

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday August 27, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. with the pledge. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, E. Myrla, D. McKay, H. Doolittle, S. Doolittle, B. Siegfert, J. Lampe, M. Taylor, W. Eversole, L. Eversole

Old Business

Sue commented that we will need to make a decision about the Zoning Inspector position as Erin was appointed through August only. Sue stated that she will be requesting an Executive Session to discuss Zoning personnel before making any decision.

New Business

Mary placed copies of the July bank reconciliation in the trustees mailboxes.. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the July bank reconciliation. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 180-188 totaling \$18,043.35 and to pay warrants 36506 -36537 and EFTs/Vouchers 348 - 372 totaling \$116,446.77. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road maintenance, ditching, and road mowing. Larry reported that the salt shed has been completed and passed the final inspection. He is hoping to have the asphalt completed next week. Larry commented that the hard winter has damaged the SC/CC spouting. He would like to repair or replace it before the upcoming winter. Mike recommended that Larry obtain an estimate for the next meeting. Larry reported that they have been trimming in the cemetery. Larry met with a couple who would like to plant a tree in memory of their infant. The trustees were agreeable to this request.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Two permits were issued. Erin reported that this has been the slowest two weeks since she started. Roger asked about several violations letters that were sent. Roger commented that Bruce had been in contact with Chris Meduri regarding a similar case in the courts. Erin stated that it is not resolved yet. Erin feels he is waiting to see what happens with the other case before proceeding with our violation issue.

Public Comment

Walt asked what was going on with Bruce. Sue responded that Bruce is a Road Department employee first. Sue explained that if we had kept a full-time ZI the General Fund would be \$30,000 short. No township in the county has a full-time ZI. Erin has been on the BZA for a long time and knows the zoning regulations. She is articulate and has done a nice job with paperwork. The former ZI was to work with the Road Crew while doing Zoning and chose to do just zoning. Cuts were made, which Sue did not like, but a job had to be eliminated. He was asked to be part-time or get laid off. He chose to be laid off. Sue reviewed the budget and explained the various funds and how they work. Sue stated that the Trustees advertised the ZI position in the paper. Sue made a decision to keep the ZI position in-house. She asked Tim if he would like to do zoning but he declined. Sue commented that there have been more zoning issues in the last year and a half than the last 10 years. A few people have been upset with a few things and kept the phones busy. Bruce stepped in and did a good job. The flag issue was an attempt to lighten the zoning issue but went terribly wrong. Sue has forgiven him and he is sincerely sorry. Sue has been told by masses of residents that Bruce is treating the residents better than they ever have been treated. Mary was at some of the same meetings as well and can vouch for the comments by the residents. The Senior Citizens and the Lions Club have been very vocal of their support of Bruce. Both groups have stated that Bruce goes out of his way for the residents. Bruce resigned but the Trustees did not accept his resignation. Sue would like have Erin continue as the ZI and feels she has done a wonderful job. Sue feels that since the ZI is not full-time someone else can handle it if someone comes in for a permit. Mary and Bruce have the authority to issue a permit. Bruce is already getting paid with the Road Department and is there. Bruce is not

as available with summer duties. Erin was appointed before any incident occurred. Walt asked how Erin is paid if there is no money. Sue explained that the part-time position does not include benefits which were a great expense. Mike stated that we were able to recover somewhat with the property tax settlement. Sue stated the Road Department received a raise with the understanding that Bruce would do zoning while Larry and Tim took over some of the other duties the former ZI performed. Sue stated that Erin is paid \$800 per month. This will help the General Fund recover. Erin is busy now with the dealership zoning issues. Once that is resolved there will not be much to do. Bruce did a lot of work and set the wheels in place but did not document well. Sue would like to keep Bruce in the Zoning Department to allow residents to be taken care of when they come in for a permit. Walt questioned if the ZI position full-time. Mike responded that it is not. There will be a ZI and an assistant. Walt feels Bruce started this and is doing a good job. He stated that Erin is also doing a good job. Walt feels we should not overstep Bruce and he should have the option to take it on first. Mike stated that it is up to us as we administrate the township. Mike commented that we are responsible to place our most effective employees in the proper positions. Sue appreciates his comments. Sue understands the Senior Citizen have a huge outpouring of support for Bruce. Walt stated that Bruce is out in the community and helps the Lions Club. Laura commented that Bruce represents the community very well.

Dennis asked if any money will be taken away if Bruce is kept on as an assistant. Sue stated that they will not take away any money. Mary splits the hours based on the duties performed. Mike explained that Bruce's wages are paid out of the General and Road Funds.

Laura asked about the violations. Erin responded that the violations are a bird sanctuary on Randolph Road and a vacation rental home/hotel on Eberly Road. Neither issue is a permitted use.

Sue moved to enter Executive Session for Zoning personnel issues at 7:23 a.m. Mike seconded.
RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Sue moved to exit Executive Session at 7:42 a.m. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Sue moved to appoint Erin as ZI until the 2016 Organizational Meeting. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike asked if agreeable Erin. Erin yes but would like to mull over the details. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Sue stated that Bruce is a Road Department employee who will also be able to sign permits upon approval from Erin. Nothing is changing but we are trying to establish better communication.

Mike stated that the general feeling is that Bruce is in the building and can take messages. He is able to assist residents but needs to contact Erin before signing any permit. Marge asked if Erin or Bruce will be ZI next year. Mike stated that it will be handled at the Organizational Meeting with the governing board at that time. Roger explained the ZI position. Sue commented that the ZI is a thankless job. Everyone has a different idea of what zoning should be. The ZC, BZA and Trustees will talk about it at that time.

With no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 a.m.



Susan White, Chairman



Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer