

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

MARCH 17,

2009

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:

Dolly Hanning	2354 Agler Rd.
Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
Jeff Wright	Battalion Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
Steve Blake	Code Enforcement Officer

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. 73-09: Approve Minutes of February 17, 2009 and February 26, 2009

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 and February 26, 2009 meetings. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 74-09: Approve April 2009 Warrants

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the April 2009 warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fiscal Officer said the only correspondence we received was a Public Notice from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers that an application has been submitted by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to do some work in and around our area.

We have received some paperwork from the Ohio Public Works and will be getting with the Engineer's Office to get the engineering done and bid specs ready for that project. We also received paperwork on the loan portion of the grant which is set up for four years. We also submitted our application for CDBG funds for the sidewalks. That money will not be available until fall. Clinton Township is also doing a similar project which may be coordinated by the County Engineer's Office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

ADMIN – The Fiscal Officer presented the Trustees with a quote from KTM Security for Card Readers and Door Locks for six doors at the Township Building for \$11,576.58. The issued cards would be swiped in a reader which would de-active the door lock to gain entry into the building. These cards could also be used as identity cards. KTM is currently maintaining our alarm system and monitoring for 155 Olde Ridenour. This system unlocks the doors but does not turn off the alarms which would be an additional expense. The Fiscal Officer said she was presenting this to the Trustees for their consideration.

The Fiscal Officer gave the Trustees a proposal from Telecom for a conference call unit that can be used for meetings or training. This device has been needed on several occasions when meetings have been held in this building.

The Fiscal Officer said she should have the Health Insurance Opt-Out Option paperwork ready for the next meeting.

SERVICE

Calvin McKnight said that as discussed at a previous meeting, he is requesting approval to purchase 3 mowers including trade-ins from Buckeye Power for \$3,112.56. The Fire Department would then like to purchase the John Deere trade-in from Buckeye Power for \$3,600.00.

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Res. 75-09: Approve Mower Trades and Purchases for (3) Mowers as Quoted from Buckeye Power Sales for a Total of \$3,112.56

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the mower trades and purchases of three (3) mowers as quoted from Buckeye Power Sales for a total of \$3,112.56 as recommended by Calvin McKnight. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 76-09: Approve Purchase of the John Deere Trade-in by the Fire Department as Quoted from Buckeye Power Sales for \$3,600.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the purchase of the John Deere trade-in by the Fire Department as quoted from Buckeye Power Sales for \$3,600.00 as recommended by Calvin McKnight and Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Calvin McKnight said that all the storm water drops approved at the last meeting have been repaired. He said he plans to get estimates to do another 10 to 12 around the same area. He also said that the only outside meeting he attended was the quarterly meeting with the City of Gahanna at the fuel site. They asked each Department what fuel they thought they will require in the near future. They also said that they plan to build a new Service Center behind in the present one in the next few years when money is available.

The Fiscal Officer said that Calvin McKnight presented the Trustees with two quotes for landscaping around the Township building. He is recommending Jim Klamfoth Lawn Service who has done the landscaping here for several years. They had the best price for about \$3000.00 per year.

Res. 77-09: Approve Lawn Care Proposal and Contract with Jim Klamfoth Lawn Service for One Year at the Township Building for Approximately \$3000.00

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Lawn Care Proposal and Contract with Jim Klamfoth Lawn Service for one year at the Township Building for approximately \$3000.00 as recommended by Calvin McKnight. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

POLICE – Chief Pocock requested approval to hire Duane Lephart as a Part-time Paid Officer. He has been in law enforcement for 20 years.

Res. 78-09: Approve Hiring Duane Lephart as a Part-time Paid Police Officer

Mr. Angelou moved to approve hiring Duane Lephart as a Part-time Paid Police Officer as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Pocock shared a copy of a list and check in the amount of \$1,942.00 for tickets and fines written by Mifflin Officers for the month of February. This was a great job by all Officers.

Chief Pocock said he would like to praise our Code Officer/Part-time Police Officer, Steve Blake, for passing his test with Gracie, his K-9 dog. They are State Certified and fully accredited with our K-9 program and have made some stops already using the K-9. This Friday there is a legal seminar with the Attorney General's Office and Department of Public Safety to make sure we don't make any mistakes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Steve Blake said he met with Joe Bailey and another representative from the County. They have a program going and are asking for a top ten list from different townships and areas in the County of properties that they will go after, seize and demolish for us. He said he will be working on that. A long time problem resident on Purdue Ave. has now left the Township. There were numerous Police and Code complaints over the years. He said they were able to work out a Code aspect of it that resulted in him selling out to Miracit. They are tearing it down and will be building two new houses. Mr. Blake said he would like to thank Calvin McKnight and his crew for helping him board up abandoned houses.

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Steve Blake said that the Fiscal Officer gave him a flier regarding a program that MORPC has for homeowners to receive an interest free loan to fix up their house. They can receive up to a \$25,000 loan with no payments based on their income and the fact that they have at least \$15,000 equity in their home. The loan is secured by a lien on the property and the lien is released after they live in the house for ten years.

FIRE – Mr. Spanovich said that Battalion Chief Jeff Wright is filling in for Chief DeConnick and the Fire Department has several items submitted for approval as follows:

Res. 79-09: Approve Drug-Free Workplace Program for Employee & Supervisor Training for the Whole Township Through Working Partners for a Total of \$3,480.00

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Purchase Request No. 03.08.09 for the Drug-Free Workplace Program for employee and supervisor training for the whole Township through Working Partners for a total amount of \$3,480.00 to be paid from the General Fund as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 80-09: Approve Annual Maintenance & Support Agreement from 3/1/09 Thru 2/28/10 for a Total of \$8,659.75 as Invoiced by EmergiTech

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Annual Maintenance & Support Agreement from 3/1/09 thru 2/28/10 for a total of \$8,659.75 as invoiced by EmergiTech. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 81-09: Approve Fire Panel Replacement at Sta. 131 as Quoted by Simplex Grinnell in the Amount of \$1,704.00

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the Fire Panel Replacement at Sta. 131 as quoted by Simplex Grinnell for \$1,704.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the training request for three Fire personnel to attend a training seminar sponsored by Violet Township on March 25, 2009 for a cost of \$50.00/each.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the training request of John Eing and Scott Davis for the CSCC on-line course "CIT 101 – PC Applications" for next quarter in the amount of \$247.00 each paying one half now and the remainder upon successful completion.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the request of Firefighter Brad Crosson to attend the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis from April 20 – 21, 2009 for three courses totaling \$365.00. He is only asking that we pay for the courses and he will pay for all of his other expenses.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the training request of Fire Safety Inspector Steve Welsh to attend the National Fire Sprinkler Association training courses from April 7 – 9, 2009 for a total of \$248.00.

Res. 82-09: Approve Service Credit Bonuses for Fire Personnel Steven Engler and Anthony Spanovich

Mr. Angelou moved to approve service credit bonuses for Steven Engler in the amount of \$500 and Anthony Spanovich in the amount of \$900.00 at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. Mr. Angelou and Mrs. Stewart voted yea. Mr. Spanovich abstained. Motion carried.

Res. 83-09: Approve Service Credit Bonuses for Fire Personnel Yorde, Crosson, Hyer, Torres, Lee, Dunlevy, Williams, Cline, Davis, Kovacs, Diehl and Mauger

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve service credit bonuses for Robert Yorde, Bradford Crosson, Scott Hyer, Anthony Torres, Thomas Lee, Brian Dunley, Dennis Williams, Neil Cline, Scott Davis, Robert Kovacs and Michael Diehl for \$500.00/each and Michael Mauger for \$700.00 at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Res. 84-09: Approve Removing Adam Shaffer, Mark Gigliotti, Frank Caputo, Steven Lewis and Nicholas Searle from Probationary Status Effective with Their Anniversary Date of 3/31/09

Mr. Spanovich moved to remove Adam Shaffer, Mark Gigliotti, Frank Caputo, Steven Lewis and Nicholas Searle from probationary status at the appropriate pay rate effective with their anniversary date of 3/31/09 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 85-09: Accept Resignation of Part-time Firefighter Robert Nichols per His Request Effective March 17, 2009

Mr. Spanovich moved to accept the resignation of Part-time Firefighter Robert Nichols per his request effective March 17, 2009 since he accepted a full-time position with the City of Upper Arlington as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich read a letter from the American Red Cross thanking the Fire Department for allowing them to use the home on Hamilton Road for a Fire Damage Assessment training on February 28, 2009.

The Trustees were given a new 2009 Budget for Fire and EMS. Battalion Chief Wright said the budget already turned in for MECC has no changes and is the final budget. This will be held for review and final approval.

There was also a Fitness Planning Consultants invoice that is pending in the amount of \$465.00. Mr. Angelou said he did not feel they should bill separately for individuals. It was also not determined if up to a set amount was approved for the year.

Battalion Chief Wright said that earlier this afternoon, our Engine 132 assisted Columbus in a rescue of three children and one adult from a fire just outside the Township on Milford Ave. They are all in critical condition.

Mr. Spanovich said that Chief DeConnick and Deputy Chief Kauser presented a proposal that would help reduce over-time. He said he discussed it briefly with the other Trustees. Battalion Chief Wright said that after having it discussed with him, he supports the program. Hiring more full-time personnel would allow us to meet the required manning and cut down on over-time. Mrs. Stewart said that this program would also save a considerable amount of money that is being spent on over-time. The Fiscal Officer said she has not seen this proposal and would like to compare their figures with her payroll figures. The Trustees agreed to table this for the next meeting.

VISITOR COMMENT

Dolly Hanning said she wanted to thank Calvin McKnight (Mac) for all his help in the last three months as it is really appreciated. She said she is not going to set up a food bank because she has set up with the church on Karl Road and the Church on Denune for them to serve the people in need in the unincorporated area. They can receive one food basket a month. She said she also has numbers at her house to give out for those in need of food to get it anytime they actually need it. Mrs. Stewart suggested she give those numbers to Calvin McKnight and Steve Blake to give to people they see are in need while they are out in the unincorporated area. Chief Pocock said he would like his Police Officers to have those numbers also.

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

Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer