

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 26, 2017

Present: Granville Township and Granville Roads District Trustees* Kevin Bennett, Dan VanNess, Fiscal Officer (FO) Jerry Miller and Recording Secretary Maggie Barno
Department Heads: Fire Chief Casey Curtis and Superintendent Travis Binckley
Absent: Trustee Melanie Schott
Guests: Craig McDonald, Granville Sentinel



THE BOARD OF GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES*
Regular Meeting
Sign-in Sheet – July 26, 2017

NAME	ADDRESS
Bart Lechner	41 Denison Ct. Granville, O
Olivia Aguilera	402 W. Maple
Charles Hartman	135 W Maple
ROB SCHMIDT	2523 BURG ST
Liz Maher	325 E. MAPLE ST
Bryn Bird	3292 Batten Rd
Don Caudin	327 E Broadway

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

Agenda Approval

Trustee Bennett made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

FO Miller reported the meeting minutes from the July 12, 2017 Trustees meeting are not ready for approval, as Recording Secretary Barno has been out of town.

Pre-Public Comment

Before public comment, Trustee Kevin Bennett provided the following remarks:

Trustee Bennett provided details on his past 35 years of service to the Granville Community and the Nation. Trustee Bennett noted his time as an Assistant Prosecutor in Licking County, 30 years in US Army where he fought in three wars and received some of our Country's highest awards. Trustee Bennett stated after his retirement he was happy to come back home and to give back to his community by heading up Historical Society and by authoring several articles and books with regard to local history. A couple years ago I was approached to fill a vacant Trustee set and happy and felt honored to do so, as a way to giving back to the Community. In this

respect I was no different from our friends and neighbors who service on Council, Board of Education and the numerous Civic Boards which are the glue that keeps this community together.

Trustee Bennett stated that lately the pleasure he has gotten from serving basically was sucked away due to a media campaign against the Trustees and me in particular. Most recently during the last 48 hours there were 6 or 7 articles focusing on me. They are malicious in nature and to draw negative comment. Which it has.

These articles as being posted on social media are not valid criticisms, but rather are the product of an individual who comes with a predetermined headline and extract facts and data as he sees them to support the headline. Other are half-truths and others are outright total fabrications.

Now comments are coming back that the Trustees and myself in particular are “on the take” and “follow the money”. All of these suggests criminal activity and these comments are deeply offensive. One article says Trustee Bennett issued a “gag order” to the fire fighters, but the article fails to provide any proof. Last week Trustee Bennett met with each shift of Fire Fighters along with FO Jerry Miller and Chief Casey Curtis. Trustee Bennett ask Chief Curtis and FO Miller, if at any time during the meetings was a gag order given? Chief Curtis responded, No. FO Miller responded, there was no gag order issued. It was a frank conversation between Trustee Bennett, Chief Curtis and the staff. It was an employee conversation.

Trustee Bennett stated he felt his reputation is being shattered and it’s taking away from my pleasure in serving my community. I’ve come to see, that by not challenging them (social media articles), people who I know are starting to accept and are commenting on them. This is a great disappointment to me.

Trustee Bennett continued, that yesterday my level of frustration reached a tipping point. I informed other office holders and my fellow Trustees that I was not going to run for re-election. This is my home and I treasure my reputation. However, I was approach by many people who came to my house last night. I was deeply touched. I was encouraged by fellow office holders, at all levels, have committed to now speaking out against key board bullying. It has become a malignant cancer which is totally out of character of the Granville we know. I was also encouraged when some of the fire firefighters approached me, unsolicited, stating they were deeply disturbed by the nature of some of the articles, and they are in the process of planning an article or letter on their own, contesting the misinformation and innuendoes that are being put out.

Based on that I decided that I’ll stay in the race.

I’m deeply troubled by comments that suggest Kevin Bennett has the power to make everyone follow me, that I’m ramming this down everyone’s throat.

In recognition of that, I’m proposing we form a Blue Ribbon Panel of local citizen. Trustee Bennett then named some prominent local citizens who might be willing to serve on such a panel, noting he has not reached out to anyone. Trustee Bennett wants this Blue Ribbon Panel to

see what the Trustees have accumulated over the past 12 years and to talk to construction experts who can speak on the impact of rebuilding downtown.

Trustee Bennett, concluded, at that point in time the rubber will meet the road. We'll see if it was Kevin Bennett ramming this down everyone's throat or if this group comes up with the same conclusions.

Public Comment

Dennis Cauchon - 327 E. Broadway

That committee will be subject to open meeting laws. Questioned what date the Trustees "revalidated" their position on the fire station move?

Elizabeth Mahr - 325 E. Maple St.

Questioned the costs of the fire house on Prospect Street vs. South Main Street. Asked if the cost goes over \$3,000,000 does that mean it goes to a vote?

Olivia Agelar – 402 W. Maple St.

Less concerns about what happens to the Fire Station and more concerns about the process and the short amount of time provided for public comment. Asked the Trustee to please continue to listen to people voices and to expand public comment.

With no further public comment, Trustee VanNess closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Correspondence Received or Sent

FO Miller reported:

- Received a few public records requests
- Other correspondence has been forwarded to the Trustees, Chief Curtis or Superintendent Binckley.

Granville Township Road District

Superintendent Binckley reported:

- Spent time cleaning up debris from the July 7th storm.
- Started replacing culverts as part of this year's OPWC paving project.

Trustee VanNess noted the signed contract was returned from Shelley Paving Company.

Kendal Request for OPWC Application:

Trustee VanNess reported he met with Doug Helman, Kendal at Granville, concerning Kendal's interest in working with the Township on an OPWC application for the installation of a traffic light. Also, talked about a possible driveway connector between Kendal and the Township property. Discussions are ongoing.

Cemetery Department

Superintendent Binckley reported the following:

- County Commissioners agreed to buy the old Township Truck for \$4000.

Cemetery Purchase

Trustee VanNess reported the Township became aware of an auction on property (adjacent to the Maple Grove Cemetery) located at 347 E. Maple St. In executive session the Trustees agreed to bid on the property. The Township won the bid at \$88,000. Trustee VanNess stated plans are to demo the house, plant grass, then look at future expansion. Additionally, the Township will have to go through the process of rezoning the property for cemetery use.

FO Miller asked the Trustee to approve appropriations for Trustee Bennett moved to appropriate \$91,500 to cover the purchasing and closing costs on the property located at 347 E. Maple St. Trustee VanNess, seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

FO Miller reported filing the .5 mil Cemetery Levy Renewal with the Licking County Board of Elections on July 26, 2017.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Curtis reported the following:

- Runs are up to 1236 YTD which is up 15% over last year. Because of the recent storms, 45 runs were made over a 3-day period.
- Alternator fixed on the ladder truck
- Attended County Fire Association meeting
- Reviewed pump and kitchen systems at Denison University.
- Just learned the Fire Department was awarded a FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighter Grants for two EMS Power Cots. The cots must be installed and usable within a year of the award, so some additional work, approximately \$1200, will be need on the older medic. Chief Curtis expects to ask for formal acceptance of the grant at the next Trustee meeting.
- Resignation of two part-time employees Austin Bragg effective 8/1/2017 and Nick Marcum effective 7/26/2017. Both leaving on good terms, but their schedules are too busy.

Trustee VanNess moved to accept the resignations of Austin Bragg and Nick Marcum. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and without further the motion passed by unanimous vote.

FO Miller reported the Township's website has been updated by adding a new page under the Fire Department tab which includes information about the Fire Station project.

Trustee Bennett reported concerning the Fire Station project, his prior announcement probably puts further process by the Township on hold. Tomorrow I will reach out to the Village Manager and Mayor (Hartfield) to see what interest they have in this proposal. Next, we will put together a list of names, who would be impartial beyond question and bring some knowledge or skills to the group. Then we will determine how many will serve and establish a charter. Then it will come back to the Trustees and Village Council to approve. Then let them do their job. I expect their work would be completed by late fall, early winter.

Land Management/Open Space

Trustee Bennett reported a number of citizens have expressed concerns about the traffic issues on Newark Granville Rd. Trustee Bennett noted most of the properties on Newark Granville Rd. would not qualify under our current Open Space program criteria, but he would like to meet with Doug Wagner (Open Space Chairperson) and others to see if it is possible to restructure some of the open space criteria to alleviate traffic and over development concerns. Trustee VanNess suggested Trustee Bennett try to attend the next Open Space meeting.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Binckley reported the following:

- Licking County Planning Commission red flagged an annexation piece near the Larson property on Newark Granville Rd.
- BZA met to discuss a conditional use application submitted by the Granville Christian Academy. A decision was tabled until further information can be provided by the applicant. No meeting date set.

Zoning Commission – Chairperson Rob Schaadt reported the only activity was one PUD work session. Their next meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday in August. Zoning Inspector Binckley noted a TRC meeting on Mocking Bird was held at the County.

Economic Development (ED)

FO Miller read the following report provided by Trustee Schott:

The Village has established a committee to review their zoning code. Mr. Finkleman suggests that the Economic Development Committee may want to make recommendations to the newly formed committee for input on suggested code changes that could be useful for economic development.

Mr. Wolfe agreed to contact property owners on Galway Drive to find future plans, if any. Mr. Ginise reported he spoke with the property owner representative for land on Columbus Road.

The committee is to meet on August 29 at 6:30 and present ideas on how to proceed forward for specific properties that have been identified as low hanging fruit.

The committee also discussed advantages to the Township proposal to move the fire station to South Main Street and how this could be advantageous for the gateway entrance into Granville. The committee identified the River Road area as being an appropriate area for future economic development.

Elected Officials Reports

FO Miller reported:

- Received a \$18,235.15 check from Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC) as part of their recent Billion Dollar Back program.

FO Miller informed the Trustee's their original allocation (\$2000) to pay for Trustees salary within the Cemetery Fund has been spent. FO Miller asked the Trustees to move \$1500 from Cemetery Contingency (2041-930-930-0000) - to Trustees Salary (2041-110-111-0000).

Trustee Bennett moved to move \$1500 from Cemetery Fund Contingency Line Item to Cemetery Fund Trustees Salary Line Item, Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 Bennett and a second by Trustee VanNess, 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:

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY

7/26/2017 :

Payment Listing

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7/13/2017 to 7/26/2017

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
705-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Joseph C Asselin	\$1,007.63
706-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Susan A Bain	\$217.98
707-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Christopher M Bassetti	\$310.57
708-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Andrew R Baughman	\$1,496.24
709-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Prentice M Berry	\$375.31
710-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	B. Travis Binckley	\$2,224.68
711-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Charles D. Borden	\$829.46
712-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Thomas A. Bowman	\$1,672.35
713-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Tyler J. Bryan	\$1,126.91
714-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Joshua M Butt	\$930.97
715-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Derwin R Clemens	\$1,515.42
716-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Kyle L Conaway	\$154.39
717-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Casey R. Curtis	\$2,017.64
718-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Paul J. DuBeck III	\$111.14
719-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Troy A Elmore	\$264.18
720-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Bradley D Essick	\$1,407.18
721-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Cameron S Evans	\$427.00
722-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Teresa Ann Forson	\$124.32
723-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Jason C George	\$780.08
724-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Benjamin S. Hagstad	\$146.48
725-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Joshua B. Harrison	\$133.42
726-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Kevin M Henry	\$641.51
727-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Brianne M Hill	\$1,554.67
728-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Ryan P. Hussey	\$2,080.41
729-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Jeremiah C Irwin	\$427.95
730-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Aaron C. Jones	\$269.42
731-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Andrew R Kuhnash	\$24.55
732-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Bradley A. Leckrone	\$701.85
733-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Terry L. Lynn Jr	\$406.12
734-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Alexander M Marcum	\$413.42
735-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Troy A Melick	\$453.09
736-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Daniel J Mercer	\$228.59
737-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Jonathan P Nessel	\$342.46
738-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Robert M. Otter	\$149.26
739-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Tyler S Poe	\$157.06
740-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Brandon T. Reece	\$1,825.44
741-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Andrew T. Saunders	\$2,153.10
742-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Douglas W. Smith	\$540.28
743-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Scott M Smith	\$524.58
744-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EP	Mason D Wilkins	\$327.45
746-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EW	Park National Bank-IRS (Fed, Med & SS w/h)	\$6,740.98
747-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EW	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.	\$1,726.00
748-2017	07/14/2017	07/11/2017	EW	OCS Pay Center-Knox Cty 7085726383	\$682.62
1036	07/20/2017	07/18/2017	AW	EDGE Properties LLC	\$5,000.00
1037	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$734.16
1038	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Buckeye Backflow Testing LLC	\$150.00

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1039	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Cintas Corporation	\$509.70
1040	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Dish Network	\$42.28
1041	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Fire House	\$455.00
1042	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Granville Lumber	\$162.80
1043	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Granville Milling Company	\$42.95
1044	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	KE-WA-PA Inc.	\$325.28
1045	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Levrum Inc	\$2,800.00
1046	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Newspaper Network of Central Ohio	\$100.00
1047	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Ohio Public Entity Consortium	\$1,451.17
1048	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Ohio Public Entity Consortium	\$88.50
1049	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Quality Fire Protection	\$293.00
1050	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Ross' Granville Market	\$93.39
1050	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Ross' Granville Market	-\$93.39
1051	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Southeastern Emergency Equipment Co	\$264.99
1052	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Tire Centers, LLC Store #199	\$253.26
1053	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	US Bancorp Equipment Finance Inc	\$135.00
1054	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Verizon Wireless	\$321.36
1055	07/26/2017	07/25/2017	AW	Ross' Granville Market	\$53.39

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 Bennett reported:

- Everything was covered during the course of the meeting.

Trustee VanNess reported:

- Everything was covered during the course of the meeting.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business

Newsletter

Trustee Bennett stated he did not want to compromise the new fire house committee, so tabled further discussion until the next meeting.

Trustee Bennett moved to spend up to \$4000 to do a newsletter. Seconded by Trustee VanNess and without further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was no other New Business to discuss.

With no further action, Trustee Schott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Calendar Reminder

- The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 9, 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.