

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES* Meeting

Held

JULY 17,

2007

Chairman Spanovich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Mr. Angelou and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, present. Mr. Stewart was absent.

Also present were:	Dolly Hanning	2354 Agler Rd.
	Karen Angelou	1081 Cannonade Ct.
	Becky Kidwell	118 North St.
	Vanessa Bing	2593 Ferris Park Dr. S.
	Dort D. Bing	2583 Ferris Park Dr. S.
	Tom Phillips	1719 N. Cassady Ave.
	Matt Monell	406 Howland Drive
	Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
	Ken Bing	2610 Ferris Rd.
	Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
	Michael Pocock	Police Chief
	Calvin McKnight	Service Director
	Steve Blake	Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Spanovich led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Angelou offered a prayer.

Mr. Spanovich introduced Becky Kidwell who recently resigned as Director of Gahanna Safety Town. He presented her with the following Resolution:

Be It Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Mifflin Township that they honor Becky Kidwell for her 24 years of service as the Director of Gahanna Safety Town.

WHEREAS, Becky Kidwell began the Safety Town program for the City of Gahanna and Mifflin Township creating a safety consciousness for the pre-school youth of the City with her knowledge, dedication and leadership.

WHEREAS, her dedication has benefited generations of pre-school children of the City of Gahanna and Mifflin Township during her 24 years as Director of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE FISCAL OFFICER, recognizes Becky Kidwell for her outstanding service and the opportunity to have Mifflin Township associated with such a fine program.

The Fiscal Officer said that she and Karen Angelou had the opportunity to work as advisors with Becky Kidwell during her time with Safety Town and under her leadership the program has developed into the great program that it is today. Becky said she appreciated all the help she was given through the years and thanked Mifflin Township for giving her this honor.

Res. 199-07: Approve Minutes of June 27, 2007 & July 9, 2007

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2007 and July 9, 2007 meetings. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich asked to hold the June 21, 2007 minutes from the joint meeting with Clinton Township until our next Staff Meeting which will be on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. If we receive no corrections from Clinton, we will approve them as presented and then the Clinton Township Trustees will approve them.

Res. 200-07: Approve August Warrants

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the August 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 Rural Zoning Commission notice of a meeting on July 19, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. One case involves many Townships including Mifflin requesting an amendment to reflect the updated Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study effective date.

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2. Mount Carmel Behavioral Healthcare Company Renewal Agreement for their Employee Assistance Program that we have had for a number of years. The rates have gone up slightly per employee but the number of visits has increased. The renewal period is September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009. A decision will need to be made before the September renewal date.
3. A memo was given to the Trustees from the Fiscal Officer requesting approval to attend the Ohio GFOA Annual Conference to be held September 10-13, 2007 at the Easton Hilton. The total cost of \$250.00 includes registration and meals. The Trustees approved her request and Mr. Spanovich signed off on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Verizon Cellular Tower – Calvin McKnight said there is nothing new to report as the project is still on hold.

Joint Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Spanovich said he has a copy of the new agreement from the City which he has been comparing to last year's agreement. The main difference is the large cost increase. He asked that this be held for discussion at the August 6th Staff meeting. He also said he feels a meeting is needed with Department Heads and Deputy Chief Kauser to go over figures of revenue we have lost due to abatements. Mr. Angelou said we also do inspections for businesses that have been given abatements.

The Fiscal Officer said she will invite Jack Reynolds of Smith & Hale to be present at our next meeting on August 6th to answer annexation questions that have been brought up by the Board.

Mifflin/Clinton Partnership Project – The Trustees questioned the expense for the booklets that were printed for the Ad Hoc Committee presentation. He said that the Board was not aware of the expense until after the fact. Chief DeConnick said that the Fire Department allowed for some unexpected miscellaneous expenses in their budget. Mr. Angelou also asked where the extra copies that were printed are located. The Chief said he will check on it.

Personnel Evaluations – Mr. Angelou said he is satisfied with the explanation received at the last meeting and realizes this is a work in progress and we will have a hard copy record eventually from the Fire Department.

TeleStaff Status – Chief DeConnick said that at present, it is 75% – 80% operational. The new updates for TeleStaff were sent out today so the remaining percentage might be corrected by these updates but we are not sure until they are received and implemented. Chief DeConnick said there are several other entities using this program and when it is fully functional, it will be a time saver.

Road District Levy - The Trustees asked that this be removed from the agenda.

Tuition Reimbursement Policy – Mr. Spanovich said the new policy is being reviewed and will be held until the August 6th Staff Meeting and after approval, be made a part of the Employee Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Spanovich said that as stated earlier, the next meeting will be the Staff Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

SERVICE - Calvin McKnight requested the Board's approval in a memo for \$12,000 to resurface the roadway on Perdue Ave. between Eddystone Ave. and Mecca Ave. He said he will be requesting grant funding for road work but the monies will not be available until the summer of 2008 but this road cannot wait that long or a complete road replacement would be needed. He said he discussed this with the Fiscal Officer and she said there was money available in the 1-M account to do the work now with the Board's permission.

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Res. 201-07: Approve Resurfacing of Perdue Ave. Between Eddystone Ave. & Mecca Ave. as Requested by the Service Director for \$12,000 from the 1-M Account

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the resurfacing of Perdue Ave. between Eddystone Ave. and Mecca Ave. as requested by the Service Director for \$12,000 to be taken from the 1-M Account. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Calvin McKnight said he is meeting with Wilma Yoder on July 19, 2007 regarding applying for grant money. Applications must be in by this September but as stated above, the monies will not be available until the summer of 2008. He said he will have more information after he attends the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said there has been a lot of progress with the Miracit projects and he is staying in close contact with them. He said he would like to thank Calvin McKnight and his crew for their assistance in taking care of the high weeds and grass situations. Chief Pocock said that our Police Department and other Departments may use some of the vacant houses that are going to be torn down by Miracit for SWAT training.

POLICE – Chief Pocock said he is working on an ongoing investigation of a possible infant homicide that he can't discuss at this time until test results are in. He said that we did have a successful OVI checkpoint with the County on July 6, 2007 and had seven OVI arrests including one pursuit by one of our Officers. There was a shooting this morning at the corner of Agler and Westerville Roads. One man was killed and thanks to Officer McGuire who identified the vehicle, an arrest was made.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick presented the Board with several requests for approval as follows:

Res. 202-07: Approve Annual Maintenance Support Agreement for MECC Equipment with EmergiTech for a Cost of \$43,058.72 Shared by All MECC Agencies

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve Purchase Request No. 07-05-07 for the Annual Maintenance Support Agreement for MECC Equipment with EmergiTech for a cost of \$43,058.72 which is over \$5,000 less than their original quote to be shared by all MECC agencies as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 203-07: Approve Annual Maintenance Support Agreement for MECC InterMobile Client with EmeriTech for a Cost of \$8,244.83 Shared by All MECC Agencies

Mr. Angelou moved to approve Purchase Request No. 07-06-07 for the Annual Maintenance Support Agreement for the MECC InterMobile Client with EmergiTech for a cost of \$8,244.83 to be shared by all MECC agencies as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 204-07: Approve Annual Maintenance Agreement with Medtronic for LP12 Heart Monitors for \$3270.00

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve the Annual Maintenance Agreement with Medtronic for LP12 Heart Monitors for \$3270.00 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on Chief DeConnick's request to send six (6) MECC dispatchers to attend the EmergiTech User's Conference at Cherry Valley Lodge in Granville, Ohio on August 28 & 29, 2007 for a total cost of \$750.00.

Res. 205-07: Approve Removing Josh Bishop, Beth DeConnick, Timothy Morris & Kevin Snyder from Probationary Status and Advanced to a Full-time Firefighter Position-Level 1 Effective the Pay Period Beginning July 29, 2007

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve removing Josh Bishop, Beth DeConnick, Timothy Morris & Kevin Snyder from probationary status and advanced to a Full-time Firefighter position – Level 1 effective the pay period beginning July 29, 2007 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Chief DeConnick requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

POLL VISITORS FOR COMMENTS

Dolly Hanning said that she has been complaining about the house across the street from her on Agler Road for over a year. She said she told him she would call the County if nothing was done and in a matter of days, seven loads of debris were hauled out of that property.

Dort D. Bing said she lives at 2583 Ferris Park Dr. S. which was mentioned in the July 9th meeting as having sanitary regulation violations by the Franklin County Board of Health. She said this was probably a result of having a garage sale and the leftover items were not cleaned up as yet. She complained about neighbors spying on her, killing her pets and parking in front of her house and nothing is being done to them. She said that Ken Bing is her landlord and brother and there seems to be a lot of favoritism going on in their neighborhood. It was explained to her that the Sanitary Violations from the Board of Health had nothing to do with her garage sale but having animal waste on the property.

Ken Bing said he owns several properties in Mifflin Township and pays taxes. He said he is a business owner in the community and bought 2590 Ferris Rd. and later bought 2704 Ferris Rd. which is the stem of all the debate that is going on regarding having large equipment on the property that is zoned rural residential. He said he tried to get the property rezoned and was told by Franklin County Zoning that as long as he had an application on the table he could keep the equipment on the property. He said he bought the property next door and cleaned it up and the neighbor behind his property is the one who keeps complaining to the Board. He said he moved all his equipment from the 2704 Ferris Rd. property and now owns a commercial property and is living there now. He said he has had hearings and been fined and accused of moving his equipment from one property to another. He said he has tried to stay in compliance and address all issues that he is made aware of. He said he moves his horses from one property to another after they eat all the grass like he has always done every year. Mr. Spanovich said that our Code Enforcement Officer and Police Chief are doing their jobs by going through due process and he would like to know exactly what Mr. Bing feels is the problem. Mr. Bing said the Trustees hear other people's side of the story and he wanted them to hear his side of the story. Mr. Spanovich asked to conclude this matter as he doesn't feel we can resolve anything at this time.

Res. 206-07: Move Into Executive Session

Mr. Spanovich moved to go into executive session at the request of the Fire Dept. to discuss a personnel matter at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 207-07: Move Back Into Regular Session

Mr. Spanovich moved to go back into regular session at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Bing asked to continue with his side of the story regarding his sewer work business. He said he always got a permit for the work but has now given up his license. He said he is getting tired of his neighbor, Mr. Locke, calling and complaining over everything he does and our Code Enforcement Officer always checking on him. Mr. Bing's sister said she sees Mr. Locke sitting on top of his roof with a video camera taking pictures of their property. Mr. Spanovich said this sounds like a legal problem between neighbors and it is time to end the meeting. He told Mr. Bing he is welcome to come back to another meeting for further discussion.

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

Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer

The July Receipts, Numbers 6731 through 6752, are on file with the Fiscal Officer