

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES* Meeting

Held

MAY 13,

2009

Chairman Spanovich called the Special Meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. with Mr. Angelou and Mrs. Stewart present. The Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, was absent.

Fire Chief Jim DeConnick was also present.

This meeting was called for the purpose of hiring 10 new Full-time Career Firefighters and then meet with the City of Columbus regarding the Leonard Park water situation.

The media was properly notified.

Mr. Spanovich said that at a previous meeting a resolution was approved creating the classification of Full-time Career Firefighter Technician in the Mifflin Township Division of Fire. The employees under this classification would not receive the 10% pick up paid by the Board of Trustees that the Regular Firefighters who are members of the OPFPF receive.

The following Resolution was presented to the Board for approval:

Res. 136-09: Approve Amended and/or Restated Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mifflin Township of Franklin County, Ohio Stating That No Retirement Pick Up will be Implemented for Full-time Career Firefighter Technicians as Received by Regular Firefighters Who Are Members of the OPFPF

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the Amended and/or Restated Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mifflin Township of Franklin County, Ohio stating that no retirement pick up will be implemented for Full-time Career Firefighter Technicians as received by Regular Firefighters who are members of the OPFPF. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Chief DeConnick presented the Trustees with a list of Part-time Firefighters he is recommending to be appointed to the position of Full-time Career Firefighter Technicians effective May 18, 2009.

Res. 137-09: Appoint Part-time Firefighters Jason Bates, Steven Fagan, Jason Frankle, Gregory Gilbert, Joseph Herren, Steven Koslow, Christopher Lundak, Christopher Searle, Scott Stricklin and Beau Zierk as Full-time Career Firefighter Technicians Contingent on Passing the Physical Examination and Drug Screening Effective 5/18/09

Mr. Spanovich moved to appoint Part-time Firefighters Jason Bates, Steven Fagan, Jason Frankle, Gregory Gilbert, Joseph Herren, Steven Koslow, Christopher Lundak, Christopher Searle, Scott Stricklin and Beau Zierk as Full-time Career Firefighter Technicians contingent on passing the physical examination and drug screening effective May 18, 2009 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Mr. Spanovich said that the Fiscal Officer will be giving the Department Heads a memo at the next meeting regarding the 2008 Workers' Compensation Premium. She indicated that 45% of the premium was paid and the remainder due by September 1, 2009. There was not sufficient funding appropriated by all Departments in the Workers' Compensation accounts. It will be necessary for all Departments to re-proportion their respective funds in order to be able to pay the remainder of the premium.

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

Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

All Trustees were present to meet with the Water Committee at 2:30 p.m. regarding the Leonard Park water situation. Erick Janas from the City of Columbus was also present.

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Mrs. Stewart presented Mr. Janas with the history of Leonard Park and their present water situation. All the homes were serviced by wells and when 270 was constructed the capacity of their wells was reduced by 50% and when 670 was constructed it resulted in another 25% loss of the capacity of the wells. The Stelzer Road project then resulted in the complete loss of the wells. She said that Leonard Park is an economically underprivileged neighborhood and in order for the people to have any type of useable water, they must bring water in from the outside.

Calvin McKnight showed Mr. Janas samples of the dirty water that came from the homes of a couple of the residents and stated that this is a real health issue. Also, the Fire Department must rely on water from their pumper to put out a fire in Leonard Park. It was explained that we were able to receive a grant a few years back that allowed some of the residents to drill new wells but there were problems that resulted from the need for holding tanks and having enough pressure for the water to go into the homes.

Mrs. Stewart explained that the City of Columbus has refused to let these people tap into their lines without annexation. The people of Leonard Park do not want to annex because they enjoy the services of Mifflin Township and want their children to go to Gahanna Schools. One of the residents on the Committee said that new sewer lines were put in their neighborhood but what really is needed is water. Information was given by other members of the Committee including our Code Enforcement Officer who did a survey of the residents. Mr. Spanovich shared some copies of old newspaper articles he had and explained how this water situation evolved.

Mr. Janas said he does not have all the answers but will take the information back for clarification but it is the policy of Columbus not to provide services without annexation. Mrs. Stewart said she realizes that but there have been some exceptions and feels that providing water would be a win win situation for the City of Columbus and the people of Leonard Park. She mentioned the exceptions and asked that these situations be explored in hopes of applying an exception to the Leonard Park area.

Mrs. Stewart thanked Mr. Janas for attending our meeting and taking back the information to the City of Columbus in hopes that they will make an exception to allow the residents of Leonard Park to tap into their water without annexation.

This concluded the Water Committee Meeting.

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