

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

**NOVEMBER 16,**

**2010**

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

Also present were:

Charlie Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
Curtis Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
Ben Weiner	Franklin Co. Development & Planning
Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
William Price	Police Lieutenant
Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer
Senior Government Students from Gahanna Lincoln High School (See Referral File)	

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Res. 277-10: Approve Minutes of November 1, 2010**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Res. 278-10: Approve Warrants for December, 2010**

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

## **TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

Mrs. Stewart said that a good friend to the Township, Dolly Hanning, is absent today due to an injury. She celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last Saturday in the hospital and will be moved to a Convalescent Center in Westerville. Mrs. Stewart said we will all keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Spanovich said he is in receipt of an invoice from our Architect, Rich Pontius, for services through August 31, 2010 for the Fire Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$3,975.00 and he is recommending paying it from the Contractor's purchase order.

### **Res. 279-10: Approve Paying Invoice from RP Hughes Architects for Fire Station Improvements Project Through August 31, 2010 in the Amount of \$3,975.00 From the Contractor's Purchase Order**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve paying the invoice from RP Hughes Architects for the Fire Station Improvements Project through August 31, 2010 in the amount of \$3,975.00 from the Contractor's purchase order. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick reported on the status of the items that are still not completed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio sent a notice that they are adding three new recycling drop-off locations for residents on "America Recycles Day".
2. The Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, sent a notice that all liquor permits expire on February 1, 2011 and every permit holder must file a renewal application. We have the right to object to the renewal and request a hearing. The Fiscal Officer sent a copy of this notice to the Police Department and they have no objections.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS)**

**ADMIN** – The Fiscal Officer presented the Board with the following requests for approval:

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**Res. 280-10: Approve Meeting Room Rental Request from Relay for Life on a Monthly Basis Through May 17, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. for Committee Meetings as They Have Done in the Past Under the Non-Profit Guidelines**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Meeting Room Rental Request from Relay for Life on a monthly basis through May 17, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. for committee meetings as they have done in the past under the non-profit guidelines. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Res. 281-10: Approve Transfers Within the General Fund for Remainder of the Year Funding as Requested by the Fiscal Officer in the Memo Dated November 16, 2010**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve transfers within the General Fund for the remainder of the year funding as requested by the Fiscal Officer as follows:

1-A-26 to 1-A-06A	\$2825.00
1-A-26 to 1-A-06B	\$900.00
1-A-26 to 1-A-06	\$1200.00

Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer gave the Trustees copies of the current Appropriation Status Report, Cash Summary by Fund and Receipt Account Status Report along with a Bank Reconciliation Report Through September 2010. She said she has been looking at new software for our accounting program and would like to send RFP's to several companies that are being used by other entities. She gave the Trustees information to review and will present it at the next IT Meeting. The Fiscal Officer said she also gave the information to our IT, Paul Adkins, for his input.

**SERVICE** – Calvin McKnight said he is getting quotes for paving at the Township Hall and Community Center but he did not receive them in time to present at this meeting. Due to the weather the work will not be able to be done until next spring and will be included in next year's budget. Mr. McKnight said he is getting a map from the County of paving work that they have done this year for our reference. He said that going through the County to have this work done has saved the Township a lot of money. He said he is also looking into what can be done next year.

Mr. McKnight said that Jack Hibbler has been in charge of putting Township surplus items and vehicles on sale at GovDeals. The bidding on the vehicles has been high and there is still another week left before it closes.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Steve Blake said he has been working with the Service Department in getting the alleys cleaned up and graded. He said there is a vacant property on Northglen that they found someone inside burning phone books to keep warm. The Service Department secured the property and there may be more of this because of this time of year. Mr. Blake said he is also working with Rumpke on delinquents.

**POLICE** – Chief Pocock said he would like to thank Charlie Johnson and Curtis for all their help on the Police Levy as they were a pleasure to work with. He said that the Police Dept. should have started their campaign a little sooner and look forward to working with the Johnsons again.

Chief Pocock said the Police Department inventory has been submitted to the Trustees. He also reported that Halloween went very well and there were a lot of kids that came out for candy from the cruisers. He thanked the Trustees for donating the candy from the General Fund. Chief Pocock said the Police Department has completed about 90% of all yearly firearms requalifications and are also being trained on a new method to prevent suicide by cop incidents. He said the Police Dept. had a traffic stop of a major gang member and located drugs with the help of Steve Blake's K-9. They have been observing a local bar known for gang members from all over involved in drug trafficking. Chief Pocock gave the Trustees a list of Police Dept. calls received in October through November 14, 2010 amounting to 394.

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Chief Pocock said there is an emotionally disturbed person living on Republic that needs to be sent to a care facility, but they have been unable to find anyplace that will take her. There is also a baby involved. He asked the Trustees to check into some way to help her. Chief Pocock said that Brian Fath who works unpaid with us went to the OSU Campus with our bomb dog regarding the nine bomb threats that were called in today. He said this is good PR for our Department.

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

Purchase Req. for 11-06-10 in the amount of \$12,734.95 for the repair of the Aerial by Finley Fire which is out of service and billed in 2011.

The Fiscal Officer said she was given the authority by the Trustees to transfer money to pay bills and will give the Trustees a list at the next meeting.

**Res. 282-10: Approve Removing Jason Frankle and Gregory Gilbert from Probation as Fulltime Firefighter Specialist-Apprentice and Advance to the Pay Level of Specialist-Journeyman Effective November 14, 2010**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve removing Jason Frankle and Gregory Gilbert from probation as Fulltime Firefighter Specialist-Apprentice and advance to the pay level of Specialist-Journeyman effective November 14, 2010 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Res. 283-10: Approve Removing Beau Zierk from Probation as a Fulltime Firefighter Technician-Apprentice and Advance to the Pay Level of Technician-Journeyman Effective November 14, 2010**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve removing Beau Zierk from probation as a Fulltime Firefighter Technician-Apprentice and advance to the pay level of Technician-Journeyman effective November 14, 2010 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said he is planning on sending the Engine/Rescue in for evaluation when he sends in the Ladder for repairs. He also advised the Trustees that he will be on vacation next week.

Mr. Spanovich turned the meeting over to Ben Weiner of the Franklin County Development and Planning Office who briefly discussed an initiative being funded by the County Commissioners to place “gateway signs” at major road entrances into the unincorporated areas of Mifflin Township to help build a sense of community pride. They chose Mifflin Township, Clinton Township and Franklin Township. The grant is for the design only and not the construction of the signs. He said they will be working with the Neighborhood Design Center which is a non-profit firm of students from OSU, Columbus College of Art & Design and the University of Cincinnati to do this work. Mr. Weiner introduced Neighborhood Design Center project consultants, Al Berthold and Maggie Grady to outline the proposal. Both said they are seeking input from the Trustees and Township residents on how the gateway signs should appear. Ms. Grady said the more feedback they get the better the signage will be in representing our Township. They said they want to hear from numerous residents prior to the Trustees’ regular meeting in January when they hope to present design proposals for the signs. The Trustees said that since our Township covers a lot of separate areas in and out around Columbus, it may be hard to determine the best locations for the signs and the number to be installed. Mr. Berthold said the design, locations, number of signs and materials to be used would be our choice. There may be some grants available for the construction costs. Calvin McKnight said he would be glad to drive the designers around our Township to help develop a design that is appropriate to the Township along with ideas from the residents. It was suggested that the forms be placed on the Township website for residents to complete. Mr. Spanovich said we will try to have the surveys completed by the next regular meeting in December so a concept meeting can be held at our regular meeting in January, 2011.

