

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

JUNE 27,

2007

Chairman Spanovich called the Regular Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present.

Also present were:

Dolly Hanning	2354 Agler Rd.
Lynn Stewart	561 Laurel Ridge
Jim DeConnick	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.

Res. 168-07: Approve Minutes of June 4, 2007

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2007 meeting. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 169-07: Approve July Warrants

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the July Warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to the Board by the Fiscal Officer:

1. Franklin County Board of Health Notice of Growing Noxious and/or Harmful Weeds to the property owners of 2218 Sunbury Dr. and 2250 Rankin Ave. notifying them that if they fail to comply, the Township will cut the weeds and place the expense on their tax duplicate.
2. Technical Review Committee Agenda for meeting held June 26, 2007. There were no cases for just Mifflin Township but one for all Franklin County Townships to reflect the updated Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study effective date.
3. A letter was received from Becky Kidwell advising that as of June 30, 2007, she would be resigning as Director of Gahanna Safety Town. The Fiscal Officer suggested the Board pass a Resolution to honor her and invite her to the July 9th Staff Meeting to present it to her.

Res. 170-07: Approve Resolution to Honor Becky Kidwell for Her Service as Director of Safety Town

Mr. Angelou moved to approve a Resolution to Honor Becky Kidwell for her service as Director of Safety Town for 24 years benefiting pre-school children of the City of Gahanna and Mifflin Township. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

(See Referral File)

4. OPERS Employer Notice of the local contribution rates certified for 2008. The Local employee contribution will be 10.00% and Law Enforcement 10.10%. The Local employer contribution will be 14.00% and Law Enforcement 17.40%. The Township has been picking up contribution increases as part of employee pay packages and if they continue to do this for 2008, a resolution will need to be passed at that time.
5. Requests to use the Township Meeting Hall were received from the School Psychologists of Central Ohio and the Central Ohio Association of Occupational Health Nurses. Both are non-profit and have used the room numerous times in the past.

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Res. 171-07: Approve Use of Township Meeting Hall as Requested by School Psychologists of Central Ohio & Central Ohio Association of Occupational Health Nurses

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the use of the Township Meeting Hall for the dates and times as requested by the School Psychologists of Central Ohio and the Central Ohio Association of Occupational Health Nurses under the non-profit guidelines. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich said there is a Petition for Annexation to the City of Gahanna of 1.5 acres more or less in the Township of Jefferson to be acted upon by the Trustees. The Fiscal Officer said that this is the property at 4301 E. Johnstown Road that we own next to Fire Station 133.

Res. 172-07: Approve Petition for Annexation to the City of Gahanna of 1.5 Acres More or Less Known as 4301 E. Johnstown Road in the Township of Jefferson

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Petition for Annexation to the City of Gahanna of 1.5 acres more or less known as 4301 E. Johnstown Road in the Township of Jefferson. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said that the vacant house at 4301 E. Johnstown Rd. was demolished yesterday and it was found that the property had a septic system and it is required by the County that the entire septic system be removed. There will be an additional cost of \$1972.00 to remove it making the total cost of this project to be \$16,712.00.

Res. 173-07: Approve Additional Cost to Vacant House Demo at 4301 E. Johnstown Rd. of \$1972 to Remove Entire Septic System by Colvin Gravel Company

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Purchase Request No. 06-01-07-3 for an additional cost to vacant house demo at 4301 E. Johnstown Rd. of \$1972.00 to remove entire septic system by Colvin Gravel Company making the total cost for the project to be \$16,712.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich said that Purchase Request No. 06-10-07 is before the Board for a 2006 Ford Taurus in the amount of \$9,165.50 to be used by IT employee, Paul Adkins and MECC supervisor to perform their work assignments. Mr. Angelou said that providing a vehicle was never part of their job description and he feels that mileage should be paid to them for any work related travels away from the office. After discussion, the Trustees agreed that paying mileage is the best way to address this situation at this time and the request should be removed from consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

Tuition Reimbursement Policy – Mr. Spanovich said the Trustees have a copy of a Tuition Agreement for review. Approving a policy has been put on the agenda to be resolved at the July 9, 2007 Staff Meeting.

Fire Dept. Building Improvements – Mr. Spanovich said he spoke with our Architect, Rich Pontius, who said he has rough sketches of the proposed improvements that he was asked to examine about a month ago and he wanted to know how far we wanted to proceed. He asked if we wanted to do the whole thing as a package or just take part of it. This included improvements at Sta. 131 and the building next to it. Mr. Spanovich said he indicated to him the biggest factor involved would be money. Mr. Pontius said it is less expensive to do the whole project at once in the long run and he will share all the information with us in the future. Chief DeConnick said that he, the Fiscal Officer and Deputy Chief are meeting today to discuss some of those financial issues.

Mifflin/Clinton Partnership Project – Mr. Spanovich said there was a Joint Meeting held on June 21, 2007 for a presentation by Jim Mills, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee. It was the Committee's recommendation that the Partnership Project would save

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both Townships money. The Committee has been discharged and a letter should go to Mr. Mills for his work in preparing the Partnership Report. There was a lot of time and research that went into this report and he and his Committee did an outstanding job.

Set Up Health Insurance Committee for 2008 – Mr. Spanovich said he spoke with Steve Blake who was on the committee last year and he said he was ready to go with it. Mr. Spanovich said he wanted to give ourselves plenty of time to research all possibilities and make a decision on the best option so we can have it in place by the beginning of the year.

Verizon Cellular Tower – Calvin McKnight said she spoke with Amy Callander and she said they are at a standstill now waiting on Gahanna to make a decision on revisions needed to replace our present tower.

All other items are pending at this time.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

POLICE – Chief Pocock said that everything is working well with them. There is nothing to report and no motions needed. The MDT's are outstanding and the first round of vests are great. Everyone is moving along very well and there were high arrests for last month. He said he is very proud of everybody. Mr. Stewart said the Department is doing a good job.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake thanked Calvin McKnight and his crew for some of the yards they have taken care of with high weeds and grass. All the tires that he showed a picture of on Drake Road have been cleaned up. There were over 67,000 pounds of tires with a cost to the owner of \$3300.00. Thirty (30) of the forty-seven (47) properties that were tagged for high weeds and grass have complied by mowing. Mr. Blake said he met with the Miracit Corporation last week and they have been granted \$256,000 that is targeted strictly for Mifflin Township and they asked him to give them his hit list of vacant properties. Their list was almost the same as his and with the money, they will acquire these properties, demolish them and rebuild new houses. Their target date to acquire these properties is September 1, 2007 and the demolish date is sometime by the end of October. They will also make some of the buildings available for the Police or Fire Departments for training. (See Referral File for Miracit House List)

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight made the Board aware that the cost to repair Firefighter Dunlevy's vehicle that was damaged by the Service Department's snow plow is \$768.73. Mr. McKnight said he feels it is best to pay for it and not turn it into the insurance company. The Trustees agreed and authorized that it be repaired. Mr. McKnight turned in his budget since he will be on vacation when the budget is due at the next meeting. He said the Cemetery budget is getting smaller and he is looking into the possibility of putting on a levy. He said D. J. Tharp will be in charge while he is on vacation this Thursday and Friday and the second week in July. Mr. McKnight said he is working with Franklin County and MORPC trying to get some government funding to do road repairs out in the Township. Mr. Tharp was called to serve one day of jury duty and was paid \$25.00. It was agreed that even though we paid him for that day, he should keep the money to cover his expenses.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick presented the Board with the following for approval:

Res. 174-07: Approve Portable Walkie-Talkie Radios & Accessories From B & C Communications for \$6972.00

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Purchase Request No. 06-07-07 for portable Walkie-Talkie Radios and accessories from B & C Communications for a total of \$6972.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 175-07: Approve Annual Pump Service & Testing and Aerial Preventive Maintenance by Finley Fire Equipment for a Total of \$4175.00

Mr. Stewart moved to approve Purchase Request No. 06-08-07 for annual pump service and testing and aerial preventive maintenance by Finley Fire Equipment for a total of \$4175.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Res. 176-07: Approve EMS Monitoring Equipment from Medronic Physio-Control for a Total of \$1184.00

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Purchase Request No. 06-09-07 for EMS monitoring equipment from Medronic Physio-Control for a total of \$1184.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 177-06: Approve Request of Chief DeConnick to Attend 2007 International Fire Chief's Conference from August 20-26, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia for a Total Cost of Approximately \$1776.60

Mr. Angelou moved to approve request of Chief DeConnick to attend the 2007 International Fire Chief's Conference from August 20-26, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia for a total cost of approximately \$1776.60. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 178-07: Approve Request of Chief DeConnick to Attend the Ohio Fire Chief's Conference from July 21-25, 2007 at Easton in Columbus for a Total of \$355.00

Mr. Stewart moved to approve request of Chief DeConnick to attend the Ohio Fire Chief's Conference from July 21-25, 2007 at Easton in Columbus for a total of \$355.00. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 179-07: Approve Misc. Expendable EMS Supplies from Bound Tree Medical for a Total of \$2377.08

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Purchase Request No. 06-11-07 for misc. expendable EMS supplies from Bound Tree Medical for a Total of \$2377.08 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 180-07: Approve Disposable EMS Supplies from Emergency Medical Products for a Total of \$2993.35

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Purchase Request No. 06-12-07 for disposable EMS supplies from Emergency Medical Products for a total of \$2993.35 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 181-07: Approve Repair of Air Conditioner at Sta. 134 by Bruner Corporation for a Total Cost Not To Exceed \$3422.00

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the repair of the air conditioner at Sta. 134 as quoted by Bruner Corporation for a total not to exceed \$3422.00 as recommended by Calvin McKnight and Chief DeConnick. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 182-07: Approve Service Credit Bonuses for Antle, Ridgway, Grancey, King and Welsh of the Fire Department

Mr. Stewart moved to approve a service credit bonus for Michael Antle and Kenneth King in the amount of \$500/each and Charles Ridgway, Gary Grancey and Stephen Welsh in the amount of \$900/each at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

There is also a service credit bonus request from Chief DeConnick before the Board for Firefighter Bruce Day who has been off duty since last October due to an injury. The Fiscal Officer is going to research our policy for payment of past longevity for employees who have been off work and paid by Workers Comp. Mr. Spanovich asked that this be held until the July 9th meeting to determine if the whole amount should be paid or should it be pro-rated.

Chief DeConnick said that Neil Cline completed the 2007 Spring Quarter with a 4.00 grade and qualifies to receive the reimbursement of the second half tuition that was previously approved.

The EMS revenue for last month was \$53,234.77.

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Chief DeConnick gave the Trustees another copy of a letter the Firefighters Union Local 2818 wrote to them on March 1, 2007 listing several requests for the Trustees to consider. They say that items 5, 6 and 7 listed on the letter have not been addressed and would like a response from the Board regarding these items. (See Referral File)

POLL VISITORS FOR COMMENTS

Dolly Hanning reported on some Northglen complaints that were given to her. Kids are out after dark riding their bikes on the streets of Woodland and Mecca. There is a basketball court on Woodland in the street where kids play. There is a drug house on Woodland where people come and get drugs late at night. The people want to thank the Service Department crew for cutting the weeds and grass on Lindale and Northglen and for the sign on Mecca Road. Mrs. Hanning also commented that they did a wonderful job on the Cemeteries. She said she advised the property owner of the house across the street from her that she would go to the County if he did not clean up his property and was hold by him that he would clean it up. She said there has been many reports of rats seen on Agler Road and she has spent a lot of money to try to keep them from around her home.

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

Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer

The Trustees approved the June 22, 2007 payroll warrants for the period of June 3, 2007 thru June 16, 2007 and the June, 2007 warrants for bills, Numbers 44062 thru 44173. Copies are on file with the Fiscal Officer.

The June Receipts, Numbers 6683 through 6730, are on file with the Fiscal Officer.
