

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 10, 2015

Present: Granville Township and Granville Roads District Trustees* Bill Mason, and Paul Jenks, Fiscal Officer Jerry Miller, Recording Secretary Maggie Barno

Absent: Trustee Melanie Schott

Department Heads: Chief Hussey, Superintendent Travis Binckley

Guests: Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel

Richard Van Meter, Llanberis Dr.

Helen Sunkle, 109 Fairview

Bill Wilken, 474 Glyn Tawel Dr.

Casey Curtis and Ryan Hussey, Granville Township Fire Dept.

Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg St.

Ben Rader, 130 W. Broadway

Jeff Clark, 28 Meadow Wood Dr.

Mason Clark, 28 Meadow Wood Dr.

Richard and Susan Gosnell, 731 Fairview

Andrew King, Columbus Rd.

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

Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Jenks moved to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion passed.

Public Hearings on Nuisance Property located at 145 Fairview:

Trustee Jenks opened the public hearing on 145 Fairview. Trustee Jenks asked if anyone wanted to speak on 145 Fairview. Initially no one spoke up and Trustee Jenks asked Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley if he wanted to comment on 145 Fairview. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley reported he had inspected the property and the grass had been mowed and an attempt had been made to clean things up, however the weeds had not been removed. In Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley's opinion this property no longer qualified as a nuisance and recommended no further action be made at this time.

Trustee Jenks moved they take no further action on 145 Fairview and to close the public hearing on the property. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Richard Gosnell, 731 Fairview, addressed the Trustees. Trustee Jenks asked Mr. Gosnell if he wanted to speak on 145 Fairview, to which he answered he did. Trustee Jenks stated the hearing on 145 Fairview had been closed, but in all fairness to Mr. Gosnell, the Trustees agreed to reopen the hearing on 145 Fairview.

Mr. Gosnell stated there is still tall grass and weeds as well as logs and tires in the back of the property, plus the siding is falling off of the house. Mr. Gosnell does not believe the owner cares about the property or will return to it. Trustee Jenks asked Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley to address Mr. Gosnell's issues. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer

Binckley stated he did not see the tires and asked for Mr. Gosnell's permission to come onto his property to look at the rear of the property on 145 Fairview.

Trustee Jenks retracted his previous vote on closing the public hearing on 145 Fairview, as did Trustee Mason. It was decided to keep the public hearing on 145 Fairview open until the next meeting to allow for further investigation on the property.

Public Hearings on Nuisance Property located at 217 Fairview:

Trustee Jenks opened the public hearing on 217 Fairview. Trustee Jenks asked if anyone wanted to speak on 217 Fairview.

FO Miller reported he had received a phone call from the owner who had stated he was going to clean up the property. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley stated his inspection showed the grass had been mowed and the driveway had been addressed, as well as the siding had been patched and windows repaired. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer stated the owner said he was trying to get the property ready to rent. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley's recommendation was the property no longer qualified as a nuisance.

Trustee Jenks moved to take no further action on 217 Fairview and to close the public hearing on 217 Fairview. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Public Hearings on Nuisance Property located at 223 Fairview:

Trustee Jenks opened the public hearing on 223 Fairview and asked if anyone wanted to speak on the property. As no one spoke on 223 Fairview, Trustee Mason asked Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley to discuss the property of 223 Fairview. Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley stated in his opinion this was the worst of the three properties on Fairview. The grass was very high, and it had roof damage and a lot of garbage. The grass has now been mowed and the owner has a contract to have it mowed every week. The owner is going to put a new roof on the house and about 85% of the garbage has been picked up. In Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley's opinion the house is no longer a nuisance.

Trustee Jenks moved to accept Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer Binckley's recommendation and to close the public hearing on 223 Fairview. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes Approval:

Trustee Jenks reported Trustee Schott asked to postpone the approval of the minutes until she could be present to vote on them. Trustee Jenks moved to table the approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bill Wilken spoke to the issue of the building of a new fire station; his main concern being the issue is thoroughly vetted. Mr. Wilken's immediate concern is to make certain that we achieve a balance between what we have to do in the very short run (and moving ahead in that direction) and also assuring proper operation of the Township overall.

Mr. Wilken suggested the money that has been set aside (\$900,000) for the potential fire station expense be returned to the general fund.

Trustee Mason responded to Mr. Wilken's comments stating the Township has been "band-aiding" the current fire station building which was built for a volunteer department. Trustee Mason stated no decisions have been made and the Township is in the exploring/planning stage for the future.

Andrew King, a Granville resident, formally introduced himself as a candidate for County Prosecutor.

As no one had further public comments, Trustee Jenks closed the Public Comment Section.

There was no further public comment.

Correspondence Received or Sent:

FO Miller reported:

- Received a letter from Bill Wilken and forwarded it to the Trustees.
- The Prosecutor's Office sent a note that any Levy issue for the fall election has to be filed at the Board of Elections by August 5, 2015.
- Provided responses to some public information requests.

Elected Official Reports:

FO Miller:

- Met with Trustee Schott and Jeff Hussey and Frank Harmon from Ohio Insurance Agency to learn about what services his group could provide compared to the current company, Dawson Insurance. Trustee Jenks stated he thought it was an excellent idea to get quotes from other companies and Mr. Miller said he would proceed.
- Attended the Memorial Day Parade and Service.
- FO Miller received notice from AEP regarding the Township's electrical energy and the switch over to a new electrical service provider, Constellation Energy. Trustee Jenks commented for the record, if you are in a current contract with someone else, this plan doesn't affect you, or if you are enrolled in the co-op it doesn't affect you. Everybody else is automatically enrolled unless you elect to take yourself out, which you are allowed to do.

FO Miller provided a list of the warrants and payroll checks 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 Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, withholding vouchers, debit memos, EFT's, and if applicable, then and now purchase order certificates were approved for payment and processing.

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
483-2015	05/28/2015	05/11/2015	CH	Medical Mutual of Ohio	\$13,669.47
535-2015	05/28/2015	05/26/2015	EW	AFLAC	\$937.54
536-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Joseph C Asselin	\$982.08
537-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Susan A Bain	\$237.90
538-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Christopher M Bassetti	\$149.78
539-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Andrew R Baughman	\$1,801.41
540-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	B. Travis Binckley	\$2,176.73
541-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Charles D. Borden	\$1,018.13
542-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Thomas A. Bowman	\$2,272.09
543-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Tyler J. Bryan	\$1,047.52
544-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Joshua M Butt	\$946.18
545-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Derwin R Clemens	\$1,545.82
546-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Gregory S. Coyle	\$232.38
547-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Casey R. Curtis	\$1,724.47
548-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Alexander J Daniels	\$619.97
549-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Paul J. DuBeck III	\$243.18
550-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	C. Michael Duncan	\$142.91
551-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Troy A Elmore	\$381.05
552-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Bradley D Essick	\$1,758.74
553-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	John R Guegold	\$827.52
554-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Benjamin S. Hagstad	\$520.37
555-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Joshua B. Harrison	\$621.18
556-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Kevin M Henry	\$651.36
557-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Brianne M Hill	\$1,527.22
558-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Jeff A Hussey	\$2,627.21
559-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Jeremiah C Irwin	\$527.89
560-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Aaron C. Jones	\$141.13
561-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Brian P. Jones	\$248.45
562-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Jaime J Jones	\$253.04
563-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Bradley A. Leckrone	\$281.29
564-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Terry L. Lynn Jr	\$252.49
565-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Nicholas J Marcum	\$652.30
566-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Ralph R Meisenhelder	\$734.08
567-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Troy A Melick	\$390.86
568-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Tyler S Poe	\$150.98
569-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Brandon T. Reece	\$1,506.91
570-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Steve L. Riley Jr.	\$252.30
571-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Andrew T. Saunders	\$2,054.45
572-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Scott M Smith	\$420.71
573-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EP	Seth W Teagle	\$13.86
575-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EW	Park National Bank-IRS (Fed, Med & SS w/h)	\$6,733.27
576-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EW	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.	\$1,517.00
577-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EW	OCSPay Center-Knox Cty 7085726383	\$682.62
578-2015	06/05/2015	06/02/2015	EW	Park National Bank - for OPERS ACH Dr	\$8,981.13
579-2015	06/05/2015	06/03/2015	EW	Park National Bank - OP&FPP	\$29,663.40
580-2015	05/31/2015	06/04/2015	CH	Granville Township - Dummy vendor	\$2,801.51

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
581-2015	05/31/2015	06/04/2015	CH	Windstream	\$372.19
582-2015	05/31/2015	06/04/2015	CH	American Electric Power	\$1,316.87
583-2015	05/31/2015	06/04/2015	CH	Village of Granville	\$170.52
10707	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Active 911 Inc	\$562.50
10708	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Cardmember Service	\$742.47
10709	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Cintas Corporation	\$515.33
10710	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Fackler Country Gardens Inc	\$95.70
10711	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	\$1,545.00
10712	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Fire House	\$299.00
10713	06/08/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Genuine Parts Co	\$292.05
10714	06/08/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Granville Lumber	\$24.77
10715	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Hope Timber Garden Center Ltd	\$902.00
10716	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	McDonald Auto and Truck Repair	\$618.18
10717	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	MT Business Technologies Inc	\$53.08
10718	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Newark Winnelson	\$318.00
10719	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Ross' Granville Market	\$167.89
10720	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Scioto Materials LLC	\$331.52
10721	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Scott Romei	\$300.34
10722	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Super Duty Truck Parts	\$49.38
10723	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Time Warner	\$117.49
10724	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$1,074.00
10725	06/09/2015	06/08/2015	AW	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$100.00

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

Jerry A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Bill Mason:

- Spent some time working in the Old Colony Burial Ground on Saturday.
- The Township's local waste program is going a lot better and the calls have slowed down regarding it.
- Received a call from the Licking County Sheriff's office regarding two women from the Buckeye Lake area who were camping at the Spring Valley shelter house. Trustee Mason called Andy Wildman, GRD Director, as the Township has an agreement with the Recreation District to manage the park. Trustee Mason, two sheriffs and GRD Director Wildman arrived at the park where Director Wildman handled the situation.

Trustee Paul Jenks:

- Spoke with the Prosecutor's Office regarding recovering money if the Township mows and/or clean up nuisance properties. There is a mechanism which Harrison Township used to recoup Township costs. Trustee Jenks forwarded a copy of the Prosecutor's opinion to the other Trustees.

Roads District:

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Binckley reported crews:

- Caught up with roadside mowing and weed control.
- Patched the Old River Road culvert and patched a part of Cannon Road.
- Began the process of installing 200 feet of tile in a wet area off Highgate.

Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Reported the following activity:

- Had two funerals.
- Delivered some gravel, sand and mulch to Old Colony Burial Ground.

Parks Department/ Granville Recreation District (GRD)/ Bryn Du Commission:

Superintendent Binckley stated a large tree and some branches came down in Raccoon Valley Park, which were cleaned up.

Trustee Jenks asked FO Miller how to account for funds when time is spent dealing with the parks. FO Miller said he did not regard it as an issue when employees spend a short time on the parks, but should put a procedure in place stating over so many hours there is a need to track it because the people who are doing the work are paid out of roads funds. FO Miller indicated he had talked with the State Auditor's Office regarding the issue and was advised that a day or so is not a big issue. FO Miller will continue to work on the procedure with Superintendent Binckley.

Trustee Jenks reminded the Township is close to signing an agreement with the GRD and stated GRD Director Andy Wildman called him to report he was ready to present the agreement tonight. However, as Trustee Schott, who has been our representative on the agreement is not here tonight, he thought it best to wait until Trustee Schott and Director Wildman could attend.

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported staff completed the following activities:

- 850 year to date calls in 2015.
- Attended two Licking County Technical Review Committee meetings regarding Sycamore Ridge and the Black Radish Creamery developments. There are no safety concerns.
- The Department will participate in the statewide HazMat and terrorism exercise at the State Fire Academy as part of its role as part of the County HazMat team. A couple of full time staff and several volunteers will be sent to participate.
- Fire Fighter Borden and the Chief attended medical infection and control-training programs, which are required by state and federal law and regulations to make sure Township policies, are in compliance with federal regulations.
- Chief Hussey will attend the State Board Pharmacy training session at Truro Township to ensure the Department is in full compliance with EMS operations controlled substances and drug license.

Chief Hussey presented a request to purchase a new Type I Ford F450 ambulance from Braun Ambulance in Van Wert, Ohio for \$197,099.48. The amount includes a \$4700 rebate for Ford fleet clients. The ambulance will be scheduled for January 2016 delivery. The vehicle is being funded from the fleet replacement fund and is budgeted. Medic committee member Captain Casey Curtis explained the mechanics of the truck to the Trustees.

FO Miller asked if the longer truck (by 24 inches) would fit in the station. Captain Curtis explained there would be room for this new truck, but a second new truck would require removal of the work bench. Chief Hussey noted this is an example of where we are being strangled by the current facility.

Chief Hussey requested the Trustees sign the contract for the truck.

Trustee Jenks moved to allow FO Miller to sign the bid for the vehicle up to \$197,600. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Land Management/ Open Space:

No report

Zoning

Zoning Inspector and Compliance Officer

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported:

- A couple of permits are pending. Both are for additions.

Compliance Officer Binckley reported:

- He answered numerous phone calls about high grass and nuisance issues. With the exception of one of those properties, everything has been handled with no action necessary. There is one property on River Road and that he has asked the Prosecutor's Office how to handle because it is an on-going situation.

Zoning Commission:

Zoning Commission Chairperson Rob Schaadt reported the Zoning Commission met last week to start the review of recommendations provided by Zoning Inspector Binckley. The Commission plans to meet again on June 22 to determine which recommendations they will move forward.

Zoning Commission

No report

Zoning Appeal Board

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported there is an application for a conditional use permit, plus there are two building permit applications on his desk which will require a BZA Variance.

Old Business:

Rotary Bridge Project-status:

Trustee Jenks reported the Rotary Bridge is open. Trustee Jenks is scheduled on Friday with Dr. John Weigand, Carol Bane and a representative from the State to review a punch list of items.

Trustee Jenks will submit the photos of the bridge, needed to receive reimbursement from the ODNR grant, next week.

Superintendent Binckley added as he was asked by the Trustees, at the previous meeting, to get a quote for trees to block the entrance to the path at the end of Vill Edge Drive. Superintendent Binckley met with John Klauder and received a quote of \$690 for two 9 foot spruce trees at \$690 installed.

Trustee Jenks explained Trustees had to take out vegetation at the end of Vill Edge to get construction equipment in, opening up the probability that people will try to take vehicles onto the bike path or the bridge. Trustee Jenks suggested because the Township cut down the vegetation, the Township should pay to replace it.

Trustee Jenks moved the Township buy two trees or the number of trees necessary to close off the end of Vill Edge so people won't drive vehicles onto the path. Trustee Mason seconded the motion then asked if the money could come from any remaining bridge funds? Trustee Jenks replied he had spoken with Rotary about it and Rotary did not want to commit any further funds because nobody was sure how much money was left.

FO Miller asked for clarification if the money would come from the general fund from the contingency line item? Trustee Jenks answered yes, and thanked him for the clarification. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Township Purchasing Procedures:
FO Miller is working on the procedures.

Firehouse Building Fund:
Trustees Jenks and Mason entered into a discussion regarding the \$917,000 set aside for funding the firehouse.

Trustee Mason provided a background saying the Township received approximately \$400,000 of unanticipated dollars which came from the inheritance tax. The Trustees decided at the time to find a place to hold it, rather than put it in the general fund. At that time Trustee Mason suggested it be set-aside in a separate fund for the fire fund.

Trustee Jenks stated he does not want anyone to infer he is negative about what Trustees are doing with the firehouse. Trustee Jenks reported the Township had the good fortune for years of taking in more inheritance tax than was spent out of the general fund. The Township took in approximately \$350,000 in inheritance tax and was only spending everything we had approximately in the high \$200,000's. As officials started to think about the firehouse, there was money available than was being spent. The Trustees anticipated the general fund would be ample well into the future. A contingency fund was created for a firehouse like was already in place for future equipment purchases.

The Township then lost the inheritance tax. Consequently, the surplus has been eroding away the general fund. That surplus is forecasted to go away in late 2017 or early 2018 and the Township will be out of business without additional funding. The Trustees went to the taxpayers and asked them for a one-mill general fund levy which the voters rejected. At the same time the Trustees dropped the 2.5 mil open space levy. Township taxpayers soundly rejected the request

for a general fund levy. Some people have made unfair allegations that the money was hidden in the fire account to cry poor. Nothing is further from the truth. All dollars can be repatriated back (\$900,000) to the general fund which would mean the Township will run out of money in 2020-2021.

There will be a time when the Township and the Trustees who are in place should seriously consider, if the general fund is made well again and probably funded by a levy, it would it be appropriate to put money back in place to help fund the fire station. It would be appropriate to form a public committee in the future to discuss moving forward with the new firehouse.

Based on where we are today, the fact we do not have a project on the books, letting that money sit there, telling the public we're running out of money in the general fund (when it was money in the general fund in the first place) is not appropriate today. While no one did anything wrong, Trustee Jenks stated he believes the dollars needed to be repatriated back to the general fund.

Trustee Jenks moved the money be transferred from the contingency fire building fund to the general fund. Trustee Mason seconded and the motion carried.

New Business

2015 Summer Meeting Schedule

It was decided to cancel the regularly scheduled second meetings of June, July and August.

On a motion by Trustee Jenks and a second by Trustee Mason, with Jenks-Yes, Mason-Yes, the meeting was moved into Executive Session under ORC section 122.21(G)(1) to discuss personnel issues. Chief Hussey and Superintendent Binckly were invited to attend.

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

Trustee Mason read and then presented the following resignation letter.

Paul, Melanie and Jerry,

Upon encountering this past year a number of agonizing experiences including challenges about my personal integrity, it is time for this Trustee to find other ways to continue giving back to his community. The experience has taken its toll! When public service affects one's family, it is time to make a change.

Back in November of 2009 a personal decision was made to accept an appointment as Granville Township Trustee to fill an unexpired term. Here some six years later the opportunity to pay back to the community that has meant so much and been so good to our family remains important. Back then, to continue and enhance the good work of the Trustees was my sole goal and purpose. There was no other agenda and that goal remains even today.

However, my personal value system (which is sincerely hoped includes a reputation for being forthright, honest, and upfront) has subsequently been challenged and jeopardized. My influence has been minimized and it is realized my ability to lead and be effective has also become inconsequential. Drama and distrust is deemed to be detrimental to the well being of the Township and while it is not my style to walk away from a challenge or responsibility, an ineffective leader is not what the residents of this great community elected. I can no longer expend the inordinate amount of time necessitated to effectively help manage Granville Township and be at peace with myself. This letter serves as my official resignation effective July 1st. My intent is to complete all assignments and responsibilities. Making this decision now should provide Township Officials the opportunity to select a replacement who can gain valuable experience before having to decide upon running for election.

A sincere thank you to those citizens who supported me many times over! It is with personal pride knowing you received my best effort the past six years. It has been a pleasure to work with the Township's dedicated staff as well as individuals like Norm Kennedy, Jerry Miller, and Trustees Fred Abraham, Bill Habig and Paul Jenks. I'll also miss the friendships, support and assistance of local Village Officials like Mayor Hartfield and the Village Staff as well as Licking County Officials including Auditor Mike Smith, Treasurer Olivia Parkinson, the Engineer's staff, the Prosecutor's staff, as well as State Representative Scott Ryan. You all have made an impact and I'm forever grateful!

Thank you,
Bill Mason

Bill 6-10-15

Trustee Jenks and FO Miller both thanked Trustee Mason for his service to the Township and agreed they will miss working with him on a daily basis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Calendar Reminder

- Regular Board* meetings 6/10/2015 and 6/24/2015 at 7:00 PM.

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