

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES* Meeting

Held

**JANUARY 26,**

**2008**

Chairman Spanovich called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Mr. Angelou, Mrs. Stewart and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, present. Also present was the Service Director, Calvin McKnight.

The purpose of this portion of the meeting was scheduled to address 2008 Budgets and Health Care Insurance for 2008. The media was properly notified.

Mr. Spanovich asked to dispense with the Pledge and Prayer.

### **Res. 28-08: Approve Warrants for February, 2008**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the February, 2008 warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**2008 Budgets** - The Fiscal Officer explained how the Department Heads determine what their budgets for 2008 will be. The budgets are based on carryover figures and figures from the Auditor on the amounts they estimate we will receive. She said the Trustees have copies of all the budgets except for Police but there may be some adjustments to be made. The Police budget will be held for the February 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting so Mr. Angelou and the Fiscal Officer can meet with Chief Pocock and Lt. Price to go over their budget before it is approved.

The Fiscal Officer said the Fire Department loses revenue due to the tax abatements in the Industrial Park. Mr. Spanovich said that we asked Gahanna for a list of all abatements and TIF's and the dates they expire and the amounts of money they generate so we can determine how much money we are losing in terms of the Fire Department. The Fiscal Officer also brought up the fact that our Inspectors are called in along with City Inspectors for new building inspections at Creekside and other locations because the City Inspectors are not qualified for all inspections but the City receives all the money for the permit fees and inspection services. It was agreed that this is something we should look into to see if Townships can charge for inspection services. Because of the TIF's for Creekside, we are not receiving any tax money for that project.

### **Res. 29-08: Approve 2008 Budgets for the General, Service, Fire and MECC Funds as Presented and Holding Police Budget for February 4, 2008 Meeting**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the 2008 Budgets for the General, Service, Fire and MECC Funds as presented by the Department Heads with slight adjustments that may be made and holding the Police Budget for the February 4, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance** – Mrs. Stewart said that after attending the Insurance Committee meetings and reviewing all the comparison information presented, she is recommending going with the United HealthCare HRA Plan as proposed by Burnham & Flower. After discussion, the Trustees agreed that the HRA was a better insurance plan for all concerned over the HSA plan that was recommended by the Insurance Committee. The Trustees also agreed that we should extend our current insurance for one month to allow for the new plan to be put in place and to educate the employees on how this type of plan works. The possibility of offering employees compensation who decline the insurance coverage was also discussed.

### **Res. 30-08: Approve Extending Current Coverage with UHC for One (1) Month Under Their Current 2008 Rates**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve extending our current coverage with UHC for one (1) month under their current 2008 rates to allow for a new plan to be put in place. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Res. 31-08: Approve HRA-1AP Health Insurance Plan as Proposed by United HealthCare Funded at \$2000/\$4000 Effective March 1, 2008**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the HRA-1AP Health Insurance Plan as proposed by United HealthCare funded at \$2000/\$4000 effective March 1, 2008 as presented by Burnham & Flower. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

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The Trustees recessed the meeting at this time and re-convened at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Spanovich said this portion of this Special Meeting was scheduled to meet with the MECC Members to discuss the proposed MECC Relocation to Creekside.

Present were: Gary Weltlich                      Violet Township Trustee  
                  Don Shoemaker                     Plain Township Trustee  
                  Pat Mahaffey                            Truro Township Trustee  
                  Chief Taylor                             Violet Township Fire Chief  
                  Asst. Chief Eisel                        Violet Township Asst. Fire Chief  
                  Chief Hoovler                             Plain Township Fire Chief  
                  Asst. Chief Rupp                        Plain Township Asst. Fire Chief  
                  Chief Ingram                             Jefferson Township Fire Chief  
                  Chief Tilton                              City of Whitehall Fire Chief

Mr. Spanovich said that he would like to defer the entire meeting to Don Shoemaker, Gary Weltlich and Pat Mahaffey to update us on the contract negotiations that have taken place since our last meeting. Mr. Weltlich said he was asked to be the spokesperson for this group that was appointed to seek the services of legal counsel to review and negotiate the Creekside lease and monitoring agreement. Baker & Hostetler was hired for this purpose and they have reviewed the terms of the contract and have found there were some problems with the language of the monitoring system. After meetings and several discussions they have found the terms acceptable under the Ohio Revised Code for what is called passive monitoring. They are prepared to negotiate the final lease and the lease will not have the specifics of the monitoring as it was filled out because it was revised to reflect the new language. There has been a meeting with the developers of Creekside and there were two requests. The first request is that we be granted approval for not exceeding \$25,000 in legal fees to complete the activity to its conclusion and not to exceed the lease price for the Creekside MECC Dispatch Center of \$2,500 a month for the 15 years. The space would be turn-key with MECC paying \$2,500 a month and utilities. The developers are committed to the project and said they will do almost anything we want done. They tore up their lease and said for us to bring them a lease which our attorneys (Dan Guttman & Mike Bridges) will write.

Mrs. Stewart asked if our attorneys looked at the liability that the monitoring would bring and was told it has been addressed and that is why we would go with passive monitoring. There is a legal issue and a liability issue and they resolved the legal and liability issues with the language which the Prosecutor's Office indicated would be acceptable the way it will be written. Mr. Spanovich asked if there was a time limit on this and was told we are going to ask the attorneys to have the lease completed in two weeks so they can take it to Creekside for their approval. Mr. Angelou said that once we have all the approvals and everything in place on our end, then we can push for a deadline to move in with Creekside.

Chief Hoovler explained that Plain Township applied for and is being awarded a grant for MECC. They will be the administrators for this money just as Mifflin was for the original grant. Budgeting for the MECC expenses for each entity was discussed. Each entity pays a percentage based on their runs. In addition to legal and lease expenses, there will be moving expenses and restoration expenses to put the room currently being used at Mifflin back to its original condition. Some entities may need to amend their MECC budget. It was agreed to approve the following legal and monthly lease expenses.

**Res. 32-08: Approve Legal Fees for Attorneys from Baker & Hostetler to Write and Negotiate Creekside Lease for a Cost Not to Exceed \$25,000 Paid by MECC Members Divided as Agreed Upon**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve legal fees for Attorneys from Baker & Hostetler to write and negotiate Creekside Lease for a cost not to exceed \$25,000 paid by MECC Members divided as agreed upon. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.



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