

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

APRIL 4,

2011

Chairman Spanovich called the Regular Staff Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with Mr. Angelou, Mrs. Stewart and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, present.

Also present were:

Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Grossman	Asst. Fire Chief/MECC
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer
Daril (D.J.) Tharp	Service Department Foreman

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Spanovich said the Trustees are ready to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 and March 10, 2011 but would like to hold the minutes of March 15, 2011 for some corrections. Mrs. Stewart would like those minutes to reflect her comments to John McAllister regarding our new Health Insurance package to be in more detail.

Res. 94-11: Approve Minutes of March 7, 2011 & March 10, 2011 and Hold Minutes of March 15, 2011 for Corrections

Mr. Angelou moved to approve minutes of March 7, 2011 & March 10, 2011 and hold minutes of March 15, 2011 for corrections. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Mrs. Stewart said she would like to recognize our dear friend Mac (Calvin McKnight) on this his last meeting before he retires and thank him for his years of service and also his friendship. She told Mac we will miss him. Mrs. Stewart said we would also like to welcome D.J. Tharp to our meeting.

Mr. Angelou said this next 30 days will be a very, very important transition in service with levies on the ballot and he is glad we are sticking together tough and going after it hard to get it done.

Mr. Spanovich said he will hold his comments for Mac's retirement event. He also said that he would like the minutes of the March 31, 2011 Special Meeting to reflect his vote on Res. 92-11 to be "no" instead of "abstained". This meeting has not been presented as yet.

The Trustees agreed that the Fire Department is doing a very good job in promoting the Fire Levy.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. A copy of an Order of the Board of Health and Referral for Prosecution was received for the property at 1892 Stelzer Road for violations which must be corrected or legal action may be taken. The Fiscal Officer said she faxed a copy of this letter to our Code Enforcement Officer.
2. The Technical Review Committee Agenda was received for a meeting held on March 22, 2011. There was a request from Ben Weiner to amend Section 670 of the Franklin County Zoning Resolution to extend application of the Smart Growth Overlay to certain areas of Blendon, Clinton, Franklin, Mifflin and Pleasant Townships as recommended by each respective community's land use plan.
3. Copies of Grassroots Clipping, the monthly newsletter of the Ohio Township Association was given to the Trustees. It explains how House Bill 5 will affect Townships including less Local Government funding and pension contribution changes. The Public Records Training schedule for the remainder of 2011 was included in the newsletter. Per House Bill 9, elected officials must have three hours of public records training per term.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS):

MECC – Mr. Spanovich said that Mrs. Stewart signed off on the following purchase requests presented by Asst. Chief Grossman:

Requisition No.04042011-01 for 15 Plantronics HW251-N Headsets w/trade-in credit for a total cost of \$828.30.

Requisition No. 04042011-02 for APCO - Disaster Operations and the Communication Center on-line Professional Development course for Lt. Fuhrmann in the amount of \$249.00.

IT – Mrs. Stewart said that she, Asst. Chief Grossman and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, interviewed and met with a new company to potentially replace Affiliated as our consultant and we should be receiving a proposal from them in the next week to ten days. She said she feels the interview went well and we were all impressed with them in what she perceives to be an upgrade in the service we have been receiving.

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight gave the Trustees a copy of road resurfacing project estimates from the Franklin County Engineers for Aberdeen Ave., Denune Ave., Earl Ave., Genessee Ave. and Mecca Road for \$95,556.40. He said he is also waiting on estimates coming from Franklin County for some tar and chipping we will be doing. He said he would like to do the four highlighted roads on the list for sure for \$71,406.40 and adding Aberdeen Ave. depending on the cost for the tar and chipping. He said that the funding for these projects will come from the road levy that was passed. Mr. McKnight said that he plans to tar and chip the cemetery drives but that money will come from the cemetery fund but Franklin County has agreed to do the work. Several roads were tar and chipped last year.

Res. 25-11: Approve Road Resurfacing Projects for up to \$95,556.40 for Aberdeen Ave., Denune Ave., Earl Ave., Genessee Ave. and Mecca Road as Estimated by the Franklin County Engineers per Their List

Mr. Spanovich moed to approve road resurfacing projects for up to \$95,556.40 for Aberdeen Ave., Denune Ave., Earl Ave., Genessee Ave. and Mecca Road as estimated by the Franklin County Engineers per their list as presented by Calvin McKnight. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

The Fiscal Officer said she had a call on her voice mail from the Columbus Housing Partnership that they own the strip of land adjacent to Mecca Park and they would like to donate it to us. She said she doesn't have the particulars and will call them back.

Calvin McKnight advised the Trustees that his Department had the EPA do a walk through inspection and audit that is required and it went very well. He said he was told that next year the Townships will be given a form to document that all required items have been done. He said that we did everything required and had pictures to show the work that was done but it was not written down in black and white. He also said that Fire Departments are not exempt and must follow the requirements and wash their vehicles inside the bays and not outside so the water goes down the drain.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said the house at 1892 Stelzer that the Fiscal Officer mentioned above is a house that he went through with the Board of Health. There were about 20 cats inside and mice were outside. He said this is like one where we go ahead and do the abatement process and what the County is talking about is totally gutting the interior of the house. Mr. Blake said he talked with D.J. Tharp about alley clean-ups and they will be working together on that. He said he is also talking with some contractors to use for mowing and clean-ups if the Service Department crew is not able to do it. Mr. Blake said that there was a man at one of our previous meetings who was interested in buying the 7 acres in Leonard Park and was willing to pay \$10,000.00. That property did go through the Sheriff's sale and did not sell. There is \$7,000.00 in back taxes due on the property and may be something we may want to consider taking it over and have him buy it from us.

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POLICE – Chief Pocock asked Steve Blake to talk about the Memi Auto incident. Mr. Blake said that last week he noticed an individual coming out of Memi's that they did a traffic stop on who had multiple suspensions and warrants for title and vin alterations. He said we arrested that individual and two days later there was a car fire there. He said he has written numerous violations on the property owner at that property and he is putting together a little task force like he did on another property and will be getting the Board of Health, Zoning, EPA, Collision Repair Board, DMV, Auto Dealers and Highway Patrol involved. He said this is a major operation involving dealers who buy cheap cars at auction and ship them all over the county carrying drugs. Mr. Blake said he hopes to get everyone involved together so we can shut down the Memi dealership.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick presented the Trustees with a Service Credit Bonus request for personnel as listed for March 29, 2011 and all of April, 2011 hires dates.

Res. 96-11: Approve Service Credit Bonuses for Fire Personnel Mauger, Troyer, Wiggers and Crotty and Dispatchers Higgins and Wass

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Service Credit Bonuses for Galen Troyer, Keith Higgins & Matthew Crotty for \$700/each; Michael Mauger & Tami Wass for \$900/each and Albert Wiggers for \$1100 at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick presented the Board with a letter from James Viers, D.C. of Viers Chiropractic Center who participated in one of the recent training fires. He was very impressed and said he will always vote in favor of any levy or fundraiser needed to ensure this service for our community.

Chief DeConnick gave the Board a copy of a CD and the first quarterly newsletter that is being done by the Division of Fire which will help promote fire safety tips and a schedule of upcoming events related to the Fire Department.

Chief DeConnick also gave the Board a copy of his formal recommendation for the creation of two Career Dispatcher Positions that was approved at the March 31, 2011 meeting. An offer letter was sent to Lt. Weidner giving him until 5:00 p.m. today to respond back.

Chief DeConnick said that regarding the Fire Station Renovation Project, the contractor will be starting on the floors at Station 131 today which will take about a week to ten days. He said this should be the last phase to be done. He said on another matter, he met with Telestaff last week regarding interfacing with payroll and they indicate that they can do that for a \$2500.00 one time fee and will get back with us on more details.

Chief DeConnick said that he and Deputy Chief Kauser met with each of the senior government classes last week at Lincoln High School which was about 350 students and talked about our Fire Department and how important it is to vote.

MECC – Asst. Chief Grossman thanked the Board for signing off on the two purchase requisitions he presented. He said that ever since the MECC location at Creekside was finished, they have had carpet issues. He said he has been trying to get that resolved for the last year and a half without much success. He said that the new management company, Ohio Equities, have been out five times in the last two weeks and investigated it with him and were able to find out that the carpet they installed was made with recycled materials for the backing. Asst. Chief Grossman said the carpeting expert said that they have had to replace his clients customer's carpeting within a two year period that have had the same type of carpet and that MECC will be getting new carpeting. He advised the Board that our radio 800 MHZ service with Columbus will be going out at 4:00 a.m. tonight for 20 to 30 minutes or longer and they will be on the County fall back system. This will affect the Police Department also. Chief Pocock said they will also be using a back-up system.

