

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 22, 2007

Present: Trustees Havens, King and Sargent, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Don Andrews, 197 Louise Dr
Scot Prebles, 210 Longford Dr
Roger Duniform, 3464 Loudon Street Rd,
Fred Abraham, 1901 James Rd
Chuck Peterson, Granville Sentinel
Ronald Mack, 107 Linnell Dr
Margot Lepontois, 171 Rose Dr
Pamela and Stephanie Hamm, 225 Rose Dr
Michael Westmoreland, 237 Rose Dr
Steve Scheider, President Granville Recreation Commission

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

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept the August 8, 2007 regular meeting minutes and the August 14, 2007 special meeting minutes as previously submitted.

It was reported by Trustee King that the County Engineer had been out to the Davenport property in the Richards Subdivision to stake the southern boundary of the platted 50' Rose Drive roadway width. Pictures were taken to document where the stakes were in relation to the front yard of the property. Trustee Sargent indicated that he plans to meet with Mr. Davenport to discuss the situation. He believes that the stakes and rebar put in by Mr. Davenport are a possible hazard and should be removed. Ron Mack expressed concern about visibility. F.O. Kennedy indicated that the County Engineer had stated he did not believe the shrubs on the Davenport property are a visibility problem. He does believe that the vegetation and one tree on the next property to the west are a problem as they limit visibility coming into the curve in the road. There is also a pine tree out in the road a little further to the West. F.O. Kennedy stated he would talk with Todd Belt regarding the trees on his property and that he and Trustee Sargent would work with the situation.

Granville School District Superintendent Scot Prebles was present to provide the Trustees with an analysis of the Granville Community Engagement Focus Group Data. It was decided to work on improving communications within the school district community after the resounding defeat of last bond issue levy. It was also decided that this effort should be an on-going long-term project and not merely levy oriented. Dr. Prebles reviewed the highlights of the Granville Community Engagement Focus Group Data prepared by the School Study Council of Ohio (SSCO). Community members and some school personnel were recruited as focus group leaders and trained in the focus group methodology. A total of 371 people participated in 43 focus groups. 74% of the participants were female and 24% said they had graduated from the school district. 88% were between 25 and 64 years of age and 79% had lived in the district three or more

years [40% > ten years]. Some of the common themes that came out of the focus groups were: 1) the district has a quality staff that must be retained. 2) the participants were very satisfied with the quality of leadership and they must a) lead with vision, b) plan effectively for the future, c) provide consistent building leadership and d) improve School Board communication and opportunities for input to build trust. 3) the district is providing a quality education and must continue to do so. 4) most parents are involved in the education of their children and other parents should be encouraged to also do so. 5) the community values education and must be encouraged to support the school district. 6) the district has numerous opportunities for communication and engagement. This must be done consistently, with all groups, using multiple forums. 7) the district has a small town culture because of the present size of the community. This must be worked on in order to retain the benefits because of the future growth that is coming with the SR37/161 project. 8) the district has quality school facilities and environment which should be maintained and there should only be one building for each grade level. 9) adequate funding for education is a must. However it is important to minimize individual school taxes, use funding efficiently, provide for increasing budget as educational needs increase and ensure fiscal management is responsible. 10) the district should partner with other organizations like the Village, Township, Denison and Kenyon. Is there any possibility of consolidating services to save money?

Dr. Prebles indicated that the results of the Focus Groups indicate a very high level of satisfaction with the GEVS. The academic program is seen as extremely positive and respondents express pride in the accomplishments of staff and students. The recommendations in the report are offered as a way to consider tweaking a system that is already excellent. Growth and change in the community are perceived as the greatest challenges and opportunities facing the school district. All stakeholders in the district do not currently share the same vision for the school district, particularly regarding the best approach to planning for change. There is a need to build trust among some stakeholders for some elements of school leadership. The availability of funds and resources and the district's use of those funds and resources are major issues for stakeholders. It is important that the district work with the local governments and that plans be made public and the responsibility of all partners be made clear.

Trustee Sargent asked where the next school building is going to be located. Dr. Prebles stated that at the present time they don't have another site other than the 179 acres presently owned on Burg ST which already has utilities. No decision has been made with respect to building placement and he intends to continue to collect information. Trustee Sargent indicated he was on the community committee that studied the enrollment projections and found that to be very interesting. Trustee Havens stated that he wanted to District to let the township trustees know how they could help.

Don Andrews inquired about the designation of the Hester property on Columbus Rd at Granview Avenue as Research and Development in the maps that were shown at the last Community Comprehensive Plan meeting. Trustee Sargent indicated that Bill Habig, who is the township's representative to the comprehensive plan effort, will be asked to

comment on that issue when we comes to a future township meeting to update the trustees.

Trustee Sargent reported on several matters:

1. He attended meetings with the significant developers of the proposed River Road annexation area. The developers indicated they are reaching a point because of the lack of movement by the Village, that they could propose there own package plant for sewer utilities in order to move on with their plans. He stated to them that he believes the area should be developed within the Village because of its availability of water and sewer utilities. He will only support development within the Township if nothing continues to happen with respect to the Village. Trustee Sargent also presented several very preliminary Village discussed roadway plans for the River Road annexation area. They include limiting traffic off River Rd onto SR661, building a new road around to the east and back into SR661 at a new intersection controlled by either a traffic light or roundabout.
2. The property owner on Horseshoe Ct has cleaned up his property and moved the various vehicles that were visible from the road.
3. The business directional sign at Weaver Dr has been redone with larger letters to better promote the businesses along that street.
4. He also met with Trustee King, Fiscal Officer Kennedy and Acting Superintendent Binckley at the site of the erosion problems at Raccoon Valley Park when they met with representatives of Licking County Planning, Licking County Soil and Water and US Fish and Wildlife, along with the township's consultant Brad Mauer. It was agreed that the erosion problem would continue if nothing was done. Mauer is going to work on the plan and the group will reconvene in the near future.
5. He also met with ODOT representatives regarding various matters. He received the name Debbie Slack (323-5133) to contact regarding the purchase of used District 5 road equipment. Acting Superintendent Binckley indicated he would keep this in mind.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the roads department:

1. Acting Superintendent Binckley reported that the employees continue to do preparatory work for the upcoming paving. He has met with both Trustee King and Fiscal Officer Kennedy regarding the Issue 1 project and gone over the various paving options and documentation requirements for the force account work being done by the township. He also thanked Fire Chief Hussey for making up the first aid boxes for the road department vehicles.
2. Trustee King reported that between meetings he authorized Binckley to purchase a new partner saw because it was not worth the money to repair the old saw and a pressure washer that the township needed for various cleaning issues. On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to ratify the purchase of both a replacement partner saw and a pressure washer.
3. Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he was contacted by Columbia Gas regarding its plan to install a larger gasline along New Burg Street from the pressure relief station to an area near 534 New Burg Street. He had indicated to the caller that it would have been nice to be notified before the Gas Company surveyed the right of way and installed a number of survey stakes that upset the residents. There was a discussion regarding the

need to coordinate the installation of the gasline with the long planned sidewalk to the Intermediate School on Burg Street.

4. Fiscal Officer Kennedy brought up the matter of the township's garage lease with Fred Abraham on S. Main Street. The township first began leasing a garage from Harold Atteberry at 464 S. Main in October 1994. In August 2000 the township moved to 462 S. Main Street. In between those dates the landlord of the garage had changed from Atteberry to Fred Abraham. The monthly rent paid to Abraham for the larger facility was been \$2,000 per month since August 2000. The lease was extended for a one year period in 2006 and now expires December 31, 2007. He believes that the lease must be extended so that the township does not find itself without a building in the middle of winter. Trustee Sargent indicated that the township has had discussions with the Village of Granville regarding the possibility of building a joint facility. They have also talked with Don Holycross about building two separate garages in the same location to share a site, fuel facilities etc. The two public entities have looked at and discussed several sites but nothing has been resolved to this point and he agrees that the township should extend the lease. F.O. Kennedy indicated that he has talked to Abraham and indicated that Abraham is amenable to a lease extension under the following terms: a) five year term beginning 1/1/08 ending 12/31/12; b) monthly rental \$2,300 for the first 24 months and \$2,500 for the remainder of the 60 months; c) the township has the right to terminate the lease with 90 days notice, the landlord with 180 days notice; d) all other terms and conditions remain the same. After a short period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to extend the township's garage lease with Fred Abraham under the terms indicated by F.O. Kennedy.

5. Fiscal Officer Kennedy indicated that he was contacted by a property owner at 1234 Newark-Granville Road who was concerned about a dead tree on their property along the road. This is an unusual area in that the tree is located in the township, however, the road is all in the Village. Acting Superintendent Binckley indicated that he talked to Terry Hopkins at the Village who indicated they would assume responsibility for the tree as it is in what would be the Village's right of way for the road. This information has been conveyed to the property owner.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the cemetery department:

1. The employees continue summertime duties in the cemetery. Five graves have been sold and there was one funeral.
2. The first set of maps have been received from Jobs and Henderson and Binckley plans to work with Fiscal Officer Kennedy regarding creation of a data base that matches the lots available according to the new maps with the cemetery record information.

The following matter was discussed with respect to the fire department:

1. The Chief requested that resignations from volunteer member Josh Black (effective August 14th) and intermittent employee Adam Gottfried (effective August 31st) be accepted. Both individuals indicated insufficient time to continue to participate on the fire department. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to accept these resignations.

2. Chief Hussey reported that the gear purchase has been put out to bid. He anticipates there could be four vendors that will submit bids.

3. Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that under certain circumstances former long term fire department members had received their helmets after leaving the former fire department. He and Chief Hussey have discussed the matter and would like to recommend to the trustees that they approve a policy that former members pay to purchase their helmets for the cost to replace it as the helmets are now public property. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed that the fire department could sell a used helmet to a departing member for the current cost of replacing the helmet.

4. Fiscal Officer Kennedy reported that he filed the one mill replacement levy with the Board of Elections. This issue will appear on the November 6th ballot.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the parks department:

1. Trustee Sargent reported that he has been meeting with Village personnel and Bill Bullard from the ODNR regarding the deer problem in the Granville community. He thinks the township should encourage landowners of large tracts of property to permit deer hunting. He also believes the township should require that the farmers using township land should have nuisance permits to take deer.

2. Trustee Sargent further reported that the Granville Recreation Commission is planning to study how it might best change its form of governance. At the present time its board members are thinking that it is too large and needs to be reorganized. They are also thinking that it will eventually need true full-time employees. At the present time they are using part-time and volunteer employees to run the operation. The GRC has some of the same issues that the private corporation fire department had in terms of not being able to offer a defined benefit retirement plan that is available to public employees. The planner they hired is thinking that the GRC should be part of the township's organizational structure for the administrative functions. It would continue to have a board appointed by the township trustees. Trustee Havens offered that the community has grown to a point that things will need to change. The GRC is offering expanded programs and the non-athletic portion of the programs is expanding also. What ever proposal is eventually advanced it will be presented to the township trustees for approval.

3. Acting Superintendent Binckley reported that the employees have completed cutting down the overgrowth at the Spring Valley Property rental house. They then brought in topsoil and seeded around the house. Trustee Sargent indicated that he met with land management committee member Rob Schaadt regarding things that needed to be done to the house in order to make it a desirable rental unit.

Fiscal Officer Kennedy presented the following:

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Havens, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation transfers were approved:

From	2031-330-599-0000 R&B Misc	750.00
To	2031-330-420-0000 R&B Oper Supplies	750.00

From 2191-220-240-0000 Fire Unemployment 1,000.00
 To 2191-220-323-0000 Fire Vehicle M&R 1,000.00

On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee Havens, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos and EFT's and any related Then and Now Certificates, were approved for payment:

E803	Annarino	89.29	E804	Barnhill	174.20
E805	Baucher	88.55	E806	Binckley	1120.09
E807	Bowman	1468.35	E808	Butt	640.41
E809	Coyle	275.82	E810	DuBeck	281.12
E811	Engle	72.93	E812	Essick	510.65
E813	Giles	951.42	E814	Gottfried, A	124.57
E815	Gottfried, N	360.62	E816	Hall	1323.49
E817	Hill	123.44	E818	Huhn	631.35
E819	Hussey	2273.48	E820	Jones, A	439.55
E821	Jones, B	540.32	E822	Lynn	514.06
E823	McDonald	201.00	E824	Meisenhelder	566.97
E825	Polk	554.54	n/a	Principe	.00
E826	Reece	794.21	E827	Riley	125.37
n/a	Simmons	.00	E828	Smith, D	610.08
E829	Swick	260.57	E830	Thomas	250.59
E831	Thompson	1420.06	4331	PNB – IRS	8703.70
4332	OIT	1632.87	4333	SDIT	139.34
4334	VGIT	541.44	4335	Deferred Comp	355.00
4336	AFLAC	170.66	4337	PNB – OPERS	4463.05
4338	OP&FPP	5430.32	4339	OP&FPP	1020.00
4340	VOID	.00	4341	VOID	.00
4342	Anthem BCBS	6305.16	4343	Perma-fix of Dayton	1246.60
4344	Erie Insurance	7169.00	4345	Stacy Engle	111.58
4346	Newspaper News Network	23.80	4347	Laura Main	186.20
4348	Reese, Pyle	1426.00	4349	Jobes Henderson	1944.00
4350	Martin Systems	97.50	4351	The Hollinger Corporation	231.80
4352	Zande & Assoc	1630.53	4353	Mickey's Roofing	5115.00
4354	Fred Abraham	2000.00	4355	Mathews Ford	100.00
4356	Erie Insurance	10675.00	4357	Erie Insurance	288.00
4358	Kimball Midwest	47.18	4359	Ice Mountain Water	87.66
4360	Brandon Reece	1094.00	4361	Acuity Specialty	282.98
4362	The Fire House	214.00	4363	Ohio Health	122.40
4364	I/O Solutions	1424.80	4365	Work Health	200.00
4366	Finley Fire	1239.21	4367	Medtronic Emer Res Sys	4055.00
4368	Fire Safety Services Inc	160.00	4369	Newspaper News Network	24.70
4370	GIE Corporation	1660.25	4371	B&C Communications	2748.90
4372	Hope Timber	168.00	4373	James Kennedy	2450.00
4374	Ben Rader	2450.00	4375	VOID	.00
4376	Kendal at Granville	47365.50	4377	Granville School District	116634.50

I hereby certify that the funds were on hand or in process of collection and properly appropriated for payment of the aforementioned warrants.

 Norman S. Kennedy, Fiscal Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.