

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 9, 2016

Present: Granville Township and Granville Roads District Trustees* Melanie Schott, Dan VanNess, Kevin Bennett and Recording Secretary Maggie Barno
Department Heads: Fire Chief Jeff Hussey
Absent: Fiscal Officer Miller and Superintendent Travis Binckley
Guests: Doug and Nancy Berg, Burtridge Drive
Jim Murr

Trustee Schott called the meeting to order at 7 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing- 1161 River Road Junk Vehicle

Trustee Schott opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 PM.

No one was present to speak at the Public Hearing.

The Trustees presented an update concerning the River Road Junk Vehicle. Trustee VanNess commented Zoning Inspector Binckley sent a certified letter to the property owners, Peter Benson and Judy Gjessing on February 29, 2016. Trustee VanNess showed pictures of the vehicle and Trustee Bennett stated he drove by the property on March 9, 2016 and the vehicle was on the property. Trustee VanNess stated the Trustees needed to declare the vehicle as a junk vehicle as it meets all of the requirements of a junk vehicle: 3 years or older; inoperable; and extensively damaged.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to declare the vehicle at 1161 River Road as a junk vehicle and to authorize Zoning Inspector Binckley to start the process to remove the vehicle. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Trustee Schott made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:05 PM.

Trustee VanNess stated a notice would be sent to the owners of the Benson property with the results of the Public Hearing, giving them 14 days to remove the vehicle. Trustee Schott asked for clarification regarding what would happen if the Township incurred costs to move the vehicle. Trustee Bennett explained a lien would be placed on the property and when the property is sold, the Township would be in line to collect. Trustee Schott asked if anything further needed to be done at this meeting and if a resolution would need to be passed in 14 days. Trustee VanNess explained the resolution had been made with the motion declaring the vehicle as a junk vehicle. Trustee Schott asked if it (the resolution) needed to be signed. The Trustees signed the resolution.

Agenda Approval

Trustee Schott made a motion to modify the agenda to move item 15a. Noise Complaint-Burtridge Drive up after Public Comment. Trustee Van Ness seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee VanNess made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016, regular meeting of the Granville Township Trustees. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Noise Complaint Burtridge Drive

Dan Berg made comments regarding the howling dog noise complaint on Burtridge Drive. Mr. Berg played a recording of the howling dog. Trustee Schott asked if anyone was home while the dog was howling and Mr. Berg replied someone was home.

Trustee Bennett commented the Trustees had discussed the complaint and prepared a letter which was sent to the dog owner regarding the howling dog/dogs. The letter indicated the Trustees have received multiple noise complaints and feel the howling dogs are not consistent with a residential neighborhood. The Trustees hope they would be good neighbors and deal with the situation, otherwise the Trustees could be forced to consider adding a noise provision.

Trustee Schott stated the County Prosecutor's Office provided some noise ordinance language which is currently being used by one other township within Licking County.

Mr. Berg mentioned he learned a civic association was created 20 years ago for the Burtridge/Spring Valley neighborhood, but the howling dog neighbors live on Granview Rd.

Trustee Schott mentioned it would not be a quick process to create an ordinance.

Trustee Schott closed the Public Comment at 7:16 PM.

Correspondence Received or Sent

Trustee Schott commented FO Miller had given no correspondence to her. In the absence of FO Miller, the listing of Township's checks would be approved at the next meeting.

Elected Official Reports

Trustee Schott

Trustee Schott reported the following:

- Attended the Joint Communications meeting March 4, 2016 and discussed the following:
 - Results of the Village Council retreat
 - Granville Scenic By-Way Committee
- Attended the LC Planning Commission meeting with Chief Hussey on March 3, 2016.

Trustee Bennett

Trustee Bennett reported the following:

- On Monday, March 14, 2016, he and FO Miller are scheduled to meet Meeder Investments at 10:00 AM.
- On Friday, March 11, 2016, will meet with Village Mayor Hartfield, Village Manager Stilwell, Village Council members Finkleman and Johnson regarding the fire station.

Trustee VanNess

Trustee VanNess reported the following:

- Trustees Schott and VanNess met with Craig Goodwin on Saturday, March 5, 2016, regarding issues with the PUD on SR 37. Another meeting is set for March 12, 2016 with Dr. Sada who property also boarder the PUD.

Granville Township Road District

Trustee VanNess reported the following:

- Superintendent Binckley asked for a purchase order for 165 tons of salt to meet the minimum contract.

Trustee Bennett made a motion to approve Superintendent Binckley to proceed with the purchase of road salt to meet the minimum required purchase of the contract. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Clearing/trimming of trees is continuing on Goose Lane and has been finished on Old Columbus Road.
- Superintendent Binckley requested a purchase order for a plate compactor and adapter (which was included in the approved budget) for a state term contract price of \$6666. Discussion was held regarding the compactor and adapter.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to approve the purchase of a compactor and adapter at the state term contract price of \$6666. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Superintendent Binckley will meet with Union Township representatives regarding potholes and needed tree trimming on the borderline road of Jones Road.
- Four employees will attend the Licking County Safety Workshop on April 13, 2016.

Cemetery Department

Trustee VanNess reported the following:

- The winter decorations and grave blankets have been removed.

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

Trustee Schott reported she attended the GRD meeting where they discussed updating signage at the parks. Trustee Schott noted the sign at the Spring Valley Park should be included.

Trustee Bennett reported he updated Mr. Bellman we are looking at a policy for park benches.

Discussion of a park bench policy followed.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Hussey reported the following:

- 346 runs to date in 2016
- Finished the grant application for the SAFER Grant
- Completed inspections at Middleton Senior Center and they received their certificate of occupancy from Licking County. Approximately 120 occupants are expected.
- Asked Trustee VanNess to help make an analysis of which Medic to dispose of
- Four staff attended continuing education training
- A training fire is scheduled on March 20, 2016
- Attended TRC for Old Park subdivision construction phase
- Spent two days providing EMS services at Denison University

Discussion was held regarding a Special Duty Policy for Fire Department.

Land Management/Open Space

Trustee Schott reported the Land Management Committee's annual inspections are underway. Trustee Schott reported she looked at Salt Run Park damage.

Zoning

Trustee VanNess had no Zoning report from Zoning Inspector Binckley at this time.

Zoning Commission

Trustee Schott commented copies of the updated Zoning Resolution are located at the Township Service Complex for distribution to the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Additionally the Township's website was updated with the new version.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

The ZBA did not meet in February.

Old Business

Shooting Range –Environmental Study

Trustee Bennett indicated there would be a Special Meeting of the Trustees on April 6, 2016, at 11:30 AM at Denison University to hear the report of the environmental Study completed by Denison University students.

SR 37/James Road Property:

No report was made at this time.

Trustee Bennett made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G1 and 121.22 G2. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and called the roll. The roll call was as follows:

Trustee VanNess - yes

Trustee Bennett - yes

Trustee Schott - yes

The Trustees then moved into Executive Session at 7:58 PM.

At 8:47 PM Trustee Bennett moved to end the Executive Session and move back into Regular Session. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion. Trustee Schott called the roll as follows:

Trustee VanNess - yes

Trustee Bennett - yes

Trustee Schott - yes

Trustee Bennett moved to hire Mr. Jim Murr to conduct an property appraisal of the land discussed in executive session, at a cost not to exceed \$2800 from the General Fund. Trustee Schott seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Calendar Reminder

- Regular Board meeting scheduled for 3/23/2016 has been cancelled.
- Special Economic Development meeting with the Trustees, Village Council, GEVSD Board and the GRD will be held at Bryn Du on 3/30/2016 at 6:00 PM
- Special meeting of the Trustees to receive the results of the environment study of the shooting range study will be held at Denison University on April 6, 2016 at 11:30 AM
- Regular Board meeting is April 13, 2016 at 7 PM at the Township Service Complex.

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