

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Meeting

Held

OCTOBER 19,

2010

Chairman Spanovich called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. with Mr. Angelou, Mrs. Stewart and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, present.

Also present were:

Curtis Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
Charlie Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
Dolly Hanning	2354 Agler Rd.
Mike Schertzer	2508 Ferris Park Dr. N.
Robert McDonald	2070 Republic Ave.
Donna Eisel	2449 Perdue Ave.
Steve Evans	2449 Perdue Ave.
Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer
William Price	Police Lieutenant
Eric Baker	Police Sergeant

Senior Government Students from Gahanna Lincoln High School
(See Referral File)

Mr. Spanovich said that before this meeting the Trustees held a Special Budget meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. with the entire Board and Fiscal Officer and at 2:30 p.m. with Steve Julian and the Department Heads.

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. 252-10: Approve Minutes of October 4, 2010

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 253-10: Approve Warrants for November 2010

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the November warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Mr. Angelou explained to the students that Townships are one of the oldest forms of government and there is a contrast between City and Township governments. He said we have pamphlets available on the History and Functions of Townships for the students to take with them. He said Mifflin Township provides the Fire and Medic service for the City of Gahanna and the unincorporated areas of Mifflin Township. He also stressed the importance of voting.

Mrs. Stewart thanked the Fire Department for having a wonderful Open House for Fire Prevention Week. She said she took her grandchildren who said they wished it could be held every weekend, because it was so much fun.

Mr. Spanovich also stressed the importance of voting. He said there has been some confusion regarding our Police Levy. Only unincorporated area residents of Mifflin Township can vote for the levy as we do not provide Police protection for the City of Gahanna. However, Mifflin Township does provide Fire & Medic service to both the City of Gahanna and the unincorporated areas as stated by Mr. Angelou. On the ballot on November 2nd, the City of Gahanna residents will have a Fire Department Levy, School Levy and Library Levy for consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Fiscal Officer said the only correspondence received was a listing from Edward Leonard of homes that will be going to Sheriff's sale on November 8th. They asked if there were any of the properties on that list that we felt should be taken off that list. Code Officer Steve Blake said that he has no objections to the properties on the list, but there are properties he has been trying to get torn down that are not on the list.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS):

ADMIN – The Fiscal Officer presented the following items to the Board for approval:

Res. 254-10: Approve Use of Meeting Hall as Requested by Firefighter King to Teach CPR to Gahanna Schools Teachers/Administrators on October 28 & 29, 2010

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the use of the Meeting Hall as requested by Firefighter Kenny King to teach CPR to Gahanna Schools teachers/administrators on October 28 & 29, 2010. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 255-10: Approve MECC Transfers as Requested by Assistant Chief Michael Grossman After Review with Fiscal Officer to Meet Expenditures for Remainder of 2010 as Listed

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve MECC transfers as requested by Assistant Chief Michael Grossman after review with Fiscal Officer to meet expenditures for remainder of 2010 as listed. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.
(See Referral File)

Res. 256-10: Approve Digital Recorder for Meetings Including Features as Quoted by Full Compass for a Total of \$1,033.59

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Req. #2010-10 for a Digital Recorder for meetings including features as quoted by Full Compass for a total of \$1,033.59 as recommended by Nancy White and Paul Adkins. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight said the OPWC Road Project has been completed for Rankin, Myrtle and Melrose. The only item remaining is the final paperwork and to be advised when the first payment is due. Franklin County has some work that has not been completed as yet. He said that a lot of roads were done this year, but hopefully, a few can be done next year. Mr. McKnight said he attended a NPDES Meeting at Franklin County on storm water management control. He said he learned that Fire Departments must wash their vehicles in the bays so the water goes into the oil separators inside the building instead of directly down in the storm water drains. He said they were advised of an outreach program to be completed by the end of 2011. The information will need to be distributed to our residents. Mr. Spanovich suggested that we look into getting reduction meters for all Fire Stations for use of water that does not go into the storm water drains to save on sewer charges.

POLICE – Chief Pocock presented the following items to be Board for approval:

Res. 257-10: Accept Resignations of Auxiliary Officers Mike Burns, Laura Diamond, Jennifer Burkowitz and Todd Ekleberry

Mr. Angelou moved to accept the resignations of Auxiliary Officers Mike Burns, Laura Diamond, Jennifer Burkowitz and Todd Ekleberry as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 258-10: Approve Use of Community Center for Police Levy Rally on October 23, 2010 from 12 Noon to 3:00 P.M. Including Levy Information and K-9 & Equipment Demonstrations

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the use of the Community Center for a Police Levy Rally Open House on October 23, 2010 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. including Levy information and K-9 & equipment demonstrations. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.
(See Referral File)

Chief Pocock thanked Charlie Johnson and Officer Blake for all their help putting together this Police Levy Rally for the community.

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Res. 259-10: Approve Fund Transfers Within the Police Department as Discussed to Needed Accounts for Bill Payment

Mr. Angelou moved to approve fund transfers within the Police Department as discussed in the Special Meeting held earlier to needed accounts for bill payment determined by the Fiscal Officer. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

CODE ENFORCEMENT - Code Officer Steve Blake said that since the 1-J-3I clean-up fund is exhausted he has to depend on the Service Department crew when they are available. They are working on the alleys at this time. He said that regarding the demolition of the houses that need to come down, he has been to multiple places. He said he requested assistance from the M/I Foundation and just received an e-mail this morning that unfortunately with their market they are not making any commitments to anybody this year or even next year. He said he is still trying to raise the \$30,000 to get all five down that need to come down. The next one on the list is about \$6,200 and none of the houses are on the Sheriff's sale list for back taxes which he doesn't understand. The County tried to give us one of the houses that has \$24,000 in back taxes and would never sell but we would just have to tear it down. Mr. Blake also thanked Charlie Johnson and her helpers who were able to get gift cards and other items donated by area businesses for drawings at the Police Rally.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick presented the following items to the Board for approval:

Res. 260-10: Approve Removing Firefighter Technician Brant Reynolds from Probationary Status and Advanced to Firefighter Technician – Apprentice Effective Pay Period Beginning October 31, 2010

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve removing Firefighter Technician Brant Reynolds from probationary status and advanced to Firefighter Technician – Apprentice effective pay period beginning October 31, 2010 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 261-10: Approve Removing Part-time Fire Inspector George Gatewood from Probationary Status and Advanced to Level 1 Effective Pay Period Beginning November 14, 2010

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve removing Part-time Fire Inspector George Gatewood from probationary status and advanced to Level 1 effective pay period beginning November 14, 2010. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 262-10: Approve Transfers Within the Fire Department as Needed for the 10-A-9A Fuel Account

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve transfers within the Fire Department accounts as follows:

From - 10-A-9B	\$8,000
10-A-8E	\$5,000
10-A-15E	\$5,000
Totaling	\$18,000 to the 10-A-9A Fuel Account

Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said that as Mrs. Stewart said the Fire Department Open House had a big turnout and went very well. The Creepside at Creekside also had a very large turnout. The Chief said that he is still working on the 1998 Pierce Engine/Rescue appraisal. They need to actually inspect it so we will need to take it to them or have them come here to inspect it.

VISITOR COMMENT

Robert McDonald said when he was out passing out flyers he was asked by some residents when they were getting street lights as they were told by the Mayor that when the levy passed they would be getting street lights. Mrs. Stewart explained to him that we have a Board of Trustees and there is no Mayor of Mifflin Township and someone must be giving out misinformation. Calvin McKnight said that a Lighting District would need to be formed before we could provide street lights.

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Mr. McDonald said he is in favor of the Police Department and thinks they are trying to improve the neighborhoods. He also thanked them for the street improvements, but was told that the Service Department was responsible for getting that work done. The Trustees thanked him for passing out the flyers.

Charlie Johnson said that someone is passing out negative flyers to vote no on the Police Levy, Fire Levy and Library Levy in Mifflin Township. She gave the Trustees a copy of it and said they are breaking election laws because they have no name or contact information on the flyer and are being paid for passing out the flyer which is supposed to be on a voluntary basis.

Dolly Hanning said she knows there are gangs in the neighborhood but she will not report them because she is afraid of what they might do. Mrs. Stewart said the Trustees would not ask her to get involved and be afraid.

Mr. Spanovich asked for a moment of silent meditation in memory of Roger Springer, a retired Mifflin Police Officer who died on October 17, 2010 and Margaret Green, the Mother-in-Law of Nancy White who died on October 18, 2010.

There being no further business, Mrs. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

Richard J. Angelou, Vice Chairman

Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer

Lynn M. Stewart, Trustee