

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday July 14, 2016

Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Sue reviewed the Budget Hearing minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Sue moved to accept the Budget Hearing minutes. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Sue also reviewed the previous meeting minutes and found them to be accurate as well. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Roger moved to accept the previous meeting minutes. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, John Lampe, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, V. McKay, D. Rice, K. Adams, D. Chalmers, E. Myrla, L. Yount, W. Eversole, C. Mangold, E. Maile, K. Angel

**Old Business**

John provided an update on the sidewalk issue. He spoke to the contractor who stated that it was a sewer tie-in. The contractor spoke to the homeowner who did not want the sidewalk done. John feels a letter should be sent to have homeowner repair the sidewalk.

Sue reported on her meeting for the Sales & Use Tax Advisory Oversight Committee. The committee had a tour of the jail. The sales tax is for five years for a new jail due to the increased number of drug offenders. There are issues with the jail that could cause the federal and state government to get involved and possibly sue the county. It is overcrowded due to the serious problem with drug use nationwide. Currently jail is the only answer to the problem. Roger questioned the tax increase. The new sales tax will not generate enough revenue to fund the additional personnel needed for the expanded jail. There was discussion about the tax and how everyone wants a piece of the tax. Sue explained the “Too Good For Drugs” program. Sue commented that the commissioners are looking at drug treatment for drug addicts. Sue reiterated that heroin changes the wiring in the brain and is highly addictive with almost no chance of getting off of it. Virginia asked what the commissioners are doing with the sales tax money. Sue stated that they cannot do anything since all money is earmarked for the jail. Sue feels it will need to be a permanent tax to have any effect. The Commissioners do not want to tax people unnecessarily. The quotes are coming in for the new jail between 8 and 15 million dollars. Most construction goes over budget so they will need to include a buffer. Sue stated that the media needs to alert people of the devastating effects of drug use. There was discussion about Narcan, prescription drugs, withdrawal, and effects of drug addiction such as losing jobs. Some people get into situations and do not make good choices. Sue reiterated that people do not understand how heroin works. We will go broke treating drug problems. The commissioners have to come up with funds for the jail as jails are held to a standard. Sue stated that we need to get off the merry-go-round and use prevention to stop the drug problem. Doug commented on a bill passed in Congress to help the drug problem. Doug also stated that some of money was to go to jail but was misappropriated. Doug feels there is a problem that no Portage County sheriff showed up at a drug meeting that was recently held. John stated that people are taxed to death and something needs to change. Everyone wants the problem fixed but it is a choice that each individual needs to make. Sue’s understanding is that the money was to go help with drug problems in the county. Doug stated that the sales tax was promoted as only going toward a new jail. Sue commented that she has never seen three women so upset with no money trying to solve the jail issue as our commissioners. Doug reiterated that the sole purpose of the sales tax was only to go toward building a new jail period. Roger is tired of the ACLU and liberal people who think we should bend over and take care of everything. Roger feels when the government took prayer out of schools and did away with corporal punishment it was the beginning of the spiral downward. Roger stated we need to get back to the old values that our country was founded on. Roger feels that whatever your religious belief is prayer cannot make it any worse. Keith commented that drug problems have existed for many years and we are sharing the same knowledge of drugs as we have been for many years. Many people became drug addicts after Vietnam. Keith agrees we need to go back to values which start at home. Doug stated that it is an age old problem with no solution.

**New Business**



Mary presented the trustees with the June bank reconciliation for review. She asked if there were any questions. Sue stated that Mary answered her questions. Roger moved to approve the June bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 139 – 156 totaling \$20,875.67 and to pay warrants 37272 - 37309 and EFTs/Vouchers 309 – 329 totaling \$44,646.98. Sue so moved. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported they are getting 7 miles of road ready for chip and seal. He spoke to Edith Hughes and will likely chip and seal the last week in July or possibly the first week in August. They have replaced road pipe and driveway culverts. Tim has begun the second round of road mowing.

John presented the Zoning Department report. There will a BZA hearing on July 18. The ZC will hold a hearing on July 26 for East Manufacturing. John requested a Public Hearing for the East Manufacturing rezoning on July 28 at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

### Public Comment

Carol requested taking some of the pictures out of the Historical Society display cases to have them framed and placed in the SC. The trustees had no problem with the request Carol suggested another marker for those who have died in service of our country. The Historical Society would like to do this for the township. Roger fees we should and asked Larry to get quotes. There was discussion about the size. The Trustees were grateful for the suggestion. Laura requested the pictures in the broken case be hung in the TH. The Trustees agreed to the request. Laura asked about the broken glass on the display case. Roger commented that the person responsible chose not to take responsibility. Larry will get an estimate to repair the glass.

Ken commented that the striping on Fairground Road has worn off. Larry stated that it will be chip and sealed and then striped about a month later.

Dave shared a flyer with the trustees to extend free swimming to all Randolph residents in the Friendship Acres pool from 11 – 4 Monday thru Thursday. He plans to post the flyers around the community. Residents must bring proof of residency. Roger asked about putt-putt golf. Dave stated that it would not be anytime soon.

Ken suggested placing something on the township sign “don’t do any heroin”. Walt stated that including the number deaths due to overdose might be eye opening.

Keith brought up an issue with the PA system at Moyer Field. Keith thought it was uninstalled. John spoke to Mike Lang and understands that it was allowed for special events. John and Bruce went to the ballfields and measured the decibels which showed a higher reading from road traffic and crowds. John stated that it sounded louder the next night but it was a calmer night. John commented that there is nothing more exciting than to have your name announced and will not turn it off. John stated that it is nothing close to a noise nuisance. Keith could hear names being announced. Keith read minutes from 2011. He asked if nothing changed why is the PA allowed. John stated that there is nothing in the zoning regulations. Keith questioned the use of the sound system. Roger spoke about it during arbitration. John stated that it is for two weeks out of the year. He spoke to Darren Werbeck who will try to keep it down. John commented that he could not understand anything being announced the first night but the second night was clearer. John stated that no one else contacted him about the PA. Keith does not want it to become an issue. John reiterated that it is not a noise nuisance. Keith stated that could not have a conversation with his wife. John stated again there was more noise from traffic than the PA. Keith stated that is his (John’s) perception. Sue commented that it depends on the weather. Sue sat near Keith’s



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Erin reported that the Land Bank received federal money to demolish residential structures. She feels this could be used for the property on Maxwell Road. She suggested the ZI contact Todd Peetz or Brad Cromes.

Doug asked for an update on sales tax money from the car dealers in Randolph. Sue is still trying to get some money.

Larry did not believe that someone could get so addicted to heroin until he spoke to several firemen. It is so much more potent and addictive than in the 70's. Sue stated that there is no economic discrimination to heroin addiction

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Susan White, Chairman

  
Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer

