

Granville Township
Minutes of Special Meeting, April 17, 2017
Granville Township Business Office – 135 E. College Street

Present: Granville Township and Granville Roads District Trustees* Melanie Schott, Kevin Bennett, Dan VanNess; Fiscal Officer (FO) Jerry Miller
Guests: Richard Pinkerton, Township Property Realtor

Trustee Schott called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, stating the sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sale of the Township owned property located at James Rd and SR 37.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported the meeting was properly advertised, as he had notified the local newspaper (Craig McDonald) on Friday, as well as posting the meeting notice on the Township's website.

Trustee Bennett explained an email he sent to the Trustees over the weekend about the possible need for him and Trustee VanNess to recuse themselves from voting on the sale. Trustee VanNess explained he had previously informed his brother the properties were for sale and to contact Relator Pinkerton if interested. Trustee VanNess reported his brother told him he had just purchased another parcel and had decided not to bid on the Township property. Realtor Pinkerton confirmed he has not received a bid from Trustee VanNess's brother. Trustee Bennett explained he knew someone who was bidding and was concerned he had a possible conflict of interest.

Trustee VanNess expressed concern about the short amount of time properties have been listed and concern the Trustees were moving too quickly on the sale of the properties. Trustee Schott noted the properties had previously been listed for many months.

Trustee Schott suggested possibly advertising for another 10 days and asking for sealed bids.

Realtor Pinkerton told the Trustees he had reached back out to his bidders, seeking their best offer, with the restrictions of allowing only one house on the total property (13+ acres). Realtor Pinkerton stated he did not reject any offers.

After some discussion, it was decided to move into executive session and to have Realtor Pinkerton write the bid amounts on the blackboard, without revealing the bidders name, then the Trustees could decide what, if any, action to take.

At 9:15 AM, Trustee Bennett made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to 121.22 (G) (2) to discuss a potential property sale. Trustee Schott seconded the motion.

FO Miller called the roll for the vote to move into Executive Session, which was as follows:

Trustee Schott- yes

Trustee Bennett- yes

Trustee VanNess- yes

At 9:32 AM, Trustee Bennett made a motion to move out of Executive Session, Trustee VanNess seconded the motion.

FO Miller called the roll for the vote to move out of Executive Session, which was as follows:

Trustee Schott- yes

Trustee Bennett- yes

Trustee VanNess- yes

Coming out of executive session, the Trustees reviewed the three bids listed on the blackboard and considered their action:

- The two highest bids were the same exact amount.
- The Trustees were pleased with the amounts offered and the value to the Township as open space, as the buyers are agreeing to restrict the entire property to one house.
- Trustee Bennett concluded he could vote on the action as none of the bidders names were not provided.
- The Trustees also discussed and agreed the Township should pay the cost to have the 3 parcels combined into one parcel.

Trustee Schott moved to authorize Realtor Pinkerton to seek counter offers from the two highest bidders, to break the tie, by 5 pm on April 19, 2017 and the highest bidder at or above the amount listed on the blackboard, would be the winning bid. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion. Trustee VanNess asked for a roll call vote:

FO Miller called the roll for the vote, which was as follows:

Trustee Schott- yes

Trustee Bennett- yes

Trustee VanNess- yes

With no further action the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Calendar Reminder

- The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017, at 7 PM.

*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.