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Raisin Township Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2010

Members Present: Jim Palmer, Dale Mitchell, Carl Wagner, Betty Holdridge, Delight Sieler,
Debra Brousseau Lee Mohr

7:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Carl Wagner Motion- Lee. Support- Dale. Motion Carried.

-Public Comments- None

-Approval of Agenda- Delight Motion, Debra- Support. Motion Carries

-Approval of Minutes. Motion- Betty is adding the members absent; Lee Mohr and the approval of agenda to the April minutes. Also, Lee Mohr would like to have a draft or email sent to the absent board members. Delight- Motion to accept minutes. Dale-Support Motion Carries.

Communications:

Discussion to add Wackers haz-mat day to our newsletter. Lee was there, and it was a very organized and easy process.

Reports

- 1) Building Inspector- Harry Hutchinson – Permits are picking up.
- 2) Electrical Inspector- Richard Holdridge
- 3) Mechanical Report-
- 4) Fire Dept- Rick Renard- No Comments

Law Enforcement- Scott Lambka- Sold Crown Vic for \$2300. The dump truck we picked up was non-repairable-attempting to get another one for free, it's a 1993 dump truck with 1100 miles. Scott is not present so email him with any questions.

Park Report- Debra Brousseau- Little League blocks out the shelter in May in June- Its too bad the township residents can't rent when they want during the summer because of the Little League. We received a resident complaint. Lee: What about building another shelter? Debbie: We would need bathrooms and activities near the new shelter, too costly. We would almost need to rearrange parking too. Carl: Maybe move field 8 then it would be near activity and water supply. Delight: near the overflow area we need to put up no parking signs along the fence. Debbie: Going to paint No Parking in the grass.

Debbie- Tournament was this past weekend. While Barry was up checking on bathrooms, he was complimented on our facility of how neat and clean everything is. Rick: Maybe we could look near the river area for cheap land to expand the park areas for a shelter, playground and parking lot. *Mark your calendars for June 13th for Tecumseh Big Band along featuring Harry and Connie Hutchinson.*

- 5) Assessing Report- Dave Powell- Lee: STC 14pt review, how often do we really have to re-assess? Dave: Every 5 years is the recommended. We are starting with the first 7 sections. End of the 5 years we will have all 36 sections done. Jim: is there an expense for the 14 pt review?- No, only if we don't pass and it gets turned over to the State. Debbie: Do we make a note if people won't allow us on their property? Dave: Absolutely! We then make our best guesstimate and they can come to the Board of Review if they don't agree. Jim: is there a manual to show to the gentleman interested in the Start Up Business Tax Exemption? Dave: He gave me all the instructions. I have talked to the State several times on the matter. Lee: Is there public info on this? Dave Lacasse: We should not give the legal advise to the public. This is something they need to look into on their own. Nobody in the State has ever been approved as of yet because nobody has the required 15% R&D.
- 6) Planning Commission- Nothing.
- 7) Board of Appeals- Nothing.
- 8) Web Site Repot- Nothing
- 9) County Commissioner is here. The county is working on updating the Human Service Building in Adrian. The parking lot has been redone already.
Insurance is at and 18% increase and there will come a time when the county will have to say no more insurance raises. Lee: How many people are covered? Ralph Tillotson: 400+ Anyone over 30 hrs. is eligible for insurance.

Budget & Bills

- 1) Amend the Budget-No
- 2) Treasurer's Report. Delight- Motion to approve Report. Debra- Support. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Grass and Weed Ordinance- Adding a language to change the fee to mow lawns. Admin fee of \$100- per Harry Hutchinson recommendation. \$100 fee plus the cost to mow the grass. Dave Lacasse: Are you issuing civil infractions? Harry- No, no time to deal with that. Jim: Verbiage to get this done. Lee: what steps to get it done? Betty: Notify the paper. We don't need to send to Region 2, its in our ordinance. Lee: Motion to change the verbiage in 5.3-When Township to do work in Gras & Noxious Weed Ordinance to add \$100 admin fee in the fee schedule or (Betty): put it under the Building Dept. misc. fee. Jim: Supports. Effective 7 days after published, but Have Dave Lacasse check to be sure. Motion Carries.
- 2) Sign Ordinance- Correct ordinance so that every sign didn't have to have a variance. Lee: Not happy with the language for the illuminated signs. Harry: We don't allow illuminated signs in ag zoned districts. Dave Lacasse: My office is dealing with this for another municipality- What constitutes as an illuminated sign? This needs to be specific. Needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Harry: Did the Planning Commission review from Region 2 and County Planning Commission? No, it comes back here after Region 2. Lee: Motion to approve sign ordinance as we wrote it. Delight- Support. Motion Carries.

New Business

- 1) OMNI Participation- Scott Lambka recommends that we do not help in the funding for OMNI. There is friction with other departments because of our dogs. Lee: Why does Tecumseh & Adrian get dogs and reimbursed and not Raisin? Jim: Before saying no, I attended a meeting, it's a tremendous program- we have dogs and a good start towards the program. Rick Holdridge: I think we should hear from Scott. On hold until then...
- 2) Dump Day Results- 2009- 230 loads. 2010-230 loads. People started lining up at 6:45 a.m. and it didn't open until 8:00a.m. Very successful day!! No charge for township residents no mater how many loads.

- 3) Raisin Center Hwy- Jason from the Road Commission stopped by Carl's office. They would like to seal coat this road. The road has held up though the winter from holes. The cost would be \$37,565.28. It will cover 2.04 miles and it is 21 feet wide. Starts at Sutton Rd and goes to Laberdee Rd. Est. 1569 Lee: motion to go ahead with this. It is not in the budget and will come out of contingency fund. Delight- Support. Motion Carries.
- 4) Wilmoth Hwy- 2 Bids for Wilmoth. First is to gravel south to Academy Rd. 3" 304 Limestone with 2 apps of seal. Total of .34 mi. Cost of \$16,315.67 Est. 1338. Second is Wilmoth to Holloway Rd \$15,532.96- Repave bridge deck S of Valley Rd. Est. 1616. Total of both is \$32,858. Delight- Motions to OK both. Lee- Supports. Motion Carries.
- 5) Mitchell Rd- Agreed last year that it needs to be done. 4" gravel 1 mi. long Grosvenor to Wellsville 20 feet wide. Most of the damage is closest to Wellsville. Est. 1568. Cost is 24,000.15. Motion to go ahead Dale Mitchell. Lee- Supports. Motion Carries. * Total Project comes to approx. \$93,000. Rick Holdridge: Lots of other areas that are more travelled needs this work done as well. Carl agrees but we can't ignore these people either.
- 6) Park Ordinance- Needs lots of little changes. Delight- Motion to table it. Support- Debra. Motion Carries.

Motion to Adjourn- Carried.

Handout Flyer- Debra Anything to add to the Dump Day flyer? Delight: Recycling. Add the other dump day dates.

Motion for Adjournment. Debbie Motions. Delight- Support. Motion Carried.