

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, September 11, 2014

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to 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, D. Rice, J. Esposito, J. Francis, F. Huth, C. Wise, G. Harrison, R. Huth

Old Business

Sue stated that we received the flood insurance quote. There was discussion about the likelihood of a flood based on the flood plain and the cost. The trustees were in agreement that it is not necessary to add the additional expense.

New Business

Mike spoke about the situation regarding the Randolph Fair and the excessive mud on Fairground Road, New Milford Road, and SR 44. The township intervened to the best of our ability to clean the roads. Some comments were expressed that the fire trucks should be used to clean the roads. Mike stated that it not appropriate to use fire service water to wash the roads. There are repercussions by using our cistern water or the cistern at East Manufacturing for non-emergency situations. Mike feels the responsibility falls to the fair board. Sue was not aware of the fire water situation. Mike commended Larry for putting his best effort with the road situation. It was just a weather issue that could not be controlled. Sue stated that the fair board would like to prevent this from happening in the future and will work on a solution. Sue stated that they would be willing to donate some money to help the situation. Sue stated that the fair did care but just did not realize how bad it was due to the weather.

Sue requested a change to our next meeting time due to a conflict. Sue moved to change the time of our September 25 meeting to 7:00 a.m. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Sue reported that she attended the Portage Planning meeting. They are recommending that drinking water be tested before any oil/gas drilling is done. She has a handout that will be available at the Administration Complex with much helpful information Sue stopped at the Health Department and asked if there are any changes to water in the area. They were not aware of any drastic changes. Sue has noticed a difference in the water due to the fact that many wells are failing inspections. She commented that it could be due to the excessive rain this year.

Mary placed the August bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the May bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary received information regarding our HRA renewal. Mary is not aware of any problems and recommends we stay with Burnham & Flower as the HRA administrator. Mike moved to continue using Bumham & Flower as our HRA administrator. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 196 - 204 totaling \$12,827.32 and pay warrants 35694- 35729 and EFT/vouchers 272 - 281 totaling \$27,966.07. Sue so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on road, equipment, and cemetery maintenance. Larry has not heard anything about the salt situation. Larry stated that it would be a good idea to let the residents know that there will likely be a change in road service due to the salt shortage. Sue stated that we could utilize the town center sign to notify residents of the salt situation. Larry requested to purchase a leaf vac for the Woods mower. A new vac from White's will be \$2,800 installed. Mike moved to purchase the Woods leaf vac from White's not to exceed \$2,800. Sue seconded. Discussion: Larry stated the old vac would only fit the grasshopper that it was mounted to. Larry explained how the leaf vac mounted. They had previously investigated trailers but felt it would not be as efficient as the leaf vac. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue -yes.

Mike commented that it may be time to sell the Massey Ferguson. He asked Larry to get the specs and a minimum price for the next meeting so it can be placed on eBay sale.

Sue presented the Zoning Department report. There have been a few complaints. One deals with birds. It was communicated to the residents to file a written complaint which will be forward to the prosecutor's office. At this point it is a nuisance but should it develop into more of an aviary it would need to have a BZA hearing for approval. Bruce is working on the "hotel" on Eberly Road. Sue asked that anyone with zoning questions or concerns to call the Zoning Office to let us know and it will be handled.

Roger presented the RFD report. Responses for August: EMS- 59; Fire - 3; MVC - 4; Inc - 9; Tests - 4 for a monthly total of 70 and YTD total of 434. Roger reported on public relations, training, and equipment repair. Roger stated that the RFD will hold a blood drive on September 24. Sue spoke to a fair board member who thought the RFD did a nice job at the meeting last night and was pleased with the outcome.

Public Comment

Janet Esposito expressed her pleasure to be here tonight. She is running for reelection. Janet enjoys her job and wants to continue to work for the residents of Portage County. Janet explained some of the details of her job as Portage County Auditor. Janet stated that her door is always open and welcomes anyone to stop in with any questions. She answered questions from those present. John asked about the deduction Sue spoke about. Janet stated there are two programs for reductions in your taxes. One is the Homestead Exemption which is a 4% reduction. The other is a 2.5% reduction for those 65 or on disability this year with income not to exceed \$30,500. There is another program for those who are veterans and 100% disabled which could reduce the home value by 25%. She encouraged everyone to call or stop in to see what can be done to reduce your taxes. Rick asked if she has anything to do with salt. Janet stated that she did not but wishes she did.

Gary reported the Food Shelf is doing very well. He thanked the township for all their help. They have received quite a few donations resulting in full freezers.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Susan White, Chairman
Officer


Mary A. ELodenbucher, Fiscal