

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday August 11, 2016

Sue White opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Sue reviewed the previous meeting minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Sue moved to accept the previous meeting minutes. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, John Lampe, FO Mary Rodenbucher, P. McGowan, V. McKay, W. Eversole, D. Rice, D. McKay

Old Business

Roger received a call from Darrin Werbeck. The Waterloo Youth Baseball & Softball Association would like to do fence improvements in front of the dugout as well as paint the dugouts. Roger stated that we received an estimate from Begue Painting for \$3,000. He asked Sue if she was able to get donations. Sue stated that East Manufacturing would donate \$1,500. Roger made a motion to move forward with the ballfield improvements with the donation from East Manufacturing for \$1,500 along with the Township contributing \$1,000 and the WYBSA contributing \$500. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue reported that several people from the Sales Tax Advisory Committee toured the Geauga and Stark County jails. There is a mandate that the jail needs to be upgraded. There is much investigation taking place to see what is needed. Sue hopes there will be a decision later this month. She also met with the Mental Health Board to discuss various prevention projects. Sue also received information from the Commissioners that Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine wants to implement a prevention program in kindergarten. Sue feels we need to try something.

New Business

Sue commented that after the jail issue is resolved she wants to see some of the money that is leaving our township get back to our township for various projects. Sue wants to get Waterloo Road fixed. She will call the County Engineer on this issue.

Mary presented the quarterly report from Portage County Health Department. Mary placed the July bank reconciliation report in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to approve the July bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary received our proposed 2017 Budget from the Budget Commission. Mary requested a motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Resolution attached.

Mary brought to the attention of the trustees issues with the internet service at the Administration Building. She requested a service call from Time Warner. Mary explained the issue the technician recommended be changed. Mary spoke to Bruce who is willing to take care of the recommendations. The trustees agreed that this needs to be addressed and to have Bruce take care of it.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 164– 171 totaling \$6,408.99 and to pay warrants 37337 - 37369 and EFTs/Vouchers 361 – 382 totaling \$33,224.06. Sue so moved. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Pat commented that not much is happening with zoning. Sue stated there was a Parks and Recreation meeting today. Sue expressed some concerns of playground equipment being torn out of other parks due to insurance and maintenance. She wants to make sure that what we install will be good for the park and community.

Roger read a letter from Chief Lang regarding the agreement with the Randolph Fair concerning special services requested during the fair. Chief Lang requested a base pay scale to be altered to the following; starting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22 and ending at midnight on Sunday, August 28: Full-time employees: regular overtime rate for any hours worked outside of normal shift; Office in Charge - \$18.00 per hour; Part-time BLS - \$16.33 per hour and ALS -\$17.36 per hour. Roger moved to change the pay scale per Chief Lang's request for the six days for the fair. Sue seconded. Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the special event rate for the fair. Sue commented that the fair is something that each one of us should be proud to have in our community. Sue and John both heard, from our residents and those outside of our community, that the issue is not about the money paid to the fire department. There was a heated discussion between the trustees. John feels it will affect the fire department's reputation. The trustees were in agreement that the fire department deserves respect and to be compensated fairly. A comment was made that respect goes both ways. When Chief Lang reduced the cost to the fair by more than half in the past, due to the fact that a large number of members volunteered to work, the fair did not notice. It appears that the new board is being punished for past actions. Virginia asked if other fire departments could take turns since it is a county fair. Roger stated since the fair is in Randolph Township that we are ultimately responsible for any other fire department working in our jurisdiction. Sue because of the head butting the department took a vote whether to have EMS be at the fair and events or not. The vote was 17- yes; 14 – no; 1- abstain. EMS will be at fair and at events. Fair board agreed to \$25,000 but was originally asked to pay \$35,000. There was discussion about some events being charged while others are not, what is required at the fair for track events, the pay difference between the fire department and the sheriff, and personality differences. Sue stated that perception is reality. Sue feels the trustees cannot vote against the special event pay scale since the fair already agreed to it. Roger stated that he is not sure what would happen if the trustees voted against it. Roger stated that it is scary what responsibilities the fire department is liable for. There is no room for error. Sue asked Roger if he would respectfully request on her behalf that the fire department reconsider the amount being charged. Roger stated that he will not make the request. Sue stated that she is not saying they do not deserve the money but feels the negativity will greatly affect fire department. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

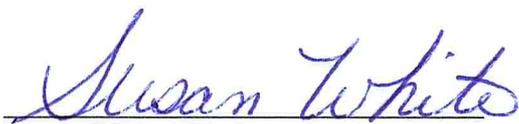
Public Comment

Doug wanted to bring it to the trustee's attention that a petition is going around for a Sunday liquor license for County Line. Doug did not realize it could go on the ballot. John was aware of it. Doug hopes everyone sucks in their pride and does their job by working together. Everyone needs to leave personalities out of the gate.

Sue moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:48 p.m. John seconded. RCV: Roger – no; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:36. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer

