

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held **FEBRUARY 21,** **2012**

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:

Dean Bandy	423 James Rd.
Tim Lenihan	590 Uxbridge Ave.
John O'Keeth	6784 Joslyn Pl., Worthington
Mr. Teaford	91 E. Deshler Ave.. Columbus
Aaron	670 Mistletoe St.
E.F. Lehman	1835 Stelzer Rd.
Zach & Char Marcum	3738 Emmons Ave.
Sandra Lyons	3747 Emmons Ave.
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Grossman	Asst. Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
D.J. Tharp	Service Director
Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer

Mr. Spanovich turned the meeting over to Mr. Teaford from the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation who was present to discuss the County Land Bank. Mr. Teaford passed out a list of all the properties in Mifflin Township that are currently behind in their real estate taxes. He said that this morning, the County Commissioners made the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation the Franklin County Land Reutilization Corporation and to them the key word is reutilization. He said they want to shy away from Land Bank because they don't intend to bank land but intend to get land back into utilization.

Mr. Teaford said he has been going to every Township, City and Village in Franklin County and giving them their lists with the suggestion to identify what is tax delinquent but they can only take properties that are also vacant. He said they want the entity to identify them.

Mr. Teaford said that many of the properties on the list have already been referred for foreclosure, but that doesn't mean we can't put them into this program. The biggest advantage to this program is that the Prosecutor is notified that there are properties they want to take and then the 45 day foreclosure process begins to redeem the property from the owner and then it is deeded to the County with no Sheriff's sale. He said this amounts to four or five months and the property is theirs with a free title as the taxes and any liens are removed from the property. Mr. Teaford said they will also have funds through the monies that are collected in penalties and interest on real estate taxes so they will have monies to demolish properties as well. He said what he is asking various groups to do is indicate which properties they would like to see either taken or torn down. There is a good deal of vacant land out there and maybe we would just want to take vacant land. He said he feels there will be a large demand so it may be competitive as to which properties they acquire. They will have the money to take a fair number and to demolish them. He said they can either turn them over to us or to someone we designate. They also can sell properties to private individuals who would have to improve the property within five years. Mr. Teaford said the best part of this program is that it stops land from going into speculation as the main goal of this program is reutilization. The Trustees asked our Code Officer Steve Blake to work with Mr. Teaford in identifying vacant properties. The Trustees thanked Mr. Teaford for the information on the reutilization program and look forward to working with him.

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. 56-12: Approve Minutes of 02/02/12, 02/06/12 & 02/10/12

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012, February 6, 2012 and February 10, 2012 meetings. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 57-12: Approve Warrants for March, 2012

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

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TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Mr. Spanovich said that regarding changes to the Meeting Room Application, he has briefly discussed this with the other two Trustees and they feel that further discussion is needed and placed it on hold for the next meeting.

Mrs. Stewart said she would like to make an announcement that MECC has received a FEMA Grant in conjunction with Licking County and asked Asst. Chief Grossman to explain a little more about the grant that we have received. Asst. Chief Grossman said that we applied last year under the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program for just under One Million Dollars with a 20% match to replace our computer dispatching system referred to as CAD. He said there was an opportunity because Licking County was combining their two dispatch centers. We extended an offer to share one system with them for between \$300,000-\$500,000 for the purchase price and support. He said they agreed and we wrote the grant and were successful and will have just under \$799,000 coming to us. He also said that we will have a year to get it completed so it will be a very expeditious project. Mrs. Stewart said we will be waiting to hear more and thanked him for all the work he put into applying for the grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission notice was received of a hearing on February 23, 2012 for a rezoning request from the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio at 2025 and 2037 Stelzer Road from the Rural District to the SCPD to allow for the expansion of a parking facility and fleet vehicle storage. Code Officer Blake said he is aware of this and sees no problem in the change.
2. Technical Review Committee Agenda was received of a request from Husam Abukwick for a conditional use at 2238 Agler Rd. from Section 325.031 to allow for the operation of a general auto repair shop in an area zoned Neighborhood Commercial. Code Officer Blake said this is the man who owns Bob's Market and he has been working with him on this.
3. An Invitation was received for the Franklin County District Advisory Council and Franklin County Annual Township Dinner Meeting on March 8, 2012. The three Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Service Director and Code Officer all said they will be attending.

The Fiscal Officer said that at the last meeting approval was given to change the Health Insurance carrier to Medical Mutual. She said that everyone will need to complete a new enrollment form and return it as soon as possible so new cards can be issued. Three sessions will be held to explain the new coverage on February 23rd at 6:30 p.m., February 27th at 9:00 a.m. and February 28th at 1:00 p.m.

The Fiscal Officer reminded the Trustees that Steve Renner will be at our next Staff Meeting on March 5th with a consultant regarding the Leonard Park Water Funding. She also said that all budgets that have not already been approved should be turned in by March 16th for approval at the March 20th meeting as they are due to the County Auditor by April 1, 2012.

Mr. Spanovich said there are several people here who would like some information regarding the Leonard Park water situation. They were given a copy of the Concept Design Cost Estimate and a copy of what the design may look like that was distributed by Mr. Renner at the February 6th meeting. Mrs. Stewart gave them an overview of what we learned at that meeting. She said we were given approval to extend water from Columbus into Leonard Park and now the situation is that we have to figure out what the cost is to get it there. She said that at our last meeting, Steve Renner from Franklin County Sanitary Engineers Office, and one of his engineers, were here and presented a ballpark costs and now the next step is to figure out how we are going to fund this. Mrs. Stewart said that Mr. Renner will be at our next meeting and will bring a consultant to educate us on how to look for funding on these types of projects. We will make a decision as to what we want the next step to be and that is what we will do. She said this will be a long project as there are many steps involved for completion such as engineering, design, bidding and construction.

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Mr. Spanovich added that once the lines have been installed down the streets, the homeowner will be responsible to tap into the line to get water to their home the cost of which is estimated at about \$5,000. He said there should be methods of financing available to them. We should have more information at our March 5th meeting when Mr. Renner is here at 10:00 a.m. and the residents of Leonard Park may want to attend that meeting also.

IT – Mrs. Stewart said there is an IT meeting scheduled for tomorrow at which time we are going to get a report from Kris Haley and our other consultant about the server issues that we have had the past several weeks and we will be able to report back to the Board on March 5th.

SERVICE – D. J. Tharp said he had several items before the Board.

Mr. Angelou signed off on the invoice received from the City of Gahanna for \$1929.13 for road salt picked up in January from the Gahanna Street Department. We used 31 tons at \$62.23/ton.

Mr. Tharp said that he and Mrs. Stewart met with the City of Gahanna Service Director, Mayor and their City Engineer about the cemetery wall/sidewalk and we are all in agreement that it should be a co-op job to help replace the sidewalk and retaining wall. Mrs. Stewart said the Mayor agreed to support the project as did the Engineer and Service Director. The next step is for it to go before City Council. She said that if they approve it we will pay for it and bill them for their half upon completion of the project.

Res. 58-12: Approve Req. 2012-01 to Trade In Our Hustler Super Z Side Discharge Mower for a New Hustler Super Z Rear Discharge Mower for a Total Price of \$1,990.00 from JD Equipment

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Req. 2012-01 to trade in our Hustler Super Z Side Discharge Mower for a new Hustler Super Z Rear Discharge Mower for a total price of \$1,990.00 from JD Equipment. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 59-12: Approve Req. 2012-02 to Purchase a 2012 Chevrolet Equinox W/Trade-ins of the 2004 Chevrolet Venture & 2001 Ford Expedition for a Total of \$18,532.30 from Coughlin Chevrolet Pataskala per Agreement

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Req. 2012-02 to purchase a 2012 Chevrolet Equinox w/trade-ins of the 2004 Chevrolet Venture & 2001 Ford Expedition for a total of \$18,532.30 from Coughlin Chevrolet Pataskala per Agreement. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 60-12: Approve Grave Lot Sell Back Request of Kenneth J. Woodward for Section M, Block 3, Lot 118, Grave 6 for the Amount of \$250.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Grave Lot Sell Back Request of Kenneth J. Woodward for Section M, Block 3, Lot 118, Grave 6 for the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

D.J. Tharp gave the Board a copy of his revised 2012 Budget to reflect the County Auditor's numbers showing less for Roads and more in Cemetery.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said he has been staying in touch with the County regarding the demolition program and looking forward to working with Mr. Teaford on the Land Bank. He said he is working very closely with Lee Brown at the County and Joe Bailey. They are meeting tomorrow as there are a lot of issues on 3296, 3280 & 3250 Westerville Rd. with zoning violations time after time which he has reported to the Zoning Board who has given them about eight violations to correct. Officer Blake said we are looking to take a very strong position with them as the owner of the property has repeatedly ignored our requests to correct violations.

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POLICE – Chief Pocock said he is recommending to hire Jeff Chevalia as a Full-time Tech Police Officer at \$15.00/hr. with no benefits. He said he should be ready to go at the start of the next pay period.

Res. 61-12: Approve Hiring Jeff Chevalia as a Full-time Tech Police Officer at \$15.00/Hr. With No Benefits Upon Completion of Hiring Paperwork

Mr. Angelou moved to approve hiring Jeff Chevalia as a Full-time Tech Officer at \$15.00/Hr. with no benefits upon completion of hiring paperwork. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

MECC – Asst. Chief Grossman said he has a request before the Board for installation of an additional VHF Control Station Radio for tying into the Motobridge System for a total of \$2,222.47.

Res. 62-12: Approve Req. #02212012-03 to Install Antenna/Line Equipment VHF Control Station Radio and Programming of VHF Radio by B & C Communications for a Total of \$2,222.47

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Req. #02212012-03 to install Antenna/Line Equipment VHF Control Station Radio and programming of VHF Radio by B & C Communications for a total of \$2,222.47. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick presented the Board with the following:

Res. 63-12: Approve Pro Tech-Safety Proposal for Up To \$30,000/Year or \$2500/Month with a Breakdown of the Billing

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the Pro Tech-Safety Proposal for up to \$30,000/Year or \$2500/Month with a breakdown of the billing. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 64-12: Approve Certified Rescue Tech Training Request of Timothy Morris at Bowling Green State Fire School for \$2500.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Certified Rescue Tech Training request of Timothy Morris at Bowling Green State Fire School for \$2500.00. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the Live Fire Scenario Training request of Greg Gilbert on May 7th – 12th, 2012 at Bowling Green State Fire School for \$705.00.

Chief DeConnick said a letter was received from Lt. Tom Lee addressed to the Board regarding College Tuition Assistance. He is requesting that the Board consider reinitiating the tuition reimbursement program in the near future so that he and other department members can continue pursuit and completion of degree programs.

Chief DeConnick said for information purposes he is allowing the GNA Football club to use our parking lot at 485 Rocky Fork Blvd. on March 3rd from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. for citizens to drop off old cell phones and old computers in order for rehab to be reused. He said that they are awaiting EPA approval for the controlled burn on Stelzer Road.

The Trustees agreed to meet with Robertson Construction tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. with Rich Pontius and an attorney if that time is convenient for everyone.

The Trustees welcomed the government students from Lincoln High School and said there are brochures available on the History and Functions of Township Government for them to take with them.

