

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES* Meeting

Held **February 9,** **2021**

Chair Lynn Stewart called the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting to order via an advertised conference call at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 with Vice Chair Kevin Cavener, Trustee Richard Angelou, Chief Fred Kauser and Fiscal Officer Rick Duff and IT Director Craig Main attending in-person.

Chair Stewart turned the meeting over to Chief Kauser.

Chief Kauser said this meeting is necessary to stay on the construction schedule for the Dispatch Center. The primary reason for the meeting is to discuss that all the bids have come back for this phase of the project less than expected. He said he thought the bids would return in the \$550,000 range; they came back in \$444,000 range. He said this contract formally kicks off the full second phase of the project, about 65-75% of the originally planned construction. He said the Dispatching Center is the core of the project, which includes the electrical systems that need completed to continue with the schedule.

Chief Kauser requested approval for the Elford Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) construction for Phase 2 in the amount of \$444,669.00.

Res. 44-21 Approve Elford Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) construction for Phase 2 in the amount of \$444,669.00.

Mr. Cavener moved to approve Elford Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) construction for Phase 2 in the amount of \$444,669.00. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

He said would also like to discuss the need for ambulances today.

Chief Kauser requested approval to purchase of three replacement ambulances for Stations 132, 133, and 134 from Horton Emergency Vehicles in the total amount of \$817,229.82. He said ambulances are replaced on average every 5 to 6 years. He said the current ambulances will be transferred to backup and the current backup ambulances will be disposed after the new ambulances arrive and with trustees' approval. He said the current price per unit is \$272,409.94, which will be financed. He said he has the necessary add-ons budgeted and appropriated. He said he will return later for approval of the add-ons.

Res. 45-21 Approve the purchase of three replacement ambulances for Stations 132, 133, and 134 from Horton Emergency Vehicles in the total amount of \$817,229.82.

Chair Stewart moved to approve the purchase of three replacement ambulances for Stations 132, 133, and 134 from Horton Emergency Vehicles in the total amount of \$817,229.82. Mr. Cavener seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Kauser requested the Fiscal Officer by authorized to arrange financing.

Res. 46-21 Authorize the Fiscal Officer to arrange financing for the three replacement ambulance purchases through Heartland Bank.

Mr. Angelou moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to arrange financing for the three replacement ambulance purchases through Heartland Bank. Mr. Cavener seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Fiscal Officer Duff confirmed he has obtained multiple bids on the original loan. He said a line of credit will be done for this purchase and will also be used for future vehicles that will be financed later this year. He said Heartland Bank was the least expensive and had the best terms.

Chief Kauser said he learned from Elford that we are trending out of budget based on the original building design. He said he is confident this can be resolved. He said he spoke to Chair Stewart about this and gave direction to Elford to put all options on the table. For instance, although an all concrete and steel building was originally planned, steel prices have escalated, so less expensive options were reviewed which will drastically reduce the price of construction. He said he is also looking at shrinking the square footage to stay within budget. He said the project is on schedule. The annexation meeting for the property across the street is scheduled with Franklin County on February 16th. He said the homeowner is working on getting his tenant out. Trees can only be removed during a limited timeframe due to environmental restrictions. Chief Kauser said he is hoping to break ground in May/June. It will be a nine-month construction project. Chair Stewart has requested Chief Kauser remain creative and continue to find solutions to stay within or under budget. Chair Stewart said an option that is being considered is to house the police division in the old Station 132 building. Chair Stewart said everything is on the table.

Chief Kauser said approval has been received for the pandemic clinic. He said he is not yet prepared to address the list of questions the township administrator presented but is working on it. He said he will come to a future Trustees meeting to address the questions and present all the details of the vaccination facility. Chair Stewart said it will need to be voted on by the trustees. She and Mr. Cavener both said it would be a good thing to do for the community. Chief Kauser said the approval is good through September and could be extended. Chief Kauser recommended establishing the clinic soon to maximize the benefit to the community. The clinic could be set-up within 24 hours.

Chief Kauser updated the trustees on the land purchased on Stelzer Road for the originally planned maintenance facility. He said since then, Finley Fire has requested to buy the property out-right to build a maintenance facility. Chief Kauser said the township would benefit from this. Chief Kauser said the Franklin County Auditor's Office values the property at \$100,000. Chief Kauser said he told Finley Fire that if Mifflin Township decides to sell the property, the township's accessibility to the back of the property will need to be negotiated until more property is acquired by the township. Mr. Angelou requested a property appraisal prior to negotiating a sale.

Fiscal Officer Duff said the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office found issues with the police levy language. He said the Prosecutor's Office will contact him as to whether it will be possible to update the language in time to remain on the May ballot. Mr. Angelou asked Mr. Duff if the language is boilerplate to which Mr. Duff replied it is not.

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Mr. Cavener moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Lynn M. Stewart, Chair

Richard J. Angelou, Trustee

Kevin J. Cavener, Vice Chairman

Rick Duff, Fiscal Officer