

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, December 29, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the previous minutes. Mike moved to approve the previous minutes. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, P. Cernava, B. Murphy, S. & N. Engle

### **Old Business**

Roger explained this is the final meeting of 2011.

Mike spoke about the portable compressor for the road department. He feels there isn't a good portable compressor. He will look into a permanent compressor for the new road garage. The roads were salted and good in condition for the first snow of the season. Mike asked about the trade of generators. Roger stated that he has not heard back from the person. Roger will contact him.

Sue spoke about the Portage County Regional Planning meeting she attended. Trustees from other townships are concerned about number of trucks used with the gas well drilling. This is something new that will require hard work from everyone. The more she looks into it the less control we have. It is important to have as many people come to the meeting as possible to make an impact. There was discussion about various options. Sue stated that a number of trustees from county have many questions. Sue stated that no one cares about our township more than the trustees. We welcome help from the community.

Sue spoke about working with Dan to collect information on properties that are not meeting the zoning regulations. Dan will drive on every road and look at every house in Randolph and take pictures. Sue doesn't want to step on people's toes, but we need to enforce our regulations.

Roger spoke about meeting with ODNR representative Carl Wiles. He has been involved in the gas business for 30 years. Gene Chini will be the representative from ODNR at the January 25 meeting. Ryan Bean will represent Chesapeake. Roger thought it would be a good idea to have the Engineer's Office in attendance. Sue stated that the Health Department should be invited. Roger wants to get the true facts as it concerns us for a long time. We have to look at the big picture. Roger will contact Engineer's Office and the Health Department. Sue will invite other township trustees. Roger stated that we have some power with regard to our roads. Larry takes videos of our roads and meets with representatives from each company. Roger thinks that they post a bond. Sue is not just talking about road damage, but the constant noise from the trucks. Mike stated that we need to look at the whole package.

Roger asked about the ice dams. Mike stated that he has not heard back yet. Newt stated that Lehman's sells ice dams. They are plastic, go up very easy and are very reasonable. Roger stated we will investigate that.

### **New Business**

Mary presented a request from Larry to carry over 16 hours of unused vacation time and be paid for 16 hours of unused vacation time. Mike so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – abstain.

Mary presented a request from Dan to carry over one week of unused vacation time and be paid for one week of unused vacation time. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary presented a request from Dian to be paid for her unused vacation time. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary stated that we received information from Regional Planning regarding our renewal for 2012. The original invoice was based on the population prior to the census. We can take a credit of \$583 or have 16 extra hours for 2012. Sue moved to take the credit. Mike seconded. Discussion: Roger stated that we do not usually use all of our hours. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary stated that we received a letter from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding the renewal of the carry-out license for Bob's Pizza. The trustees feel there is no need for a hearing since we have not received any complaints.

Mary requested a motion to pay receipts 239 – 250 totaling \$18,759.04 and pay warrants 32965 – 33028, EFTs 1092- 1105, and vouchers 27 – 30 totaling \$54,310.60. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

#### Public Comment

Newt asked about the best time to call Dan since he has not been able to make contact with him. Mike stated first thing in the morning is best. Roger asked if he left a message. Newt stated that he didn't. Mike stated that if they can't reach him by noon on Tuesday to call Mike. Sue gave him Dan's cell number. Newt thanked the trustees again for reaffirming the fact we are on the same team. They want to continue to work with the trustees. Newt had positive comments on the website. He wants to be transparent with their information as the township is with theirs. Newt requested the trustees consider the resolution he presented. The resolution was drawn up by the attorney helping their cause to help the residents, trustees, and township. Newt asked for the procedure of resolutions. He is open to suggestions for any changes. Mike stated that the trustees will review the resolution and send it to the prosecutor for review. Sandy stated that many townships in PA have the ban in force. Mike stated that what we have the power to enforce certain items without a review by the prosecutor review, but in other areas we need prosecutor approval. Newt asked about limited home rule. Mike stated that it has been reviewed in the past but it was determined not to be advantageous for the township. Roger explained the responsibilities and costs for doing business would greatly increase. Newt stated that limited home rule would not impose increased costs like home rule. Sue stated that she could check it out at Portage Planning and get information from other trustees. Sue feels we will see more of these questions coming up which has prompted the proposal of SB165. Sandy asked how we could find out if the majority of township residents want the resolution. Roger stated that we need to hold several meetings to determine what the township wants. There was discussion about the various speakers and their presentations on January 25. Sandy would like both sides to be presented.

Paul stated he went through the complete zoning book and could not find anywhere where semi-trucks could park in the township. Paul spoke about drilling in Steubenville and what is controlled by interstate commerce. As long as a bond is posted and repairs are made nothing can be done to stop it. If gas is there they have the right to move it. We can't pass any law that would supersede the state.

Bob stated they are drilling laterals on the well in Suffield. They paid to have the roads paved. Bob asked if all wells are required to have a fence around it. Bob thinks some residents did not want to see it and the fence was installed. Paul stated that they are worried about security. Roger feels it is discussed in the senate bill.

Sue stated that Larry Chlebina installed a camera to view the truck traffic. The traffic was enormous. The fence is to keep people out. Larry showed wells in WV that had overflow of water into creeks. The contaminated water from WV that was being hauled to Alliance will stop in 2011. Newt shared information he saw regarding methane gas.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

*Roger Klodt*  
*Mary A. Rodenbucker*