

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday May 14, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Sue asked for a moment of silence for Willy Knapp, a Suffield Road Department employee, who also helped our Road Department when needed. 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, M. Hyde, C. Mangold, D. Rice, N. Englehart, D. Hermann, V. McKay, F. Huth, S. Mangold, L. and W. Eversole, B. Dyer, M. Nichols, G. Huhn, R. Huth, J. Brazen

**Old Business**

Mike opened the following bids for the salt shed: K & M Builders, Ltd - \$48,522.00; Wecover Building Systems - \$61,559.00; and Advanced Truss, Inc. - \$188,600.00. The bids were given to Larry to review.

Mike reported that Chris Meduri called him regarding the Witmer's proposal. The proposal was to pay an additional \$7,500 and the issue will be resolved. The township has already paid Witmer's \$1,439.44. Sue offered two options; agree to pay the amount proposed or she will take time off to go to court. Mike does not feel that is feasible since it will require Chris, Larry, and Mike to be in court. It will likely cost more to go to court and the proposal. Chris felt this was the best option for the township. Roger commented that if they continued with the repair like Southeastern did it would have likely cost us \$30,000. Witmer's actually did us a favor by screwing up. Roger is agreeable to pay the proposed amount. Mike moved to approve \$7,500 to Witmer's to resolve the outstanding invoice. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Roger asked Sue if she spoke to Cecelia regarding the library contract. Sue stated that Cecelia was on vacation but would be happy to meet.

Sue stated that last month we appointed Erin Myrla at temporary Zoning Inspector for four months while Bruce is mowing. Since Erin cannot be on the BZA we need to fill her spot. Sue moved to appoint Betty Siegfert to the BZA. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Sue spoke to Richard Knapp Jr. who would like to serve on the Zoning Commission. Sue moved to appoint Richard Knapp Jr. to the Zoning Commission. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Sue stated that at the zoning meeting last week Mrs. Hermann suggested we have a zoning secretary. Sue does not have anyone to appoint at this time but she will look into it. Roger feels it is a good idea to have zoning secretary to take some pressure off the ZI. It would be one less job on their plate. Sue feels it is a good way to double check to make sure things are done right.

**New Business**

Roger stated that the RFD will hold their annual pancake breakfast on Memorial Day. It is a fundraiser for the fire department to buy equipment. Roger also commented that it is the 75th anniversary of the RFD. Festivities planned for June 20 include an open house and a car show. Many people have worked tirelessly for our township through the fire department. Roger stated that Mike has been instrumental in serving our fire department. Roger asked everyone to support to the RFD.

Roger reported that the Moyer Fieldhouse recently had an inspection from the Health Department. It passed with flying colors. He thanked the Hot Stove for keeping it clean.

Sue received several phone calls asking why the Zoning Meeting and Trustee Meeting are taking place at the same time. A zoning member set up the meeting with Todd Peetz from Regional Planning. This was not scheduled by the trustees. Sue stated that there are no dark secrets. Sue reported that she attended the EM A meeting. EMA has been working with the FBI to determine the most likely threats to Portage County. It was very interesting to learn that the internet and the cloud are great threats to accessing personal information. It is very serious. One way to have some control is to shut down the electrical grids. Other countries are coming into America through the wires.

Sue stated that the 2013-2014 township audit was completed and approved by the Auditor of State. She commended Mary for doing a good job.

Mary presented the first quarter Portage County Health Department report. Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 78 - 97 totaling \$76,782.83 and to pay warrants 36268 - 36303 and EFTs/Vouchers 176 -191 totaling \$59,352.95. Mike so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry commented that he and Tim looked at a number of salt sheds. He explained the various shed designs. They decided to use the specs from the Shalersville Township salt shed and modified it to our needs. Larry stated that one bid went to an engineer and the specs reflect the engineer's recommendations. Larry recommended that we wait to award the contract. He would like to contact the two bidders for additional information. Mike asked how the monetary price compared to the specs. Larry felt that the one bid did not meet our specs while the other bid included more. Mike stated that we cannot accept any bid lower than our specs. Mike requested to have Chris Meduri review the bids. Roger feels the extra money is worth it in the long run. Mike felt the extra options are worth the additional cost. Mike feels that we should accept the pending bid from Wecover Building Systems. There was discussion about the various costs and size of the footers.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry stated that we had a successful scrap day. They have been working on getting the township ready for Memorial Day. Larry reported that they poured footers today in the cemetery.

Sue presented the Zoning Report. Six permits were issued as well as two agricultural exemptions. The zoning office has received a few calls from real estate agents and/or appraisers inquiring about our zoning districts. Erin is working on placing the zoning boards minutes on the web site. Erin created checklists to attach to applications for Zoning Certificates, Variance requests, and Conditional Use Permits. Zoning Department office hours are Monday 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and as needed by appointment. Effective immediately, all submitted applications will be subject to a 48 hour review. Erin thanked everyone from the warm welcome from both township employees and residents.

Roger presented the RFD report. Responses for April 2015: EMS - 24; Fire - 5; MVC - 7; Misc - 2; Tests - 4 for a monthly total of 43 and YTD total of 199. Chief Lang reported on membership, training, equipment and building maintenance. Public relations include the pancake breakfast where the department will sell fire department wood buildings and travel mugs in celebration of their 75th anniversary. There were a few articles in the paper regarding the cadet program, ISO rating, and house fire responses. Roger reported that the lock on the front station door is worn out. They would like to replace with a key bypass unit. Roger explained it is a coded lock as well as a key. The total cost of \$1,200 includes keys, code programming, lock and installation. Roger moved not to exceed \$1,200 to replace the lock. Sue seconded. Discussion: Sue feels it is a good idea. RCV: Roger — yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Roger commented that the Fire Fund is low and feels we should advance funds from the General Fund. It will be repaid when the second half property taxes are received. Roger moved to advance \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

### **Public Comment**

Jack asked about the library contract. Sue commented that we approved a one year renewal of the contract at the last meeting. Jack recommended that the next time two meetings are scheduled on the same that the times should be staggered.

Virginia stated that the pancake breakfast and parade wonderful. She always puts the RFD on a pedestal. She would like to see the Lions Club get some recognition for running the parade. Roger apologized for not mentioning the Lions Club. Roger commended the Lions Club for the wonderful job they do organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Virginia asked if anything has been done about Bruce's employment. Sue stated that it was discussed at the last zoning meeting. The Zoning Boards strongly supported Bruce. Nothing is going to happen to Bruce. As far as Sue is concerned nobody in the township put anything on Facebook. It was poor choice in judgment. Bruce was very upset and never meant any harm to the township. Bruce apologized on TV, the newspaper, and Facebook. Bruce has decided, on his own accord, to do one week of community service for the township in an effort to make up for any embarrassment caused to the community. Sue further commented

that Bruce loves the township. We have all made mistakes. Sue looks at the intention of the act. It was supposed to lighten the mood. No one is proud of it. It was not unpatriotic. Randolph is extremely patriotic. Sue did not tell Sarchione's they could not park there. They were told and have not been parking there. They have done as they were asked. Mike stated that the situation is over. Virginia feels Bruce does a good job. Sue stated that Mary attended the Senior Citizen Luncheon and it was almost unanimous that those in attendance wanted Bruce to keep his job. Sue enjoys hearing positive comments.

Doug explained that Walt asked for a show of hands at the luncheon. Doug asked if the bill passed about the septic tank inspections. The trustees are not aware of anything new. Sue stated that she would have been notified if anything changed.

Nancy asked if anything can be done on Waterloo Road in front of the Post Office. Roger complained to the Portage County Engineer a few months ago about the big pot holes. They patched the holes the next day. Unfortunately the Engineer's Office is in the same financial position as everyone else and it will not be paved this year. Nancy asked why semis are allowed to go through the parking lot between the library and car dealer. Mike stated that it is a public lot. Mike explained why the original posts were installed. Nancy asked who will pay to have the lot repaired. Mike hopes it will be a joint venture. Nancy brought up concerns about survey pins. There was a lengthy discussion about where pins are placed for property owners and road right-of-way. Nancy stated that ODOT asked the car dealer to move the vehicles but they were returned to the original spot shortly thereafter. Nancy feels that if the sidewalk was replaced as it was originally this would not be an issue. Mike and Sue both stated that it appears there is plenty of room. Nancy is also concerned about runners who have to run into the road around the vehicles. Nancy commented that the state is dealing with the issue at this time.

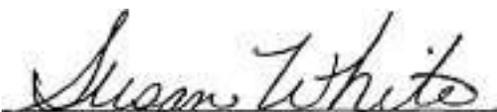
Carol asked who to contact to have a locked cupboard for the Historical Society. Mike instructed Carol to pick a cupboard and Bruce or Tim will take care of it.

Jack commented that it is his understanding that ODOT did the survey. They notified the car dealership to move the vehicles. The vehicles were moved but returned to the original spot. Sue stated that she requested Sarchione when they purchased the property to make sure the sidewalk is clear. There was discussion about the sidewalks.

Matt reported that two firemen received \$250 refund checks due to the ISO rating. Roger thanked the department for their efforts.

Mike feels a sign designating the area immediately around the Community Center on the west side is for SC/CC parking only. He would like to see a sign stating "Community Center Parking Only. Violators will be towed." Sue stated that she informed Sarchione's that they were not to park directly behind the SC/CC. Larry will order signs.

With no further questions, the budget hearing adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Susan White, Chairman



Mary A. Rodenbucher,  
Fiscal Officer