

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

July 19,

2016

Chairman Spanovich called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with Mr. Angelou and Mrs. Stewart and Fiscal Officer, Nancy White.

Also Present were:

Fred Kauser	Fire Chief
William Price	Police Chief
D.J. Tharp	Service Director
Becky Kadel	HR Director
Melissa Rapp	Public Information Officer
Rick Duff	Resident

## **PLEDGE**

Led by Mr. Spanovich

## **PRAYER**

Led by Mr. Angelou

## **Res. 160-16: Approve Minutes of June 21, 2016 and July 5, 2016**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Minutes of June 21, 2016 and July 5, 2016. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

## **Res. 161-16: Approve Warrants for August 2016**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Warrants for August 2016. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Trustees presented the Jack Stewart Service Award to Captain Davis, Lt. Broskie, Lt. Engler, Lt. Eing, FF Kinder, FF Reynolds, FF Morris, FF Troyer, FF Barnett, FF Frankle, FF Fey, FF Kovacs and FF Stricklin for participating in a community smoke detector initiative.

## **TRUSTEES**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. Letters were received from Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department for the properties at 2375 Mecca, 2131 Paul Drive, 3035 Perdue Avenue, and 1716 Stelzer Road for various violations.
2. Letters were received from Franklin County Public Health for Notice of Violation for the properties at 2508 Parkwood Avenue, 2183 Agler Road and 2023 Loretta Avenue for various violations.

## **FISCAL OFFICER**

Fiscal Officer presented a copy of the tax budget to the Trustees and reported that she has filed the tax budget electronically and a hard copy was mailed. She said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half settlement should be received in the next couple of weeks. Fiscal Officer requested that the

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Department heads work on their budgets and offered assistance from herself and Rebecca Rousseau.

## **HR**

Becky Kadel said the anti-harassment training was due by June 30<sup>th</sup> and reported that there are still several people, including the elected officials that have not completed this training. She said the handbook update should be ready by the first meeting in September. Becky Kadel requested that the Trustees and Department heads meet with Jon Hasting, Assured Partners, on August 1<sup>st</sup> after the township meeting to discuss updates on our claims experience for this year and next plan year.

## **PIO**

Melissa Rapp presented to the Trustees her 2017 tax budget. She requested approval to accept the revised cemetery rules and regulations. Mrs. Stewart requested that the names used as an example on the rules be blurred out.

## **Res. 162-16: Approve the Revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the revised cemetery rules and regulations. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

## **IT**

The next IT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## **SERVICE**

DJ Tharp reported that the signed agreement with Schoedinger Funeral Service states that they will not charge us more than \$750.00 for a cremation of an indigent person. He said that this agreement has expired and requested approval to establish the amount that the Township will pay towards the cremation. DJ Tharp suggested that the Township pay \$750 towards the cremation of individuals that qualify for this benefit payable to any funeral service.

## **Res. 163-16: Approve Mifflin Township to Pay \$750 Towards a Cremation of an Indigent Person**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Mifflin Township to pay \$750 towards a cremation of an indigent person. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

DJ Tharp requested approval to purchase back two graves from the brother and sister of the deceased Charles M. McClain for \$400.00 each.

## **Res. 164-16: Approve to Purchase Back Two Graves From the Brother and Sister of the Deceased Charles M. McClain for \$400.00 Each**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve to purchase back two graves from the brother and sister of the deceased Charles M. McClain for \$400.00 each. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

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DJ Tharp informed the Trustees that he has code enforcement houses finished and he will present the billing at the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer said that she read an article in the Columbus Dispatch that said Columbus and Franklin County received approximately \$12 million dollars for demolition of properties that are not habitable and they must to spend the money by the end of 2019. She requested that DJ Tharp put a list together of properties that need to be demolished and get with COCIC so we could be a part of their plan.

### **POLICE**

Chief Price requested to approve financing for the 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan with Park National for \$33,264.75.

### **Res. 165-16: Approve Financing for the 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan with Park National for \$33,264.75**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve financing for the 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan with Park National for \$33,264.75. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

### **FIRE**

Chief Kauser requested to approve the provisional appointment of 9 Career Firefighter Paramedic Specialists in order to complete required psychological screening, PFDPF and NFPA physical examinations and drug screening.

### **Res. 166-16: Approve the Provisional Appointment of 9 Career Firefighter Paramedic Specialists in Order to Complete Required Psychological Screening, PFDPF and NFPA Physical Examinations and Drug Screening**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the provisional appointment of 9 career firefighter paramedic specialists in order to complete required psychological screening, PFDPF and NFPA physical examinations and drug screening. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Chief Kauser requested to approve psychological, comprehensive and pension physical testing for the nine (9) new firefighters in the amount of \$10,800.00

### **Res. 167-16: Approve Psychological, Comprehensive and Pension Physical Testing for the Nine (9) New Firefighters for \$10,800.00**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve psychological, Comprehensive and Pension Physical Testing for the nine (9) new firefighters for \$10,800.00

Chief Kauser requested approval to purchase EMS supplies for \$21,175.52.

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**Res. 168-16: Approve Purchasing EMS Supplies for \$21,175.52**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve purchasing EMS supplies for \$21,175.52. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Chief Kauser requested approval to repair Engine 132 for \$5,700.00.

**Res. 169-16: Approve the Repair of Engine 132 for \$5,700.00**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the repair of Engine 132 for \$5,700.00. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Chief Kauser requested a meeting to discuss the replacement of Station 132. A meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Chief Kauser informed the Trustees that he and Nancy will be attending a meeting with the Development Director of Gahanna regarding TIFS on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MECC**

Chief Kauser requested approval to repair the Liebert battery backup system in the amount of \$5,800.00.

**Res. 170-16: Approve the Repair of the Liebert Battery Backup System for \$5,800.00**

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the repair of the Liebert battery backup system for \$5,800.00. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Chief Kauser reported that Assistant Chief Dunlevy, Mr. Spanovich and Melissa Rapp are working with the VFW first responder appreciation week and said this will take place around 9/11. Chief Kauser stated that they are gearing up for their own internal fall recognition award ceremony and said they have not had one in ten years. He reported that the ambulances are being built and will be due in September. Chief Kauser said the county is upgrading the digital radios and he will be coming to the Trustees for updating our radios.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Rick Duff, resident of Gahanna, requested to amend the Minutes of June 21, 2016 and remove "Mr. Spanovich said that he had a meeting with Mayor Kneeland and the Safety Director and they discussed Rick Duff approaching the Charter Review Commission to looking into Gahanna acquiring the Mifflin Township Fire Department". Mr. Duff wanted to make it clear that he was approaching the City to consider removing their charter language in taking over the Mifflin Fire Department. He stated that he read over the Charter and there is language for the Mifflin Township Fire Department to be taken over by the City of Gahanna and he believes that was created in 1980 and the language is very out of date.



