

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting

Held

AUGUST 17,

2010

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.
Judy Shepherd	2355 Agler Rd.
Patricia Shepherd	2355 Agler Rd.
Charlie Johnson	2073 Republic Ave.
Dan Bender	Rocky Fork Enterprise
Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
Michael Grossman	Asst. Fire Chief/MECC
Michael Pocock	Police Chief
Calvin McKnight	Service Director
Steve Blake	Police/Code Officer
William Price	Police Lieutenant

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. 213-10: Approve Minutes of August 2, 2010

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Stewart seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 214-10: Approve Warrants for September 2010

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the September 2010 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. A letter from Attorney La Fayette with Reminger was received regarding a pending Complaint against the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees. He enclosed a Notice of Partial Dismissal and stated the Plaintiff intends to dismiss the Complaint.
2. A notice was received from the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals regarding a variance request from the owner of 2241 Agler Road to legitimize a change in the use of the property. Steve Blake said he attended the hearing on August 16, 2010 regarding this child daycare facility and it was denied.
3. A copy of an Order of the Board of Health was received from Franklin County to the owner who is deceased of 2584 Woodland Ave. regarding a complaint concerning the property for health sanitary violations. A reinspection will be performed on August 27, 2010 and if the violations are not corrected, legal action may be taken. Steve Blake said he also received a copy of the letter and will be checking into the matter.
4. Letters were received from the Board of Elections regarding the wording for the Police and Fire Levies. They are requesting that the letters be signed and returned if no corrections are needed.
5. A Memo was received from Matt Brown, Planner, with the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department regarding the Clean Streams Northeast Public Meeting on August 9, 2010. He said over 50 people attended from Blendon, Clinton and Mifflin Townships. Comments will be reviewed by the Planning Department Staff and responses provided to the Township Trustees by September 15, 2010. Mr. Brown asked if our Trustees would like him to attend a Trustees meeting once the responses have been completed. The Trustees agreed to invite him to one of our meetings.
6. Information was received from the Norwich Township Fire Dept. and the Hilliard Division of Police regarding a dedication planned for the City of Hilliard's "First Responders Park" at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 11, 2010. The park is a memorial to the Americans who lost their lives in the three terrorist attacks of September 11th and is being dedicated to the 400 plus "first responders" who died that day saving others. They are inviting all police officers and firefighters to participate. The Trustees said they would like to attend also.

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7. Notices were received from the Franklin County Board of Health regarding mosquito bites and mosquito-borne diseases including West Nile Virus. Pamphlets are available to the public on precautions they may take lower chances of getting bit by mosquitoes. They have already sprayed several times in Mifflin Township and surrounding areas.
8. A letter was received from the Architect, Rich Pontius, regarding a response to a letter Chief DeConnick received from Imagineering of Ohio who is a Subcontractor on the Fire Station Improvements Project. He said he felt the Trustees should not get involved as this is Robertson Construction's problem to deal with.

Mr. Spanovich entertained a motion to transfer funds for election expenses as recommended by the Fiscal Officer who determined after receiving the 2nd half settlement that there is a need for a transfer.

Res. 215-10: Approve Transferring Funds from the 1-A-10 Account to the 1-A-21 Election Expense Account in the Amount of \$6500.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve transferring funds from the 1-A-10 Account to the 1-A-21 Election Expense Account in the amount of \$6500.00 as recommended by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT – Nancy White said she gave the Trustees a Cash Summary by Fund report showing the balances after receiving the 2nd half settlement. She said she gave the Department Heads reports showing their balances at the end of last week.

The Fiscal Officer said we received a copy of Modifications to Fleet Maintenance Operations from the City of Gahanna. Our present Joint Maintenance Agreement will expire on September 30, 2010 and a new Memorandum of Understanding will be effective October 1, 2010. Mrs. Stewart said that this can be discussed further at the next Staff Meeting after everyone has had a change to review it.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS (NEWBUSINESS)

ADMIN – The Fiscal Officer said we received an invoice/statement from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation that the premium balance of \$321,837.40 is due on September 1, 2010. The Department Heads have a breakdown of the amount they owe.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the request of the Fiscal Officer to attend the Annual GFOA Conference at the Hilton Easton from September 15-17, 2010 for a total of \$260.00.

SERVICE – Calvin McKnight said that he is going to a pre-construction meeting tomorrow morning regarding the OPWC Project for road improvements for Rankin, Myrtle and Melrose. He will receive a schedule on when the work will be done and will have it for the next meeting. He said that hopefully the work will be done by late October or early November.

Calvin McKnight said that his Department is working on foundations now for the Cemeteries and the concrete will be delivered tomorrow. He said the Road Resurfacing Project is underway. Some streets have already been tarred and chipped. He said that Jack Hibbler reported that the car listed for sale on GovDeals for the Police Department is up to \$7000.00 with two days left to bid. Mr. McKnight advised the Trustees that he will be on vacation from August 21 to August 30, 2010.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Steve Blake said we are moving along on the clean-ups. He said that the property on Woodland that the Fiscal Officer mentioned in violation by the Board of Health is a vacant property that was set on fire by some teenagers. The property owner has been deceased for some time. He said he put a proposal together on some of the vacant houses in the Township for demolition along with pictures. Mr. Blake said we are constantly boarding them up and running kids and homeless people out. He said the ORC gives townships the authority for removal, repair or securance of insecure, unsafe buildings or structures. He said he sent a letter to the Prosecutor's Office to make sure we do things properly and was told that this could be a spearhead for other townships.

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Steve Blake said he is recommending that after we receive notice that the houses he listed on his proposal are unsafe that we demolish them for a cost of approximately \$26,000 to \$36,000 plus additional fees for signs, advertising, etc. from the General Fund. He said there are ways we can recoup some of this money. Chief Pocock said this would also remove the liability that could be involved with these unsafe houses. Mrs. Stewart said she feels we need to look at our funds to see if we would have money available and also look at other options for assistance. The Trustees agreed to take this into consideration and place this on the agenda for the next Staff Meeting. (See Referral File)

POLICE – Chief Pocock said they are moving toward having their first Police Levy meeting next week and everything is looking good.

FIRE – Chief DeConnick said he has several training requests for approval as follows:

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the training request of Firefighter Timothy Morris to attend CSCC for a Fire-205 college training course for \$252.00.

Mr. Spanovich signed off on the training request of Lt. Anthony Torres to attend CSCC for a Government and the Law; LAWE 104-WO2 college training course for \$237.00.

Mrs. Stewart said that Thomas Lee has a training request to complete his Bachelor's Program at Ohio Dominican University for \$3,585.00. She said that the Board will approve this but will put a moratorium on future college degree programs until they feel that the funding is available.

Res. 216-10: Approve Request of Lt. Thomas Lee for College Courses ECN 101, MTH 115 and BUS 207 at Ohio Dominican Univ. for a Total of \$3,585.00 Under the Tuition Assistance Policy of First Half Payment Now and Second Half Payment Upon Successful Completion

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the request of Lt. Thomas Lee for college courses ECN 101, MTH 115 and BUS 207 at Ohio Dominican Univ. for a total of \$3,585.00 under the Tuition Assistance Policy of first half payment now and second half payment upon successful completion. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said he is recommending approval for Fire/Paramedic personnel to attend an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training course. This is required and the training would be held at a location within our response district and in conjunction with Mt. Carmel East and their instructors for a total cost of \$3,149.00.

Res. 217-10: Approve Fire/Paramedic Personnel Attending an ACLS Training Course Within Our Response District in Conjunction with Mt. Carmel East for a Total of \$3,149.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Fire/Paramedic personnel attending an ACLS Training Course within our response district in conjunction with Mt. Carmel East for a total of \$3,149.00. Mrs. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief DeConnick said that Firefighter Robert Gault has requested in his memo of August 10, 2010 that the Fire Department participate in the "Fill the Boot" drive for Muscular Dystrophy on September 3,4 and 5, 2010 as they have for many years in the past. The Trustees approved this request. (See Referral File)

Chief DeConnick said he would like to continue tabling the discussion on the sale of the 1998 Engine/Rescue as the appraisal is still not completed.

Chief DeConnick advised the Trustees that he will be out of town at the International Fire Chiefs' Conference next week and Deputy Chief Kauser will be in charge. He advised the Trustees that we responded to a Strike Team Activation incident north of Johnstown at a farm and also assisted Violet Township on two working fires.

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The Fiscal Officer said that we need to amend the budget for the 28 Account to \$1,000,000.00 in order to pay the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation invoice.

Res. 218-10: Approve Amending the Budget for the 28 Account to \$1,000,000.00

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve amending the Budget for the 28 Account to \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 219-10: Approve Transferring \$20,000 from the 10-A-15I Account to the 10-A-10 Account and Revising the 10-A-10 Appropriations to \$50,000

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the 10-A-15I Vehicle Maintenance Administration Account to the 10-A-10 Repairs-Vehicle/Sublet Account and revising the 10-A-10 appropriations to \$50,000 as recommended by Chief DeConnick. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

MECC – Asst. Chief Grossman advised how busy the MECC Center was during the incidents the Fire Department was involved in that Chief DeConnick described above. He said they are still waiting for the Blue Mile connectivity to the MECC Center which hopefully will be worked out very soon. He said he only has one Requisition for approval as follows:

Res. 220-10: Approve Maintenance/Support Service with Emerson Network Power – Liebert Services Inc. for One Year in the Amount of \$1,820.00 for MECC

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve Req. #08172010-01 for Maintenance/Support Service with Emerson Network Power-Liebert Services Inc. for one year effective 8/15/10 for the back-up system at MECC for \$1,820.00 as recommended by Asst. Chief Grossman. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Asst. Chief Grossman advised Mr. Spanovich that Buckeye Power serviced the MECC generator on the roof and the Maintenance Committee will be recommending that they service all the Township generators.

The Fiscal Officer updated the Trustees on the status of the Clearwire Tower Lease Agreement. Calvin McKnight said that all we are waiting on now is a response from Gahanna before Clearwire can proceed further.

VISITOR COMMENT

Judy Shepherd introduced herself and said she lives across the street from Dolly Hanning and has been helping Dolly out with the food drive and passing out the Christmas food baskets. Dolly Hanning said they have already received a lot of donations and that Judy Shepherd will eventually take over for her. Dolly Hanning said she has received complaints from several people which she passed on to our Code Officer, Steve Blake. She said the house across the street from her on Agler Road is especially bad.

A resident said she came to a previous meeting complaining about the fact her neighborhood was not safe and she also wrote a letter to the Trustees. She said that since then, the Police Department has done a very good job taking care of the problems in her neighborhood and she will be supporting the Police Levy.

A Gahanna resident said that she notices going down Ridenour Road that our cemetery chain link fence is not attractive such as the one in Westerville but she realizes that we have many other funding items that need addressed first.

