

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting

Held

MARCH 15,

2011

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:

Charlie & Curtis Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
John McAlister	620 Forestwood
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer
William Price	Police Lieutenant
Senior Government Students from Lincoln High School	

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. 79-11: Approve Warrants of April, 2011

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the April, 2011 warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS – None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE – None at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT – Nancy White asked everyone to look up at the new fans that were recently installed that will help circulate the air in the Meeting Room. She said that the February Reconciliation was included with the Trustees' meeting information and they should now also have the Cash Summary Report. She said she is in the process of making some account corrections for Fire currently and there may be other funds needing the same process.

The Fiscal Officer said that by statute we are required to file our appropriations by April 1, 2011 and it may require us to have an additional meeting in order to approve those since they are all not ready to be approved at this time. The General, Service Department and EMS Funds have already been approved. The Trustees set a meeting for March 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. for budget presentations that have not been approved.

The Fiscal Officer said that regarding the Accounting Software RFP's, she is still waiting for additional information she requested from the vendors and she hopes to have it by our first meeting in April.

The Fiscal Officer said that as mentioned at a previous meeting, she and Chief DeConnick were given a presentation on a payroll program that would streamline the payroll process and eliminate the manual entry. Compatibility with TeleStaff is being investigated.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS):

IT – The Fiscal Officer said our new website went live on March 1, 2011 and we are in the process of having decals printed showing the new website of www.mifflin-oh.gov to be put on all vehicles.

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight said he attended the Franklin County Engineer's Dinner Meeting last week with Mr. Angelou and the Fiscal Officer. He said they discussed the special projects that they were going to be doing. None are in Mifflin Township other than our road projects.

Mr. McKnight said he met with the people from Franklin Soil & Water regarding a change to the Rain Garden location that was discussed at the last meeting. There are two locations in the back of the building that may work. He said we need to do some investigation to see that we don't run into any utilities or our sprinkler system lines. When a decision is made, it could be started on April 26th.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said he has been working on trash, etc. within the Township as we are getting into warmer weather when trash seems to accumulate. He said he has been working with Calvin McKnight on some properties and will be contacting some outside providers to assist when Mr. McKnight can't take care of things. He said that there is a house on Parkwood that is now vacant where everything in the house had been thrown out in the yard including drug needles, etc. Mr. Blake said a roll-off dumpster was delivered and the Service Department crew did a great job in cleaning it up. He said we will bill the property owner which will amount to \$800 - \$900.

POLICE – Chief Pocock said he gave the Trustees copies of the Franklin County Dispatching Contract for 3 years that will need to be approved.

Res. 80-11: Approve Franklin County Sheriff's Dispatching Contract for the Police Department for (3) Years as Presented

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Franklin County Sheriff's Dispatching Contract for the Police Department for (3) years as presented. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion Carried. (See Referral File)

Chief Pocock presented the Trustees with the Police Department's monthly stats for 15 days. He said Lt. Price has done a great job working with Tom Welsh down at the County. He can now retrieve stats from the new County Reporting System. The report shows the Police have had 95 dispatched runs in 15 days which doesn't count numerous runs they receive directly. Mr. Angelou asked that they include the fine and ticket money report also.

Chief Pocock said that things are moving along on the levy. Charlie Johnson and Curtis have sent out information and Bob's Market has already donated \$500.00. A business on Westerville Road has donated \$200.00 and there have been some employee contributions also.

Chief Pocock said everyone should have a copy of the Police Records Retention Policy which will need approval. Lt. Price said that after the Ohio Historical Society and Auditor of State's Records Officer approves the policy, he can start destroying old records.

Res. 81-11: Approve Police Department Records Retention Policy as Presented

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Police Department Records Retention Policy as presented which will be forwarded to the Ohio Historical Society and Auditor of State's Records Officer for their approval. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick presented the Trustees and Fiscal Officer with the Fire Department's Final 10-A Budget for approval. Mr. Angelou said it will be reviewed and held for the March 22nd budget presentation meeting. Chief DeConnick said the only other matter to bring before the Board for approval is the renewal for the Motorola Service Agreement.

Res. 82-11: Approve the Motorola Service Contract for March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012 in the Amount of \$3,200.04

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Motorola Service Contract for March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012 in the amount of \$3,200.04. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said as stated in the media today, a Firefighter from Clinton Township was burned at a house fire but was treated and released from the hospital. The Chief asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

MECC – No report in the absence of Asst. Chief Grossman. Chief DeConnick said he will advise him that the MECC Final budget will be due for approval at the March 22nd meeting.

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VISITOR COMMENT

Mr. Angelou welcomed the students from Lincoln High School and asked them to take a copy of the brochure on the History and Functions of Townships. He explained the difference between City and Township governments.

Charlie Johnson said that as Chief Pocock said earlier, the levy mailings have all been sent out and the only feedback has been positive. She gave the Trustees copies of what was mailed out.

Mr. Spanovich said that Gahanna City Council Member John McAllister from Ward 1 was present to discuss two resolutions that were passed by City Council and sent to the Governor. Mr. McAllister said that the resolutions were in regards to the prevailing wage law and cost of labor. He said these were resolutions that he introduced primarily because as a citizen and taxpayer he is fed up with paying an extra 10% - 20% for road repairs, construction, etc., because we have to pay contractors the prevailing wage when we could contract the work for a lesser amount. He said public employee unions are holding the taxpayers hostage by contracts that force public entities on how to run their business which is a major concern of his. Mr. McAllister said he would like to have a copy of the Fire Department budget and also asked what the deductible was on the health insurance provided for our employees. Mrs. Stewart explained that we do not have collective bargaining at the Township and our employees have not had a raise since 2008. She said that some of our first responders who risk their lives make less than babysitters and parks & rec workers. Some Firefighters only make a little more than \$9.00/hr. and Police Officers \$8.06/hr. She also explained that the Township's health insurance is not covered 100% by the Township. Employees who do not participate in the health/wellness program are required to pay up to \$62.20 per month toward their insurance premium. Employees are responsible for up to \$1000 of the deductible and up to \$60 co-pay for RX. There is a network out-of-pocket coverage of \$9700 of which employees can use their HRA, personal funds and/or FSA to pay these expenses. She said that we have frozen all of our wages and capital expenditures based upon the current economic situation. Mr. McAllister said that not only as a Council Member, but also a taxpayer, the public just has to know how their tax dollars are being spent. The Trustees agreed and said we have done everything possible to hold down expenses and in some instances are at rock bottom but do feel that the health insurance we put in place for the employees is a fair one and the increase over last year's premium was only about 3.6%.

One of the senior students expressed her opinion regarding teachers. She said that it seems as they are cutting the younger teachers and keeping the ones that have been there longer and making three times more money but may not be any better of a teacher. Mr. McAllister said that as a public official, he agrees and would never support that situation.

Res. 83-11: Move Into Executive Session

Mr. Spanovich moved to go into executive session at 4:14 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter at the request of the Fire Department. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Trustees moved back into regular session at 4:40 p.m. and approved the following resolutions:

Res. 84-11: Approve Request of Sheri Stickler for a Self-Demotion from Captain to Lieutenant as Presented in Her Letter Effective Immediately

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the request of Sheri Stickler for a self-demotion from Captain to Lieutenant as presented in her letter effective immediately. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Res. 85-11: Approve Hourly Rate of Sheri Stickler Remain the Same Until Such Time as Current Lieutenants Reach Her Pay Rate per Memo Dated March 15, 2011 from Chief DeConnick

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the hourly rate of Sheri Stickler remain the same until such time as current Lieutenants reach her pay rate per the memo dated March 15, 2011 from Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

