

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

MAY 19,

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 Road
Brianna McNary	864 Hines Rd.
Sean Sprouse	OTA Health Plan
Bill Barrett	Standard Life
Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
Sharon Francis	Miracit Development
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
Steve Blake	Code Enforcement Officer

Res. 138-09: Approve Minutes of April 6, 2009, April 21, 2009 & May 4, 2009

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009, April 21, 2009 and May 4, 2009 meetings. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 139-09: Approve Warrants of June 2009

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

Mrs. Stewart said she asked Chief DeConnick to invite the MECC Chiefs to be present at this meeting. She said that Rep. Pat Tiberi was at the MECC Open House and was very impressed and as a result, recognized the MECC Center by reading information about MECC into the Congressional Record. She read the document and said she will give each Chief a copy. Rep. Tiberi ended by saying that he offers his sincere congratulations to the six communities that comprise the Metropolitan Emergency Communication Center and applaud their hard work and dedication to preserving the safety of Central Ohioans. Chief Ingram thanked Chief DeConnick for all his hard work and all the committee members who made the MECC Grand Opening a big success. Mr. Spanovich said that MECC will serve as a model for other communities to work together to save money. Chief DeConnick said that there was an article in the paper for government agencies to save money or improve services by collaborating with neighboring agencies in Northeastern Ohio. A group has shown interest in our MECC and plan to come look at our system some time in June.

Mr. Angelou said that all those who have served in the Armed Forces should be remembered this Memorial Day and a prayer said for the safety of those who are serving now.

The Fiscal Officer said that Sean Sprouse from Burnham & Flower and a representative from The Standard Insurance Company were present to give a brief presentation. Sean Sprouse said he is here to follow-up on the meeting with United Health Care (UHC) on April 28, 2009 regarding wellness considerations. He said it is their goal to help Mifflin Township maximize the wellness resources available through UHC to help hold down claims. He discussed the options available listed in his letter dated May 19, 2009 for the Board's consideration (See Referral File). Mr. Sprouse introduced Bill Barrett from The Standard who was present to explain the costs for offering additional Life Insurance and Group Voluntary Long Term Disability Insurance. These would be paid by the employees through payroll deduction. Mrs. Stewart suggested that this be placed on the agenda for consideration at a Staff Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. Notice from the Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission of their meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. There is a case for Mifflin Township requesting to rezone the Northglen subdivision consisting of 224 lots, from the Rural District to the Restricted Urban Residential (R-8) District. The Staff recommendation is for approval. This is being done in several other areas also to bring everything to current appropriate zoning standards.

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2. Notice that the Franklin County Advisory Committee Annual Meeting will be held on May 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security office.
3. The new application for a liquor permit presented at the May 4th meeting for Bensonis Baskets at 3882 Agler Rd. was given to the Police Department. Chief Pocock said he did not find any problems with it and does not request a hearing.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Fiscal Officer said that this year only 45% of the Workers' Compensation premium was paid on the May 15 due date as none of the Departments appropriated sufficient funding in the Workers' Compensation accounts. Additional funding will need to be appropriated before the remainder of the premium is due by September 1, 2009. She said that our costs will remain high until we can get back into the group rating.

The Fiscal Officer said that the Amended Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates was approved at a previous meeting but the Auditor's Office listed the Road & Bridge Fund incorrectly. They sent a corrected copy which will need to be approved.

Res. 140-09: Approve Corrected Copy of the Amended Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the corrected copy of the Amended Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

ADMIN – The Fiscal Officer said that we received a request from the Gahanna-Jefferson Schools Special Ed Dept. to rent the Meeting Hall on September 3 & 4, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for professional development for teachers. The Schools have rented our Meeting Hall in the past and there have been no problems.

Res. 141-09: Approve the Meeting Hall Rental Request of the Gahanna-Jefferson Schools Special Ed Department for September 3 & 4, 2009 from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Under the Non-Profit Guidelines

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Meeting Hall Rental Request of the Gahanna-Jefferson Schools Special Ed Department for September 3 & 4, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. under the non-profit guidelines. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

IT – Mrs. Stewart said that a Disaster Recovery Backup Options packet was done by our IT, Paul Adkins. Compellent is allowing us to keep our old SAN even though they gave us a trade-in credit when we purchased the new SAN. There would be a cost involved to maintain the old SAN, but this will be an upgrade to our Disaster Recovery program by having core data readily available. The tape system could take days for recovery. The back-up is needed mainly by MECC and Fire and a decision on payment would need to be made. Mrs. Stewart said that this is something that will need to be discussed before a decision is made.

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight said he has no report and has not attended any outside meetings. He said his Department has been working on the cemeteries getting them ready for Memorial Day.

POLICE – Mr. Spanovich said there is a request from the Police Department for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Res. 142-09: Move Into Executive Session

Mr. Spanovich moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at the request of the Police Dept. at 4:25 p.m. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Res. 143-09: Move Back Into Regular Session

Mr. Spanovich moved to go back into regular session at 4:51 p.m. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Pocock presented the following requests for approval by the Board:

Res. 144-09: Approve Service Credit Bonus for Sgt. Eric Baker

Mr. Angelou moved to approve a service credit bonus for Sgt. Eric Baker in the amount of \$500.00 at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 145-09: Approve Tracy Smith as an Unpaid Auxiliary Reserve Officer and Sponsoring Her While in School

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Tracy Smith as an unpaid Auxiliary Reserve Officer and sponsoring her while in school as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Steve Blake said that Sharon Francis was here to give a report but was unable to stay. She left her report for the Trustees to review. Mr. Blake said that basically there are only two properties that they have bought, but he did give them a list of additional houses to look at and he will continue to work with them. He said in the last two weeks they have brought one house and have two in contract. Houses on Perdue and Rankin should be demolished soon. With what they are purchasing and may purchase in the near future should result in new houses being built which will bring up the neighborhoods. Mr. Blake said their contract with the County is good until March 31, 2012. So he is encouraging them to do as much as possible as there is a lot of work to be done in the Township. Mr. Spanovich suggested that she be sent a letter and invited back again to another meeting. (See Referral File for the Report)

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

Res. 146-09: Approve 2009 Safety Town Teacher Co-share Salary Expense for \$2000.00

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Purchase Request No. 05.05.09 for 2009 Safety Town teacher co-share expense for \$2000 as requested by David Brizius and recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 147-09: Approve Concrete Repair Work at Sta. 134 by Cyrus Concrete Construction for \$49,564.00 from the Capital Improvements Account

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Purchase Request No. 05.06.09 for concrete repair work at Sta. 134 by Cyrus Concrete Construction for \$49,564.00 to be funded from the Capital Improvements Account as submitted by Calvin McKnight and recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the request for David Brizius and Chuck Wilhelm to attend a conference sponsored by the Safe Kids Ohio on July 22 - 24, 2009 at Cherry Valley Lodge for \$100.00 each.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the training request of Firefighter Albert Wiggers to attend the 2009 Annual Summer EMS Educational Conference from June 24 – 28, 2009 in Columbus for a total of \$125.00.

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Res. 148-09: Approve Tuition Assistance for Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Roy to Attend OSU Course from June 22 – August 24, 2009 for \$1,108.75 Under Guidelines of Paying One-half Now and Remainder Upon Successful Completion

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve tuition assistance for Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Roy to attend OSU course from June 22 – August 24, 2009 for \$1,108.75 under the guidelines of paying one-half now and the remainder upon successful completion as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 149-09: Approve Service Credit Bonuses for Firefighters Gault, Wogan, Coriell & Ike and Dispatchers Broadway, Fuhmann, Ruthers and Wilson

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve service credit bonuses for Robert Gault in the amount of \$900 and Brandon Wogan, Matthew Coriell, Stan Broadway, Mory Fuhmann, Matthew Ruthers and Susan Wilson in the amount of \$500/each and Patrick Ike in the amount of \$700 at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 150-09: Approve Base Salary and Hourly Rate for New Career Firefighter Technician Position as Presented Effective May 18, 2009

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the base salary and hourly rate for the new Career Firefighter Technician position for 2009 for Probationary Step 1, Apprentice Step 2 and Journeyman Step 3 as presented in the Memo dated May 14, 2009 effective May 18, 2009 from Chief DeConnick and Deputy Chief Kauser. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Res. 151-09: Approve Placement of New Career Firefighter Technicians Bates, Fagen, Herren, Koslow, Lundak, Searle and Stricklin in Step 1 and Frankle, Gilbert and Zierk in Step 2 Effective May 18, 2009

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the placement of New Career Firefighter Technicians Jason Bates, Steven Fagen, Joseph Herren, Steven Koslow, Christopher Lundak, Christopher Searle and Scott Stricklin in Step 1 and Jason Frankle, Gregory Gilbert and Beau Zierk in Step 2 effective May 18, 2009 as presented in the Memo dated May 14, 2009 from Chief DeConnick and Deputy Chief Kauser. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

A report from the Fire Prevention Bureau was given to the Board showing the inspections performed by the Bureau from 1/1/08 to 04/30/08 compared to the same period in 2009. The total was over double. (See Referral File)

Chief DeConnick reported that we received a check from the insurance copy of the person at fault in the accident involving Extra Medic #134 on 670 recently. Also, there will be high school students at the Fire Station for the next three days for Student Government Day.

Chief DeConnick asked for the Board's approval for a request that was not on the agenda.

Res. 152-09: Approve Phase 5B-Engineer-Driver Assessment Tools Program from Pro-Tech-Safety in the Amount of \$5,500.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Phase 5B-Engineer-Driver Assessment Tools Program from Pro-Tech-Safety in the amount of \$5,500.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said that Jefferson Fire Chief Ingram announced recently that he will be retiring on July 29, 2009 and asked everyone to wish him well as we have had a long relationship with him. He actually started his career as a volunteer with Mifflin Township.

The Chief said that he and the Gahanna Police Chief will be Grand Marshalls at the July 4th Parade this year as they are honoring the Police and Fire Departments. He also advised the Trustees that his son is in the Air Force and is leaving for Iraq tomorrow.

