

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held

July 1,

2019

Vice Chair Angelou called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Trustee Cavener, Fiscal Officer Spanovich and Township Administrator White present.

Also present were:

Fred Kauser

Fire Chief

William Price

Police Chief

Becky Kadel

HR Director

DJ Tharp

Service Director

Rick Duff

Assistant to the Fiscal Officer

Visitors included Mrs. Karen Angelou and Mr. Curtis Dickess, Mifflin Township employee.

Chair Stewart and Melissa Rapp, Public Information Officer, were absent due to scheduled vacations.

Mr. Angelou and Fire Chief Kauser presented the Jack L. Stewart Distinguished Fire Firefighter Service Award to Firefighter/Paramedic Beth DeConnick. Mr. Angelou said it is for spearheading the Gear Extractor Project and was a key factor for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation grant awarded to Mifflin for \$15,000 to help purchase the extractors keeping firefighters safe from cancer particulates.

Chief Kauser said this award is presented to Beth for a different level of service provided to the organization beyond her Firefighter/Paramedic responsibilities. He said Beth does so much behind the scene that does not come to the forefront. This award is in appreciation of her efforts.

Mr. Angelou opened the 2020 tax budget hearing. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. Mr. Angelou said the 2020 tax budget is an estimate.

Administrator White said the presented budget shows 2017 and 2018 actual budget amounts, 2019 estimated and actual budget amounts, with the 2020 budget being estimated. Administrator White said the amounts come from our financial reports. She said the final carry over balances submitted at the end of the year will determine the resources for next year's budget.

Mr. Angelou requested a motion to approve the 2020 tax budget.

Res. 116-19 Approve the 2020 Tax Budget

Mr. Cavener moved to approve the 2020 tax budget. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File.)

Mr. Angelou said the requirement of a public hearing has been fulfilled.

Res. 117-19 Approve the Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019.

Mr. Cavener moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Res. 118-19 Approve the Warrants for August 2019

Mr. Cavener moved to approve the Warrants for August 2019. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

The trustees discussed arrangements for riding in the 4th of July parade.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Franklin Co. Economic Development & Planning:
 - 2895 Woodland Avenue Abdi H. Shire & Asha Amin
 - 2749 Perdue Avenue Equity Trust Company

Mr. Tharp said 2895 Woodland Avenue has been tagged and his department will be removing the trash from the property.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

No report.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator White said she submitted an informational memo to the trustees from the Police Chief, Fire Chief and herself about the replacement of Station 132. She said it was built in 1954 and later modified and renovated. She said the Fire Department is proposing a replacement station on the same property which would incorporate an area for the Police Department. The Fire Department will cover their portion of the building from their operating budget, however, the Police Department will need additional funding assistance. Administrator White said they are recommending a levy be placed on the ballot in November to cover the costs. She said the levy would be for the Police district only, the unincorporated area. She said it would generate enough funds to cover the Police portion and would not burden the Police operating budget.

Chief Kauser said the levy would amount to approximately an additional \$50 per year, per household. He said taxpayers would get twice the value of their tax dollars as half of the cost will come from the Fire Department's operating budget. Chief Kauser said the Fire Department intends to stay onsite during construction, in the back of the lot in a temporary building, and will maintain the same level of service.

Administrator White said she would like to address this matter again at the next trustees meeting when all the trustees will be present to vote to place it on the ballot. This will be placed on the Trustees' agenda for July 16, 2019 as it will need to be filed by August 6, 2019. She said information will be communicated via Facebook, the Mifflin Township website, etc. about the replacement fire station 132.

Administrator White said she and Mr. Tharp went to a meeting at Franklin County regarding Leonard Park. She said Mr. Fred Kenimer, an owner of several lots, would like to begin

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developing his sites. She said Mr. Kenimer had a planner and an architect create a development plan. The plan was presented at the meeting, also attended by Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) staff, to discuss the township's preference for development and accommodations to upgrade the area. She said they also discussed stormwater, curbs, sidewalks, lighting, etc. She said Franklin County agreed to provide concepts. Curtis Williams, President/CEO of COCIC, committed to having the Neighborhood Design Center work on the project to design a potential plan for the area and will subsequently involve the property owners.

Administrator White said she was pleased to be contacted for input on the development proposal. She said discussion was held regarding a possible residential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or Community Redevelop Agencies (CRA) which would help offset some of the infrastructure needs.

HR:

Ms. Kadel said it is open enrollment time for the Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator (TPA). She said we will be staying with CareWorks Comp as we have been happy with their service. She said at her request CareWorks Comp reduced the premium by over fifty percent, totaling less than \$5,000, to stay competitive.

PIO:

Administrator White said Ms. Rapp put the media packet in the Trustees' office for review.

SERVICE:

Mr. Tharp said his department has been trimming trees and removing the garage at the property on Carpenter Road.

Mr. Tharp said he and Mr. Cavener will be meeting with Franklin County to discuss options following the county's recommendation to fully replace Drake road. The meeting date is yet to be determined.

Mr. Cavener requested more police patrol on Drake Road. Mr. Angelou requested speed limit signage be placed on Drake Road.

CODE:

Mr. Tharp said several houses have been tagged. Some have been cleaned up. He said he will present the invoices for the clean-up at the next meeting.

POLICE:

No report.

FIRE:

Chief Kauser thanked Mr. Tharp and his staff for the property clean-up efforts.

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Chief Kauser said Pierce, a firetruck manufacturer, will be staging apparatus on the Carpenter Road site on July 17th or 18th for four hours.

Chief Kauser said Engine 132 is on schedule.

Chief Kauser reported on the two house fires in Royal Manor.

MECC/MECC IT:

No report.

IT:

No report.

There being no further business, Mr. Cavener moved to adjourn. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Lynn M. Stewart, Chair

Richard J. Angelou, Vice Chairman

Kevin J. Cavener, Trustee

Joseph F. Spanovich, Fiscal Officer