

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES* Meeting

Held

**JANUARY 25,**

**2011**

Chairman Spanovich called the Special Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with Mr. Angelou, Mrs. Stewart and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, present.

Also present were:

Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
Sean Sprouse	Burnham & Flower Ins. Group

Mr. Spanovich said the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider placing the Fire and Police Levies on the May ballot and to discuss Health Insurance Benefits. The media was properly notified.

Mr. Angelou said that Police Chief Pocock could not be at this meeting but sent a letter recommending that the proposed 8.8 mill levy be placed on the May ballot. He stated that again, the Police Department will spend a great deal of effort to get this passed and start earlier in order to address the absentee voters. (See Referral File)

### **Res. 34-11: Approve Placing Police District Levy on the May 3, 2011 Ballot as Presented For a New Permanent 8.8 Mil Levy for a Continuing Period of Time**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve placing the Police District Levy on the May 3, 2011 Ballot as presented for a new permanent 8.8 Mil Levy for a continuing period of time. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Mrs. Stewart said that there was some confusion last November that the Police Levy included Gahanna. She said we need to make it clear to the media that the Police Levy only includes the unincorporated area of Mifflin Township.

Chief DeConnick said that he is recommending placing the proposed 3.8 mil Fire Department levy on the May ballot as presented or consider lowering the levy amount. He said we have a committee that has a lot of good ideas on how to educate the public on the need for a levy. He said after researching, the language and title must stay the same but after the levy is given a ballot number it can be advertised anyway we want. He said he also learned that we will be listed before the proposed Gahanna Jefferson School Levy which could be in our favor. After discussion and consideration, it was decided the levy should remain the same.

### **Res. 35-11: Approve Placing Fire Department Levy on the May 3, 2011 Ballot as Presented for a New Permanent 3.8 Mil Levy for a Continuing Period of Time**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve placing the Fire Department Levy on the May 3, 2011 Ballot as presented for a new permanent 3.8 mill levy for a continuing period of time. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

The filing deadline is February 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. for the May 3, 2011 Ballot.

Mr. Spanovich said that regarding the Officer Shane Howard injury, the Trustees do not oppose the BWC claim.

Mr. Spanovich read the letter of resignation received from the Service Director, Calvin McKnight, dated January 25, 2011. Mr. McKnight said he is submitting his resignation with heavy heart as he has been with the Township for 28 years but feels it is time to retire mainly to spend more time with his family. Mr. Spanovich said he has been a shining star in the Service Department and has never said "no" to anyone who needed help. The Trustees all agreed that Calvin will be missed.

### **Res. 36-11: Accept Resignation of Service Director, Calvin McKnight, per His Request to Retire Effective April 15, 2011**

Mr. Angelou moved to accept with regret the resignation of Calvin McKnight per his request to retire effective April 15, 2011. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

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Calvin McKnight presented the Trustees with a memo dated January 24, 2011 requesting to revise the way that the yearly Foreman Bonus of \$500 is paid. He asked that the Foreman pay rate be incorporated into the pay rate increasing the rate from \$15.75 to \$15.99 in keeping with the current policy of incorporating bonuses into the hourly pay rates. (See Referral File)

**Res. 37-11: Approve Incorporating the Yearly Foreman Bonus of \$500 Into the Hourly Pay Rate Increasing the Rate From \$15.75 to \$15.99 Effective January 9, 2011**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve incorporating the yearly Foreman Bonus of \$500 into the hourly pay rate increasing the rate from \$15.75 to \$15.99 effective January 9, 2011 as recommended by Calvin McKnight. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich thanked Mr. McKnight for preparing a job description for the Service Director position which can be used when hiring a new Service Director.

Chief DeConnick said when he talked with the Board of Elections, they stated that regarding a title there was a drop down window where you could state something different. He said he would like to state Mifflin Township Fire/EMS Levy if it can be done. The Fiscal Officer was asked to file the levies at the Board of Elections.

Mr. Spanovich asked for a five minute recess before discussing our health insurance benefits with Sean Sprouse with Burham & Flower Insurance Group. Our current insurance expires on February 28, 2011.

The Trustees resumed regular session and turned the meeting over to Sean Sprouse. Mr. Sprouse explained the proposed UnitedHealthcare Option 2 program with debit cards which he felt might be a good plan for us. There was a little difference in the HRA deductible but otherwise the plan was similar to our current plan. The FSA option would still be available. He said he is still seeking other quotes for our consideration.

**Res. 38-11: Proceed with UnitedHealthcare's Option 2 with Debit Card Contingent Upon Other Quotes and Determine the Parameters for Participation at a Later Date**

Mrs. Stewart moved to proceed with UnitedHealthcare's Option 2 with Debit Card contingent upon other quotes and determine the parameters for participation at a later date. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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

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Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

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Richard J. Angelou, Vice Chairman

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Lynn M. Stewart, Trustee

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Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer

