintendent's Report:

Tree Trimming:

Superintendent Binckley reported the crews trimmed trees along Burg St. between Joy Lane and Brecon Circle.

Spot Road Berming:

Superintendent Binckley reported they are in the process of doing some spot road berming.

**Snow Plow:**

Superintendent Binckley reported they took delivery of the new plow and bed for one of the snow plow trucks and are now ready for winter.

**Roller:**

Superintendent Binckley reported the 1987 Roller which was replaced earlier this year is now on GovDeals.com. Superintendent Binckley thanked Chief Hussey for placing the roller on GovDeals.com. Trustee Mason questioned if there was much interest in the roller. Superintendent Binckley reported there are 8 bids on the roller and advised he will keep the Trustees posted.

**Welding School:**

Superintendent Binckley requested permission to send two employees, Tyler Bryan and Joe Asselin to Hobart Welding School for a 70 hour welding class. The tuition is \$2,130 plus \$1,000 for the lodging expenses. Superintendent Binckley reported an employee was sent to a similar class last year. This class is more advanced. Trustee Jenks reported the money for the training is budgeted.

Trustee Schott made a motion to approve spending \$3,200 to send Tyler Bryan and Joe Asselin to Hobart Welding School for a 70 hour welding class. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Site Distance at SR 16 and Silver:**

Trustee Jenks reported an e-mail was received expressing concern about the site distance at SR16 and Silver Street. Superintendent Binckley reported he forwarded the e-mail to the Trustees. Superintendent Binckley reported his crew will trim some of the brush at the location, but this will likely only provide a few more feet of site distance due to the hill. Superintendent Binckley reported he encouraged the e-mailer to move up to the next entrance to Silver to alleviate this issue. Superintendent Binckley noted many trees along SR 16 were previously cut so there is not much left standing. Superintendent Binckley suggested everyone has to practice safe driving and there is not much more the Township can do. Superintendent Binckley commented he believes a driver should be able to turn onto Silver Street from SR 16. The blind hill has been there for years and he is not aware of any serious accidents at the location. Chief Hussey also commented there have been few crashes at the location. Superintendent Binckley reported the e-mail author seemed to be okay with his response.

It was noted the e-mailer suggested the installation of a mirror. There was further discussion concerning this issue. Superintendent Binckley did not recommend installation of a mirror. FO Miller questioned where a mirror could be installed. Superintendent Binckley indicated a pole would have to be installed, which would create another obstruction.

Trustee Schott questioned what happened with the wood which was lying along the roads. Superintendent Binckley reported most of the wood is gone, but there are still some pieces here and there.

**Work Schedule:**



Superintendent Binckley reported they are back to working five- eight hours work shifts, Monday through Friday.

Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported they had two funerals.

Superintendent Binckley reported the crews continued mulching leaves.

Superintendent Binckley reported they will pour foundations next week if the weather permits.

Trustee Schott reported the Old Colony Cemetery Board meeting which was scheduled for October 20, 2014, was moved to November 27, 2014.

Parks Department/ Granville Recreation District (GRD):

Trees at Raccoon Valley Park:

Trustee Schott reported she had a conversation with GRD Executive Director Andy Wildman regarding the Golfland land swap. Trustee Schott reported putting in a line of trees between Golfland and Raccoon Valley Park was previously discussed. Mr. Wildman requested assistance from the Township to purchase trees. Mr. Wildman is aware there is money in the parks fund. FO Miller reported there is \$4076.80 in the parks fund which could be spent for trees.

Trustee Schott reported Director Wildman wants to plant 8 foot tall pines. Director Wildman will prepare an RFP to determine the size and number of trees he is able to purchase with the funds available.

Trustee Schott made a motion to provide the GRD \$4076.80 or the remaining amount in the Parks Fund to purchase trees to be planted in Raccoon Valley Park at the property line with Golfland. Trustee Schott reported the land swap has not been finalized, and is still being worked on with the attorneys. Trustee Schott reported Director Wildman advised he may be able to obtain a better price for the trees this fall rather than next spring. Director Wildman advised Trustee Schott if he is able to obtain a better price in the fall, he will obtain permission from the owner of Golfland for permission to plant the trees now.

Trustee Jenks commented when the trees are fully grown they will act as a barrier for errant golf balls. Trustee Jenks noted this problem has already been significantly reduced. Trustee Jenks seconded the motion to give the GRD \$4076.80 or the remaining amount in the Parks Fund to purchase trees to be planted in Raccoon Valley Park at the property line with Golfland. After no further discussion, the motion was passed by a unanimous vote. Trustee Schott will inform Director Wildman.

Trustee Jenks reported he spoke to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) Lecklider and he is working on land descriptions for the property swap with Granville Golfland. Trustee Jenks advised he does not see any impediments to the property swap.

Fire Department:

**Chief's Report:****Ebola:**

Chief Hussey reported he attended meetings concerning Ebola in the past two weeks in order to be prepared. Chief Hussey reported a policy was developed and shared with the Trustees. Chief Hussey stated Granville Township was one of the first agencies in the County to prepare an Ebola policy. Chief Hussey reported the Township's policy exceeds the national guidelines. Chief Hussey noted he is working closely with the Licking County Health Department concerning this issue. Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department's medical director is also working on the issue and monitoring it closely. Chief Hussey commented his staff has been trained and he believes the Township is well prepared should there be a local Ebola outbreak.

Chief Hussey reported there was an incident which at first seemed to require the heavy protective equipment with the initial 911 call, but the staff did a good job of screening the call, and it was not necessary. If someone thinks they have Ebola symptoms, they will be treated as if they have the virus. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

**Rotary:**

Chief Hussey reported he spoke to the Granville Rotary on Monday, October 20, 2014. Chief Hussey spoke on services provided by Granville Township Fire Department and hot topics.

**Personnel:**

Chief Hussey requested approval for three Volunteer Fire Fighter candidates. The candidates are undergoing background checks and their appointments would be contingent on their successful completion of the background checks. Chief Hussey reported two of the candidates already have fire and EMS training and the third candidate is a Denison freshman from Illinois. The candidates are; Logan Williams who is a Johnstown resident, Emily Appelt who lives in Granville and is a CTEC Senior, and Charles Hoffman, a Denison freshman from Oak Park, Illinois.

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve Logan Williams, Emily Appelt, and Charles Hoffman as Granville Township Volunteer Fire Fighters. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Land Management/ Open Space:**

Open Space was covered previously in the agenda:

**Zoning:**

Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer:

**Permits Issued:**

No permits were issued.

**Olde Park Subdivision:**

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed Olde Farm Subdivision on October 27, 2014, at 7:00

p.m. Zoning Inspector Binckley reported the applicant, Bryan Reed, will not be able to attend the meeting, due to a death in the family. Zoning Inspector Binckley reported he plans to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at the county building. Zoning Inspector Binckley advised if the meeting goes well, Mr. Reed plans to submit an application around November 3, 2014. Zoning Inspector Binckley reported he and Trustee Schott discussed fee structures.

#### Zoning Appeal Board (ZBA):

##### Variance Application:

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported the ZBA is holding a public hearing regarding an area variance application from Marc Fiore, 2358 Welsh Hills Rd. Zoning Inspector Binckley advised he will attend the meeting.

#### Zoning Commission:

Trustee Schott reported the Zoning Commission will meet on November 3, 2014.

#### Black Radish Creamery:

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported he spoke to John Reese concerning his application for Black Radish Creamery. Mr. Reese is planning on resubmitting an application. Zoning Inspector Binckley reviewed the application for text amendments and the application only speaks of reclassification. Zoning Inspector Binckley will contact APA Lecklider concerning this minor change in the text amendment.

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported Zoning Commission Chairman Blanchard is going to have Mr. Reese resubmit his application.

#### Fees:

Trustee Schott reported she and Zoning Inspector Binckley reviewed the code concerning PUD regulations and noticed some items which might be updated at the beginning of the year such as language changes and fee consistency. Trustee Schott reported she will work with Zoning Inspector Binckley and will present suggestions at the beginning of the year.

#### Old Business:

##### Rotary Bridge Project-status

Trustee Jenks reported the permit from the Army Corp of Engineers was received for the reengineered north pier. They have begun to sheet pile the north pier.

Superintendent Binckley reported they hope to complete the sheet piling and have the other pier ready to be poured by the end of next week if the weather is good. Superintendent Binckley reported they hope to have all the sheeting in by the end of next week.

Trustee Schott questioned if parking was okay at the location and if the complaint was resolved. Superintendent Binckley reported there is now less traffic due to the season. Superintendent Binckley noted many people have come down to see what is going on, but no one is interfering or getting in the way. There are not any major issues with parking.

#### General Fund Levy:

FO Miller reported there is nothing new to report. There has not been any active campaigning besides what has been in the paper. Trustee Schott reported she will have an article ready for the newspaper on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The newspaper deadline was discussed. FO Miller reminded everyone Election Day is in less than two weeks.

#### State of Ohio Natural Gas Program for Township Buildings:

FO Miller reported he received a response from the program. FO Miller reported the natural gas program is only for Township properties and is run through the State of Ohio to acquire purchasing power. FO Miller reported if the Township signs the MOU the projected savings for 2015 will be \$879.39 based on last year's usage and their prices. FO Miller indicated this will be a 10% savings compared to last year.

FO Miller made a recommendation the Township sign the MOU to participate in the State of Ohio Natural Gas Purchase Program for 2015.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to authorize FO Miller to sign the MOU to participate in the State of Ohio Natural Gas Purchase Program. Trustee Schott questioned if the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) would be contacted if the Township wanted to get out of the program. FO Miller advised it is a DAS program and is similar to other state programs such as the salt purchasing program. This program is just for natural gas. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

#### Health Insurance:

Trustee Jenks reported the Township has been looking at its health insurance and broker. Trustee Jenks reported the Township has been discussing whether it would be wiser to use a local broker and with a broker who will help the Township better plan into the future.

FO Miller reported meetings were held with insurance brokers, Dawson and HR Butler. FO Miller noted Dawson has an office near the Granville Golf Course. FO Miller reported he, Superintendent Binckley, Chief Hussey, Trustee Jenks, and Trustee Schott attended the meetings with the companies' representatives. FO Miller advised it was refreshing to talk to the representatives as they discussed preparing a plan concerning what direction the Township wants to go versus what the Township has had in the past. FO Miller reported the Dawson representatives also talked about the Central Ohio Health Consortium which they currently manage. FO Miller reported the Village of Granville is in the Central Ohio Health Consortium and it seems to be a good group.

FO Miller reported there is a question whether Granville Township would be able to subscribe to the Central Ohio Health Consortium due to its size. FO Miller reported he checked with the Village of Granville and in the previous five years they experienced about a 5% increase each year for health insurance, however their initial premiums seem higher. FO Miller commented the Central Ohio Health Consortium may not be the right fit for Granville Township. FO Miller reported Dawson stated they are a tier 1 broker with United Health Care.

FO Miller reported HR Butler is also a tier 1 broker with United Health Care (UHC). FO Miller indicated the brokers believe Granville Township could receive some better prices because of their tier 1 rating with UHC. FO Miller noted tier 1 brokers were established as 90% of the people are with 10% of the brokers, and these brokers are some of the few companies which receive the preferential pricing.

FO Miller indicated he was impressed with Dawson. Chief Hussey did some reference checking on Dawson and reported Mifflin Township is very happy with Dawson as their insurance broker. They liked Dawson's long term strategies and alternative ways such as using partial self-funding. Chief Hussey reported Mifflin Township meets with the brokerage at least quarterly and has contact with them through the year, not just at renewal time. Chief Hussey advised Mifflin Township has been with Dawson about one year and has been pleased with them.

Chief Hussey reported Mifflin Township was with the Central Ohio Health Consortium when it was managed by a different broker, but pulled out when the Consortium had trouble. Chief Hussey reported he was told Dawson did a good job when it took over managing the Consortium and stabilized it. Mifflin is not currently in the Central Ohio Health Consortium, but is thinking about it. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

FO Miller announced the second insurance broker was HR Butler. FO Miller reported HR Butler also is a United Health Care Tier 1 partner. FO Miller reported he requested follow up information such as pricing from the HR Butler representative, and has not received feedback. FO Miller reported the HR Butler representative knew the Township had deadlines and today was the Trustees' meeting. FO Miller reported HR Butler seems to offer good products, but he is not as comfortable with the HR Butler representative as he is with Dawson.

FO Miller reported the Township is currently with Wichert Insurance and has had issues with them in the past. FO Miller suggested Wichert does not seem to look out for the future. Trustee Schott indicated Wichert is also not able to obtain the Tier 1 pricing. FO Miller reported the Township received a price from Wichert with a 14% increase in Medical Mutual's price. FO Miller advised Dawson has stated it can at least match Wichert's price, and may also shop for other vendors.

FO Miller reported he likes having someone local and Dawson has an office in Granville. FO Miller stated most of the representatives will be in Columbus, but there would be someone in Granville which the Township could call if there are issues.

FO Miller recommended the Township change insurance brokers and choose Dawson. FO Miller reported he would like to choose Dawson as the broker as soon as possible so the Township may move onto Open Enrollment. FO Miller reported the Township's current medical policy expires at the end of November.

Trustee Schott questioned whether the Dawson representatives who met with the Township Officials were based in Columbus or in Granville. FO Miller reported they were based in Columbus. Trustee Jenks reported he, FO Miller and Chief Hussey met the Granville agent last year. Chief Hussey reported the Granville agent is not involved in health care and is in property

and casualty insurance. It was noted the Township will be primarily serviced from a Columbus office.

Trustee Jenks stated based on FO Miller's recommendation and his attendance at the meetings, he agrees Dawson is a better candidate than Wichert and HR Butler. Trustee Jenks commented in fairness to Wichert, Granville Township should provide a thirty day notice Granville Township is changing insurance brokers.

Trustee Jenks made a motion Granville Township notify Wichert Insurance of the Township's intention to terminate their relationship with them effective the end of November, 2014, and to notify Dawson of the Township's wish to engage them as the Township's insurance broker for health care effective as soon as they are able to help the Township better prepare for 2015. Trustee Mason questioned if Dawson would begin November 1, 2014. Trustee Jenks reported Dawson will begin the end of November, but hopefully help the Township obtain prices before then.

FO Miller will contact Dawson and provide them with the Medical Mutual renewal increase amount received from Wichert and decide if we should shop other carries like United Health Care.

Trustee Schott reported she attended the meeting with Dawson and noted Dawson acts as a broker for many other municipalities in Ohio. Trustee Schott seconded Trustee Jenks' motion to notify Wichert Insurance of the Township's intention to terminate their relationship with them effective the end of November, 2014, and to notify Dawson of the Township's wish to engage them as the Township's insurance broker for health care effective as soon as they are able to help the Township better prepare for 2015. After no further discussion the motion was passed by a unanimous vote. FO Miller will notify Wichert and Dawson.

FO Miller reported the Township has one other type of insurance with Wichert and there will need to be discussion concerning whether the Township also wants to move this insurance to Dawson. Trustee Jenks advised FO Miller to be specific with Wichert and advise them the Township is not canceling casualty and fire insurance policy with Wichert. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Chief Hussey reported an employee questioned him concerning deductibles. There was discussion the Township shifted coverage to November 30<sup>th</sup> in 2013 due to the Affordable Care Act. Chief Hussey commented this created a one month offset and needs to be somehow corrected.

FO Miller reported he asked Wichert about this issue and was not provided an answer. Trustee Jenks requested FO Miller receive a recommendation from Wichert and Dawson concerning this issue before the next Trustees' meeting. The Township could go from December to November, or get on a January to December period. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

Granville Golf Course:

Trustee Mason reported he and the other Trustees have received comments from a few residents concerning the donation of the Granville Golf Course to Denison University. Trustee Mason commented the people who understand it, understand it, and those who do not lack an understanding of what is a green space conservation easement. Trustee Mason reported one person told him he thought the Township and the Village bought the Golf Course and questioned how it could be given to Denison. Trustee Mason reported he went through the whole discussion of what are conservation easements. Trustee Mason advised the resident the Township did not buy the Golf Course, it bought an easement and the Golf Course cannot be developed.

Trustee Mason also reported a resident made a comment similar to those made when conservation easements were purchased on farmland that all the Township is doing is making the farmers rich. Trustee Mason reported he pointed out someone was going to own the Golf Course. The six owners wanted to divest themselves of the Golf Course and an individual, a company, a philanthropic group, etc. could have purchased the Golf Course. Trustee Mason reported it did not matter to the Trustees or the Village who will own the Golf Course, it was important the Golf Course property was not developed. Trustee Mason explained keeping the land from being developed is the only thing the Township was able to guarantee.

Trustee Schott remarked the Township does not ask a farmer what his intent is with his farm after a conservation easement. Trustee Mason noted the farmer may give the farm to his family or may sell it. The farm is no different than the Golf Course.

Trustee Mason stated it was unknown what would happen to the Golf Course in the future.

Trustee Schott stated some of the owners are Denison alumni and it did cross her mind, but this does not mean Denison would not have developed the property. Trustee Mason reported when the Golf Course was first discussed, Denison indicated they were not interested in it if it would had an easement. Denison did not want an easement on the property in case it wanted to develop it in the future.

Trustee Mason reported the Township was aware developers wanted to purchase the Golf Course and the shareholders wanted to sell the property, but did not want it to be developed. Trustee Mason indicated the shareholders also wanted the property to remain a golf course and for it to remain a taxable business. Trustee Mason reported the Township and the Village did not want the land to be developed and, therefore, purchased the easement to guarantee development would not happen. Trustee Mason indicated the Township and the Village knew the property could be sold as that is what the shareholders wanted. If the Township and Village did not purchase the easement, the property could have been sold and there was not a guarantee the property would remain on the tax duplicate or remain a golf course.

Trustee Mason reported he believes the owners' decision to give the Golf Course to Denison University is the best of all worlds as it will keep the property on the tax duplicate as it will be run as a business. It also will likely remain a golf course and be open to the public. Trustee Mason advised the end result is the conservation easement worked, kept the property from being developed, and was successful. There was further discussion concerning this issue.

#### Township Newsletter:

Trustee Schott reported she sent the Trustees and FO Miller an e-mail on October 6, 2014, with the pricing quotes for a newsletter. Trustee Schott included what was formerly spent in the e-mail.

Trustee Schott made a motion to spend up to \$4,000 to send a fall Township Newsletter to update the Township's constituents about Granville Township including such items as the new open space map, aggregation, contact information.

Trustee Mason commented the Township has not published a newsletter for several years.

Trustee Schott reported she received quotes for the newsletter and it will be sent to approximately 4,500 people. Trustee Schott reported she will obtain the list from the Board of Elections as it will provide the addresses easily and legally. Trustee Schott reported the Township will be able to use the bulk mailing rate.

Trustee Jenks seconded Trustee Schott's motion to spend up to \$4,000 to send a fall Township Newsletter to update the Township's constituents about Granville Township. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote after no further discussion.

#### New Business:

##### Eagle Scout Project:

Trustee Schott reported an Eagle Scout candidate will be working with the Lynne Boone and the Old Colony Cemetery Board on an Eagle Scout project. There was a brief discussion concerning this project.

Licking County Building Code Department Building Symposium Trustee Jenks reported there was an invitation to the Licking County Building Code Department Building Symposium. Trustee Jenks indicated he did not see value or need for Superintendent Binckley of any of the Trustees to attend. Superintendent Binckley reported the first session explains what the Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) does, and he and the Township are already aware of the LCPC functions.

It was agreed no one from Granville Township needed to attend the building symposium.

##### GRD Semi-trailer:

Chief Hussey reported Andy Wildman, GRD, questioned him concerning a semi-trailer which the GRD has and would like to sell on GovDeals.com. The GRD requested help from the Township to sell the semi-trailer as they do not have a GovDeals.com account. Chief Hussey questioned if anyone knew who owns and has title to the semi-trailer. It was noted the semi-trailer was used when the Millers ran the GRC and was used to store equipment. Chief Hussey commented he does not know if there are titles for semi-trailers. There was discussion there should be a title as the semi-trailer is over 4,000 lbs, and may be licensed for the road.

Trustee Jenks reported the GRD has two options, to either apply for a junk title, or may junk it.



There was further discussion concerning whether there is a title for the semi-trailer, and whether it is titled to Granville Township. Trustee Jenks reported the GRC was run as an independent agency and all Granville Township did was provide them with GRC tax dollars.

Trustee Schott questioned if the Township could make a motion and Trustee Jenks reported the Township could turn its rights to the semi-trailer over to the GRD. Chief Hussey commented if the Township has rights to the semi-trailer it should be the agency to sell it and then give the revenue to the GRD. Chief Hussey reported the selling process would be cleaner if the Township has title as then it may use GovDeals.com.

Trustee Schott made a motion to allow Chief Hussey to place the trailer on GovDeals.com once the title issue was resolved, Trustee Mason seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion was unanimously passed.

Executive Session:

There was no need for an executive session.

Trustee Jenks moved adjournment, Trustee Schott seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Calendar Reminder:

- Regular Board Meeting, 11/9/14 starting at 7:00 PM

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