

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

APRIL 20,

2010

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 Road
	Judy Shephard	2355 Agler Road
	Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
	Abigail Mack	Columbus Housing Partnership
	Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
	Fred Kauser	Deputy Fire Chief
	Mike Grossman	Asst. Fire Chief
	Michael Pocock	Police Chief
	Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer
	Stan Broadway	MECC Dispatcher

Mr. Spanovich turned the meeting over to Abigail Mack, Development Coordinator with the Columbus Housing Partnership. Ms. Mack said that the Columbus Housing Partnership is a nonprofit organization founded to help provide quality, affordable housing and related services for low to moderate income households in Columbus and surrounding areas. The Columbus Housing Partnership, in partnership with the Franklin County NSP Program., will be rehabbing or redeveloping approximately 9-10 homes in Clinton and Mifflin Townships which will be available for sale to families that earn up to 120% of the area median income. She said she has been working with Steve Blake in Mifflin. She also did a presentation on program activities of Homeport which includes redevelopment of vacant, abandoned or foreclosed properties in Mifflin and Clinton Townships. There are several target areas and the funds allocated must be committed by September 24, 2010. The only property in Mifflin Township at this time is 2995 Woodland Ave. Mrs. Stewart said it is disappointing that of the 1.87 million dollars allocated for these projects only one house is in Mifflin Township. Mr. Spanovich thanked Ms. Mack for the presentation and said he hoped Mifflin Township will have more target homes in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. 98-10: Approve Minutes of April 5, 2010

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 99-10: Approve Warrants for May 2010

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the May 2010 warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Mrs. Stewart said we are glad to see Dolly Hanning back sitting in the front row.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. Information was received from the Franklin County Engineer's Office that they are vacating a portion of Albert Avenue in Mifflin Township which is basically an unused alley
2. A memorandum was received from Ben Weiner from the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department regarding the Cleveland Avenue Streetscape 2020. Enclosed were copies of the Cleveland Avenue Streetscape 2020 draft which is a proposed amendment to the Clinton-Mifflin Land Use Plan. Mr. Weiner is planning on attending our May 3, 2010 meeting and asked that the Board consider the document for adoption at that time.
3. A letter was received from OTARMA announcing that they have an Online Resource Library that is free for our use for a number of online training courses regarding Safety and Human Resources.

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4. A letter from the Franklin County Commissioners was received regarding the return of the 2010 Census forms. The information the census collects helps determine how federal funding is spent each year on infrastructure and services and the distribution to our schools and hospitals here in Franklin County. They ask that Community Leaders join them in the effort to Be Counted

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

ADMIN – The Fiscal Officer said at the last meeting she presented some RFP's for projects that we are working on from Affiliated. Mrs. Stewart said that it is her understanding that the only project that has been proposed at this time is the Website Assistance. The other three will be put on hold until they are implemented and brought forward.

Res. 100-10: Approve Website Assistance as Proposed by Affiliated for Up To \$2070.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Website Assistance project as proposed by Affiliated for up to \$2070.00. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer said that at the last meeting she presented a Family Medical Leave Management proposal by CareWorks. She said we have had more Family Medical Leave requests in the past year than we have ever had and feels we need a formal policy in place.

Res. 101-10: Approve Family Medical Leave Administration Services Proposal by CareWorks as Presented

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Family Medical Leave Administration Services Proposal by CareWorks as presented and recommended by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

A request was received from the Boy Scout Troop 317 to use the Meeting Hall for their Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Res. 102-10: Approve Meeting Hall Rental Request of Boy Scout Troop 317 for Their Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, May 23, 2010 Under Non-profit Guidelines

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Meeting Hall Rental request of Bob Williams for the Boy Scout Troop 317 for their Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. as they have in the past under the non-profit guidelines. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer said she has a request before the Board for additional workout/fitness equipment for the basement area of this building. One of the treadmills was moved to the MECC facility and the remaining one was found to be inoperable. She said that she and Calvin McKnight looked at equipment and found the best price from Dick's Sporting Goods for a new treadmill and elliptical trainer in the amount of \$4,339.96 including extended warranties.

Res. 103-10: Approve Treadmill & Elliptical Trainer for the Township's Fitness Areas from Dick's Sporting Goods in the Amount of \$4,339.96 Including Extended Warranties

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve a new treadmill and elliptical trainer for the Township's fitness area in the basement from Dick's Sporting Goods in the amount of \$4,339.96 including extended warranties as recommended by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

SERVICE – The Service Director was unable to attend this meeting due to pressing Cemetery business. MECC Dispatcher Stan Broadway was present to report on the Amateur Radio System improvements. For ten years the Amateur Radio Service has shared space on the Mifflin tower. Because Amateur Radio serves as a backup communications system for use in times of dramatic failure of normal modes, the MECC has formed an Amateur Radio Club made up of dispatchers and fire personnel across the MECC area.

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Mr. Broadway said that the Capital City Repeater Association and the Central Ohio Severe Weather Network are working together to upgrade radio equipment at the Mifflin Township tower. He said this change will result in much less space being used inside the building, a higher level of technology for existing users and increased service to other amateur radio organizations. Work is underway for the repeater replacement and the addition of other systems and the small link antennas is expected to be completed during the early summer months. The work is being done by insured technicians and is being coordinated with the Service Director, Calvin McKnight.

POLICE – Chief Pocock requested approval to hire Laura Diamond and Ryan Meeks as unpaid Reserve Officers and change the status of Alan Mann from Part-time paid to an unpaid Reserve Officer.

Res. 104-10: Approve Hiring Laura Diamond and Ryan Meeks as Unpaid Reserve Officers and Change of Status of Alan Mann from a Part-time Paid to an Unpaid Reserve Officer

Mr. Angelou moved to approve hiring Laura Diamond and Ryan Meeks as unpaid Reserve Officers and change the status of Alan Mann from a Part-time paid to an unpaid Reserve Officer as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said he has been working on vacant houses and buildings and the possibility of controlled burnings. He also advised the Board that he will be taking the Fire Inspector Safety Course from May 3, 2010 through May 14, 2010 for \$470.00. This will allow him to do both Code and Fire Safety inspections.

FIRE – Mr. Spanovich said the following requests were presented to the Board for approval:

Mr. Spanovich signed off on Training Req. #04.08.10 for Chief DeConnick and Karen Smith to attend a Records Retention and Destruction seminar for a total of \$298.00.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on Training Req. #04.07.10 for Fire Safety Inspectors King, Marvin and Welsh to attend the Fire Systems Tests and Inspections seminar for a total of \$450.00.

Res. 105-10: Approve Class A & Class B Foam from Finley Fire for a Total of \$2,888.00

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Req. #04.06.10 for Class A and Class B Foam to replenish stock at all Stations from Finley Fire for a total of \$2,888.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 106-10: Approve (6) Replacement Refrigerators for Stations 131 & 134 Kitchens from HHGregg for a Total of \$11,239.80

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Req. #04.07.10 for six (6) replacement refrigerators for Stations 131 and 134 kitchens from HHGregg for a total of \$11,239.80 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 107-10: Approve (5) Replacement Dell Computers for Stations 131, 133 & 134 from Dell Marketing for a Total of \$4,322.15

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Req. #04.08.10 for five (5) replacement Dell Computers for Stations 131, 133 & 134 from Dell Marketing for a total of \$4,322.14 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 108-10: Approve Service Credit Bonuses for Fire Personnel Grossman, Gault, Wogan & Coriell and MECC Dispatchers Broadway, Fuhrmann, Ruthers & Wilson

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve service credit bonuses for Michael Grossman for \$1100, Robert Gault for \$900 and Brandon Wogan, Matthew Coriell, Gordon Broadway, Mory Fuhrmann, Matthew Ruthers and Susan Wilson for \$500/each at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Res. 109-10: Approve Removing Jamie Yinger from Probationary Status of Captain and Advanced to Permanent Position of Captain Effective April 18, 2010

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve removing Jamie Yinger from probationary status of Captain and advanced to permanent position of Captain effective April 18, 2010 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 110-10: Approve Removing Neil Cline, Brian Dunlevy, John Eing, Tom Lee and Anthony Torres from Probationary Status of Lieutenants and Advanced to Permanent Positions of Lieutenants Effective April 18, 2010

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve removing Neil Cline, Brian Dunlevy, John Eing, Tom Lee and Anthony Torres from probationary status of Lieutenants and advanced to permanent positions of Lieutenants effective April 18, 2010 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 111-10: Approve Removing Jason Bates, Jason Frankle, Steve Koslow, Christopher Searle, Scott Stricklin and Beau Zierk from Probationary Status as Fire Technicians and Advanced to Level 1 at the Appropriate Pay Rate Effective in the Pay Period Beginning May 16, 2010

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve removing Jason Bates, Jason Frankle, Steve Koslow, Christopher Searle, Scott Stricklin and Beau Zierk from probationary status as Fire Technicians and advanced to Level 1 at the appropriate pay rate effective in the pay period beginning May 16, 2010 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 112-10: Continue Holding Purchase Req. #04.01.10, #04.02.10 & #04.03.10 for a 2011 Ford F250 Truck, Lighting Package & Bed System Until Further Review of Budget

Mrs. Stewart moved to continue holding Purchase Req. #04.01.10, #04.02.10 & #04.03.10 for a 2011 Ford F250 gasoline or diesel engine truck, lighting package and bed system until further review of the Fire budget. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said that Firefighters Michael Diehl, Mark Hendricks and Tim Morris volunteered in Haiti at different times for about two weeks each through their church. He said they were present at this meeting to give a brief presentation on their experiences. Mark Hendricks said they all belong to an organization called Open Hands which is a Medical Relief Team. Due to the devastation and need, there have been six teams sent with number six ready to come home and there is discussion they may send number seven. The teams consist of doctors, nurses, paramedics and interpreters. Tim Morris said he was with Team 1 that went to Haiti and they used an orphanage the first week as their base camp. They went around the city setting up medical tents and treating wounds. The second week they helped out at a field hospital. Mark Hendricks said he was with Team 2 and worked at a primitive trauma hospital. People stood in the 103 degrees hot sun for hours to be treated. He said he was proud of what they accomplished as 1500 people came in the two weeks they were there. Michael Diehl said he was with Team 3 and they stayed in very primitive quarters. He said he was there 18 days working in a tent city hospital with terrible conditions. He said he worked one day for about 13 hours and there were still people waiting in the sun to be treated.

They all thanked Chief DeConnick for allowing them to work out schedules so they could go with no cost to the Township and said that the excellent EMS training they received at Mifflin was very helpful and noticed by the doctors. The Trustees all expressed their appreciation for what these men did in giving of themselves to help the people in Haiti who desperately needed help and felt a Resolution should be passed to commend their efforts for going beyond the call of duty.

