

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

**AUGUST 16,**

**2011**

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:	Charlie & Curtis Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
	Karen Shepherd	City of Gahanna Resident
	Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
	Michael Grossman	Asst. Fire Chief/MECC
	D.J. Tharp	Service Director
	William Price	Police Lieutenant
	Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Res. 190-11: Approve Minutes of the August 1, 2011 Meeting**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 meeting. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Res. 191-11: Approve Warrants for September, 2011**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the September 2011 warrants for payroll and bills. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEES' COMMENTS** – None at this time.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence to the Board:

1. The Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission sent notice of a meeting to be held on August 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. There is a rezoning request for the property at 3296 Westerville Road that was discussed at the last meeting. The request is to rezone the entire property to the Community Service District as it is currently split between the CS District and the Rural District. It will then go to the County Commissioners on September 13, 2011, but the building issues will need to be addressed. Steve Blake said the owner was at the meeting he attended yesterday and has agreed to certain conditions that may allow him to receive the building permits he needs to continue building. He actually started building without permits. Mr. Blake said he is trying to work with him to correct a number of violations. The owner is planning on building a shopping center with a number of businesses.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT** – Nancy White said that at a previous meeting she presented information on enrolling in the Group Retrospective Rating Program by September 16, 2011. We have a quote from Frank Gates to serve as Administrator for \$13,230.00. She said she has been trying to get another quote and hopefully she will have it by the next meeting.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEW BUSINESS):**

**ADMIN** – The Fiscal Officer presented the following for approval by the Board:

### **Res. 192-11: Approve One Year Renewal of EAP Services Through HelpNet Effective August 1, 2011 for a Total of \$3,840.00**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the one year renewal of EAP Services through HelpNet effective August 1, 2011 for a total of \$3,840.00. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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**Res. 193-11: Approve Meeting Room Request from Central Ohio Assn. of Occupational Health Nurses for October 5, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. & November 3, 2011 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. for Business Meetings**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Meeting Room rental request from the Central Ohio Assn. of Occupational Health Nurses for October 5, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and November 3, 2011 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. for business meetings under the non-profit guidelines. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Spanovich asked that we revisit our current rental application and possibly update it regarding fees and other regulations after checking with other organizations.

The Fiscal Officer said she was asked for a comparison between a part-time HR employee and a consultant which has been done. Also, there was an article in the Sunday Dispatch regarding the new building requirements that the County is putting in place for Townships to conform with Columbus.

**SERVICE** – The Service Director, D.J. Tharp, presented the following recommendation to the Board for approval:

**Res. 194-11: Approve Crack Sealing Perdue Avenue Between Agler Road & Genessee Avenue by the Franklin County Engineers as Described on Their Project Estimate in the Amount of \$6,892.85**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve crack sealing Perdue Avenue between Agler Road & Genessee Avenue by the Franklin County Engineers as described on their Project Estimate in the amount of \$6,892.85. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Steve Blake said there is a court case coming up for someone he hasn't had to mention for a while and that is Mr. Bing for property violations mainly on vehicles. Mr. Blake requested that the Trustees approve two invoices from Tom Helmick for cutting high grass and brush & trash removal on several properties as listed in violation for a total of \$1,000.00.

**Res. 195-11: Approve Paying Two Invoices from Tom Helmick for Cutting High Grass and Brush & Trash Removal on Several Properties as Listed in Violation for a Total of \$1,000.00 Under ORC 505.87**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve paying two invoices from Tom Helmick for cutting high grass and brush & trash removal on several properties as listed in violation for a total of \$1,000.00. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File for List of Abatement Properties under ORC 505.87)

Steve Blake presented the Trustees with a list of properties for abatement liens under ORC 505.87 for approval. He said the money cannot be recouped until the taxes on the properties have been paid.

**Res. 196-11: Approve Properties for Abatement Liens under ORC 505.87 as Listed by the Code Enforcement Officer in the Amount of \$16,480.00**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve properties for abatement liens under ORC 505.87 as listed by the Code Enforcement Officer in the amount of \$16,480.00. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral for List of Properties for Abatement Liens under ORC 505.87)

Steve Blake presented the Trustees with a request for additional abatement funds in the amount of \$3500 to \$5000 for the remainder of the year. This was placed on hold since he was told there may be money available from the Code Funds that were transferred to the Police Funds. He said he will discuss this with the Fiscal Officer.

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**POLICE** – Lt. Price said he is filling in for Chief Pocock who is recovering from surgery. He presented the Trustees with the Police Status Report showing a busy month with 286 runs. He also requested an executive session at the end of the meeting for a personnel matter.

**FIRE** – Chief DeConnick said he would like to amend his 2011 10-A Budget and 2011 28-A EMS Budget making some adjustments in some of the appropriations. He said he will meet with the Fiscal Officer tomorrow to put together the list of changes and the amounts.

**Res. 197-11: Approve Amending Appropriations in the 2011 10-A Budget and 2011 28-A EMS Budget with Adjustments Requested by the Fire Chief After Meeting with the Fiscal Officer to Determine the Accounts and Amounts**

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve amending appropriations in the 2011 10-A Budget and 2011 28-A EMS Budget with adjustments requested by the Fire Chief after meeting with the Fiscal Officer to Determine the accounts and amounts. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File for Appropriation Amendments)

Chief DeConnick presented the following:

1. A memo requesting support for the “Fill the Boot” drive which will be held on August 26, 27 and 28, 2011 at the locations listed. (See Referral File)
2. An e-mail was received from Mr. Hamilton thanking the “Great Crew” who responded and transferred him to the hospital.
3. The training fire on Stygler Road that was approved at a previous meeting will take place on August 27<sup>th</sup> and include Columbus Station 28 on McCutcheon Road.
4. Medic 134 was on the run involving the double shooting that occurred this weekend.
5. The Chief confirmed with the Trustees that the COG discussion will be held on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
6. A request to attend the Arson Seminar in Cincinnati on October 27-28 was received from Steve Welsh for \$80.00. Mr. Spanovich signed off on the request.

**MECC** – Asst. Chief Grossman said he received a resignation letter from Part-time Dispatcher Edward Ongaro, Jr. due to health reasons. He said he will be sorry to see him leave.

**Res. 198-11: Approve Accepting Resignation of Part-time Dispatcher Edward Ongaro, Jr. per His Request Due to Health Reasons Effective August 22, 2011**

Mr. Angelou moved to accept the resignation of Part-time Dispatcher Edward Ongaro, Jr. per his request due to health reasons effective August 22, 2011. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Asst. Chief Grossman said he has been working on a project since January, 2010 to get new carpet in the MECC and it has finally happened at no cost to them. The original carpet was not installed properly and the backing was a recycled material that did not hold up. After a lot of negotiating, the carpet was replaced at no cost.

**Community Center Construction Project** - Mr. Spanovich said that at the last meeting the Police Department was requested to present additional information on the progress of turning the Community Center into a Police Station. Steve Blake said they are looking into some more bids as far as on the interior and also particularly on the generator transfer. He said they are also trying to finalize specifications. Mrs. Stewart said she feels it is imperative that the Police Department find out exactly what is entailed to get this project approved by the County and work toward meeting the requirements. The Fiscal Officer said they also need to find out if it needs to be rezoned since there is a change of usage. Mr. Blake said they will check everything out and have answers by the next meeting.

**POLL THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT**

Karen Shepherd said she has lived in Gahanna since 1972 and several years ago she and her husband bought some Mifflin Cemetery plots. She said she talked with someone in the Cemetery office a few weeks ago regarding the condition of the chain link fencing which

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surrounds the Cemetery as she felt it was an eyesore leading into the Gahanna Creekside area. Mr. Spanovich said that we asked D.J. Tharp to seek bids for various types of fences and he found it was very expensive and to even replace chain link on one side would be over \$36,000.00. Ornamental fencing would be a lot higher. Mrs. Shepherd suggested looking into planting hedge along with some low ornamental fencing. Mrs. Stewart said she understands her concern and we are looking into some creative options, but it will not happen until next year as it is not in the budget for this year. She said we are bound by law to have a fence or we would just take it down which would look nicer and make it easier for the Service Department when it comes to mowing and trimming. Mr. Angelou said that Blendon Township put a quarter mill levy on the ballot which allowed them to put up a very nice fence and columbarium which may be another option for us. The Trustees thanked her for coming to the meeting with her concerns and suggestions.

**Res. 199-11: Move Into Executive Session**

Mr. Angelou moved to approve going into executive session to discuss a Police personnel matter at 4:31p.m. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Trustees came out of executive session at 4:52 p.m. and there being no further business, Mrs. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

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Richard J. Angelou, Vice Chairman

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Lynn M. Stewart, Trustee

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Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer

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The Trustees approved the August 26, 2011 payroll warrants for the period of August 7, 2011 through August 20, 2011 and the August warrants for bills. Copies are on file with the Fiscal Officer.

The August Receipts are on file with the Fiscal Officer.

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