

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

JULY 15,

2008

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 Rd.
Robert Bradley	2299 Mecca Rd.
Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
William Price	Police Lt.
Eric Baker	Police Sgt.
Steve Blake	Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Spanovich asked to dispense with the Pledge and Prayer.

Res. 178-08: Approve Minutes of July 7, 2008

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 179-08: Approve Warrants for August, 2008

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the August, 2008 warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Angelou said that the Trustees and Fiscal Officer rode in the City of Gahanna's Fourth of July Parade and wanted to commend Firefighter Wiggers and Police Sgt. Baker for their assistance.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fiscal Officer presented the Board with the following correspondence:

1. Notice of the Franklin County Township Road Superintendents and Trustees NPDES Phase II Permit Compliance Meeting was received. The meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at Brown Township Hall and the deadline to RSVP is August 15, 2008
2. Letter from Cornell Robertson of the Franklin County Engineer's Office and a copy of Res. No. 161-08 whereby the County Commissioners accepted the street in the Landmark Subdivision (Techstone) for maintenance by the Mifflin Township Trustees. Calvin McKnight said that we have already been maintaining it.
3. Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda of a meeting on July 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. There are no cases for Mifflin Township.

The Fiscal Officer gave the Trustees an earned overtime report through June 28, 2008 for all Departments which they requested at a previous meeting. She asked that they review this and it could be discussed at the next staff meeting. Mr. Spanovich asked the Department Heads to determine based on what has been spent so far this year if they allocated enough funds to cover overtime for the rest of the year.

ADMIN – The Fiscal Officer said that we have an invoice from Avizent (Frank Gates Services) for the TPA fee to handle our Workers Comp claims for \$13,230.00 which is a 5% increase from last year. She recommends approval as they are very helpful in the administration of claims.

Res. 180-08: Approve Avizent (Frank Gates Services) Invoice for TPA Fee to Handle Workers Comp Claims for \$13,230.00 for Another Year From 7/01/08 thru 6/30/09

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Avizent (Frank Gates Services) invoice for the TPA fee to handle our Workers Comp claims for \$13,230.00 for another year from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as recommended by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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The Fiscal Officer said she received a request from Robert Johnson of OhioCAF, the bonding company, to hold a Greater Columbus Fire Departments OhioCAF Luncheon in our Meeting Hall on August 5, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Res. 181-08: Approve Request for a Greater Columbus Fire Departments OhioCAF Luncheon at Our Meeting Hall on August 5, 2008 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Requiring a Refundable Deposit

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the request for a Greater Columbus Fire Departments OhioCAF Luncheon at our Meeting Hall on August 5, 2008 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and requiring a refundable deposit if the room is left in good condition. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer said that at the last meeting she was asked to request from the Franklin County Auditor's Office estimated amounts generated from 3 mill and 7 mill replacement Fire Department levies. After looking at the figures received from the Settlement Officer, Rick McGivern, it was determined by the Trustees and Chief DeConnick to ask for the 3 mill replacement levy which was originally placed on the ballot in 2000.

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight presented the Board with a request for a service credit bonus for Daril Tharp for 20 years of service.

Res. 182-08: Approve Service Credit Bonus for Daril Tharp of the Service Department

Mr. Angelou moved to approve a service credit bonus for Daril Tharp of the Service Department for \$1100.00 at the discretion of the Board and funds permitting as recommended by Calvin McKnight. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich said a decision needs to be made as to whether or not to place another Road Levy on the ballot as it has failed six times. Mr. Angelou suggested the Board receive a petition from supporters of the levy who are registered voters before a decision is made to place the levy on the ballot. The deadline for filing is August 21, 2008. Robert Bradley and Dolly Hanning from the unincorporated area said they would help with the petition. The Police Department agreed to help also. The Trustees agreed to pass a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax and request that the County Auditor's Office certify to the Board the amount a 4 mill levy would generate.

Res. 183-08: Approve Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax for the Road District for a New Permanent 4 Mill Levy and Requesting the County Auditor's Office to Certify the Revenue that Would be Generated

Mr. Angelou moved to approve a Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax for the Road District for a new permanent 4 mill levy and requesting the County Auditor's Office to certify the revenue that would be generated. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

A decision will be made at the next Staff Meeting as to whether or not to place the levy on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Calvin McKnight said he will be on vacation beginning tomorrow through Friday.

POLICE – Chief Pockock said that everything is going well with his Department and he has nothing to report at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said he put together a rough draft of a Leonard Park Water Survey to be passed out to residents regarding their water situation. He said that when we get these back, we can compile statistics that the Water Committee can use. The Fiscal Officer said we still haven't received a reply back from the letter we sent the Commissioners.

FIRE – Mr. Spanovich said that Chief DeConnick has several items before the Board for approval as follows:

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Res. 184-08: Accept Resignation of Part-time Firefighter Jeremy Elkins per His Request Effective July 15, 2008

Mr. Spanovich moved to accept resignation of Part-time Firefighter Jeremy Elkins per his request effective July 15, 2008 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 185-08: Approve Removing Part-time Firefighters Jason Frankle and Marcus Waldrup from Probationary Status and Advancing Them to the Permanent Part-time Level-1 Position Effective July 27, 2008

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve removing Part-time Firefighters Jason Frankle and Marcus Waldrup from probationary status and advancing them to the permanent Part-time Level-1 position. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 186-08: Approve (4) Portable Radios from B & C Communications for a Total of \$12,776.00 for Sta. 132

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Purchase Request No. 07.03.08 for (4) portable radios from B & C Communications for a total of \$12,776.00 for replacements for Sta. 132 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 187-08: Approve Tuition Assistance Program as Requested by Firefighter Anthony Torres and Reimbursing Him for a Communication Class for \$240 under the Guidelines of Paying One Half Now and the Remainder Upon Successful Completion

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Tuition Assistance Program as requested by Firefighter Anthony Torres for an Associates Degree in EMS/Fire Science and reimbursing him for a Communication Class for \$240 under the guidelines of paying one half now and the remainder upon successful completion. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

After discussion, the Trustees agreed that these schooling requests should be in for approval at least 30 days prior to the beginning of a class.

Res. 188-08: Approve Laptop as Quoted by Dell for \$1827.77 to be Used by the Mapping Consultant Jason Miller

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the laptop as quoted by Dell for \$1827.77 to be used by the Mapping Consultant, Jason Miller as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The on-line training reimbursement request of Scott Davis & John Eing for \$244/each was tabled until the next Staff Meeting.

Chief DeConnick said as mentioned earlier in the meeting, he is recommending the 3 mill replacement levy and after receiving an official certification of revenues generated from the County Auditor, a decision to place it on the ballot will be made at the next Staff Meeting.

Chief DeConnick said he is still looking into coming up with a total cost for a rental space for a Fire Department Recognition Program for around the end of July.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding inactive personnel, Chief DeConnick said he has a list and will be sending out notices. He said he has not had time to finalize the Tuition and Training Reimbursement Policy as yet.

The Fiscal Officer said that regarding the Employee Handbook, she just recently received comments from the Prosecutor's Office on our Handbook and she is going through those making the changes that were recommended. There are several polices that have not been reviewed yet such as the Cell Phone, Travel, Vehicle Usage, etc.

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Chief DeConnick said that regarding the Capital Improvement Projects Bond that was approved at the last meeting for up to \$2,000,000, the Deputy Chief and Fiscal Officer met and finalized the projects to be included in the bond. They amounted to under \$2,000,000. Chief DeConnick requested that we solicit bids for a new Rescue 133 as it will be a part of the bond.

Res. 189-08: Approve Advertising for Bids for a New Rescue 133 Which will be Included in the Capital Improvement Projects Bond

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve advertising for bids for a new Rescue 133 which will be included in the Capital Improvement Projects Bond. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Dolly Hanning said that the residents around Mecca Park asked if the park sign could be taken down to help keep people from going down there and making a lot of noise. Mr. Spanovich said it is a public park. Mrs. Hanning said it is not a park any longer but a large wooded area. Lt. Price said if someone has a noise issue, they need to call the Police. Sgt. Baker said they run a lot of people out down there whenever they get calls. Mrs. Stewart said she feels that removing the sign will not make a difference. Mrs. Hanning brought other concerns to the Board's attention as follows:

The house on Melrose that was damaged five years ago should be torn down. She said that kids hang out there having drug and drinking parties.

There is a truck on Lindale that has been parked there with no license on it. Sgt. Baker said he will check it out tomorrow and have it towed if it has no tags.

The fence around the corner of Northglen and Lindale needs sprayed so the vines won't grow back up. Mr. McKnight said they would have to just cut it down because they are not licensed to spray on private property.

The property three houses down from her on Agler Road has leaves and debris grown up very high around the sidewalk that needs cut down. Mr. Blake said he would check it out.

Sgt. Baker brought to the Board's attention that last month there was a call that someone on Ferris Park Dr. S. was in full arrest and Dispatcher Broadway gave CPR instructions over the phone until our 3 Unit Engine Crew responded and then Clinton Township transported. He said they all did a wonderful job reviving the patient, however, did die three days later in the hospital.

There was discussion regarding the Recognition Program the Fire Department would like to have. Mr. Spanovich suggested that we may want to make it for the whole Township. Chief Pocock said he has Officers that deserve recognition also. Mrs. Stewart said she would be glad to work with a committee to plan the event.

There being no further business, Mrs. 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 July 18, 2008 payroll warrants for the period of June 29, 2008 through July 12, 2008 and the July warrants for bills, Numbers 45576 through 45707. Copies are on file with the Fiscal Officer.

The July Receipts, Numbers 7306 through 7373, are on file with the Fiscal Officer.
