

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 2013 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Weimer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Chairman Weimer, Trustee Tomaino, Trustee Campbell, Fiscal Officer Schulz, Fire Chief Harold Maynard, Zoning Inspector Kurilla, Police Chief Schaeffer, and Cemetery Coordinator Kevan Lloyd were present. Police Secretary Lisa Balsinger was absent.

Mr. Weimer moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2013, 12-17-13-01 Regular Meeting seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Schulz gave a financial report and stated that as of December 17, 2013, Total Fund Balances in all funds is \$1,358,068.56. The General Fund balance is \$458,334.72 which represents over 33% of all funds available. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #27299 through #27362 and EFT #506 thru #537 totaling \$184,963.65. Ms. Schulz also reported that total revenue budgeted for 2013 is \$1,178,116.10 of which over 95% has been received to date totaling \$1,116,137.56. Ms. Schulz reported that the total Appropriations through December 17th are \$1,489,465.53 and the amount spent to date is \$1,460,984.17, which is approximately 70% of budgeted expenditures. There were 13 Supplemental Appropriations, see attached reports.

Fiscal Officer Schulz also noted that all Trustees had been given a copy of all of the above reports and the Department Heads a copy of their specific department reports.

Mr. Campbell moved to accept the financial report as submitted by the Fiscal Officer and approve payment of warrants #27299 through #27362 and EFT #506-537 totaling \$184,963.65, and approve the 13 Supplemental Appropriations, 12-17-13-02, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ZONING:

1. Mr. Kurilla reported one permit no. 1950 for 2nd story addition from Matthew J. Dilisio.
2. Estimated valuation for Month of November \$50,000, estimated valuation to YTD \$2,975,700.00, total amount of permit fees for month of November \$225.00, and total amount of receipts to YTD \$15,743.00
3. December 19th the Mahoning Planning Commission met and acted on Zoning Commission Amendment, which is Step 1.
4. Milton Zoning Commission meets December 20, 2013. Board of Trustees will be contacted in the month of January 2014 about scheduling a meeting.
5. There was Vindicator interest in the lake front portion of the draft of the revised zoning resolution.
6. Demolition on Recreation of one of the buildings is near completion.
7. Trustee Tomaino asked how any of the land reclaimed can be purchased and who should be contacted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Schaeffer provided the following: (See attached). There were 184 calls to service, 25 alarm drops, 4 court appearance, 13 traffic crashes, 5 destroyed animals, 2 assists with fire department, 19 investigations, 9 cover overs for other jurisdictions, 3 domestic disputes. Six B & E's which include the recent break-ins, investigation is pending regarding vehicle stolen and Detective Hyshaw is meeting with Akron personnel, where the vehicle was recovered. Two suspects charged, and Detective Hyshaw is continuing the investigation.

1. Chief Schaeffer met with Officer Crum regarding the status of some of the grants for the new cruiser with radar, camera and two long rifles.
2. Begin working on new grants for 2014. Should receive money toward the manpower grant.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Maynard reported there were 37 calls for the month of November. Milton Township had 25 responses, Craig Beach Village 11 responses and 1 other, 2 Accidents, 24 medical, 3 structure fires, 1 mutual aid, 5 tree/wires down and 1 water emergency/ice rescue. See attached document for detailed report. Approximately 400 calls have been made for the year. He also reported the following: All invoices have been submitted to the Fiscal Officer for approval and payment.

1. New replacement truck has been lettered and all the equipment has been transferred and is ready for service. Chief would like to thank the fire fighters for all their hard work required to make this happen. Truck lettering was donated by a company in Weathersfield. Chief would like to salvage the old truck once all the equipment that will be useful is removed. We will need the title for the truck in order to be salvaged.
2. Chief has submitted a FEMA grant application for 2013/2014 requesting a grant to provide a complete set of turn out gear for all fire fighters and a new heart monitor and CPR/Lucas device. We should know if we receive this grant in the spring of 2014, which approximately is \$100,000, with a Township maximum match of \$4,000.
3. Chief Maynard is continuing to work with multiple insurance providers on the structure fires we have recently responded to in Milton Township.
4. With the installation of the new gas line from Orwell Gas Company along Mahoning Avenue from Newton Falls Road and South SR534, we have had numerous homes and businesses upgrading or replacing there heating systems. I have been requested for fire inspections and found that the resident or contractor should have had a permit from Mahoning County for the proposed work, without this permit and also inspection from the County, Chief will not sign the fire inspections due to the unknown circumstances if the installation is correct.
5. Fire Department has responded to an open burn complaint on North SR534, an individual was burning debris that had been dumped on his property from the demo of the old Craig Beach Nursing Home, this contained concrete, roofing materials and advised him this was illegal. Chief also contacted Milton Police Department and they assisted in this investigation. Chief has worked with Corporal Saltsman and the resident was cited under ORC and was issued summons to appear in court. Also Zoning Inspector Kirilla notified the Mahoning County Health Department and they will also follow up on the debris being dumped in the Township.
6. The department has been asked to participate in the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1, 2014 at 12:00; also the department been requested by the American Cancer Society to attend their Polar Bear Plunge on February 22, 2014. This is one of their major fund raisers for the year, last year they raised \$20,000.00.
7. Chief Maynard submitted a copy of the email sent to Dave Marisco at MS Consultants regarding the sound walls in Milton Township. Since he had not responded to this email, Chief went to his office and now has the plans for this sound wall, unfortunately it is not up to Mr. Marisco to make these changes and he provided four names of ODOT personnel, the Environmental Department is also involved. The funds are available, but the final design has not yet been stamped.
8. Mahoning County Fire Chief's Association. They would like to combine hazmat for Mahoning & Trumbull Counties. At this time hazmat is funded and run by the Mahoning County Commissioners, and paid by our tax dollars. Their proposal is to tax each resident \$.15, plus the Board would pay \$.15 per resident to fund this county combined proposal. As a Township it would cost \$.30 per resident. Chief provided to everyone to review and be aware of the proposal. If no action is taken and hazmat is required, it would be the responsibility of the trucking company, etc. that caused the problem to pay for the cleanup.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

1. Coordinator Lloyd has found a new used truck. It is a 2008 International 4300. See specification sheet attached. Estimated arrival is the end of January. Mr. Lloyd and Fiscal Officer Schulz have verified that this company is reputable and will move forward. The only hold up would be the Byers spreader is on back order, but the Swenson spreader is available now.
2. No information on the Eastgate Regional meeting today for Stoltz Road.
3. Snow plowing has begun and Mr. Lloyd reports "so far so good". The Township is already on its second load of salt. Additional load was order today (12/19/13).
4. All copies of driver's licenses have been turned over to the Police Department.

CEMETERY:

There was one funeral for the month of November.

RECYCLING REPORT:

1. Mr. Lloyd attended a meeting with the Green Team on December 9th and they covered all the changes for up and coming 2014.
2. The Green Team first cut expenses in house. The appliance drives are now \$500 before they were \$2,000; electronics are \$500 and were \$900, and the tire drives are only being done at three locations in Mahoning County and they are Youngstown, Canfield, and Berlin. Trustee Campbell suggested collecting them here and transporting them to Berlin.
3. There will be a 41% reduction which results in a \$3,540.00 fee for the Recycling site rental. Hopefully this will change in the year 2015. This is a result of a landfill closing.
4. Every new gas well drilled in our area will bring some money to the Green Team. Percentages will vary.
5. They are eliminating 7 recycle cites, Austintown, Boardman, Canfield, Goshen, North Jackson and Struthers. Some areas had two locations and now decreased to only one.
6. Over time they will be changing bins and replacing with new 8 yard cardboard only bins.
7. Possibly a waste "tax" called a Generation Fee to generate monies which will cost each residential household \$2.30, commercial will be a little bit more. If this works fees will revert to the 2012 fees. If the Central Waste site, that closed and is causing most of the changes, is bought and or the New Gas well monies come through then all this can be rescinded.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The PUCO approved an increase in Dominion East Ohio's rate and charges for service.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. Mahoning County Land Reutilization / Demo Update – 2nd Phase (already discussed)
2. Record Retention. Lisa Balsinger not in attendance, but the project has been put on hold. Ms. Balsinger will resume after the holidays.
3. Sound barrier update. Harold Maynard update already given.
4. Fire loss escrow for Scott St. first half, \$10,000 insurance check was hand delivered to Mr. Deeter. All piles of items were to be cleaned up in the front yard along the fence. Brad Rufner was in attendance to represent Mr. & Mrs. Deeter at the meeting and reported a temporary fence was installed to store items behind prior to building. Mr. Campbell, Chief Maynard and Mr. Kurilla reported that the debris from the fire has been disposed of even though there were other articles and debris not associated with the fire that were still on the property.

Mr. Tomaino moved to release the insurance funds that the Township is holding in escrow, to Mr. & Mrs. Deeter for the Scott St. Fire, 12-17-13-03, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes. Fiscal Officer Schulz will contact Mr. & Mrs. Deeter when the check is available.

5. Recycling – Kevan Lloyd has already updated the Board on this project.

6. Police Department Vest Grant. Chief Schaeffer reported the money is guaranteed, just depending on when they will issue funds.
7. Cemetery Rules & Regulations. Postings are currently at both cemeteries. New rules and regulations will be reviewed by the Trustees and acted on early in 2014.
8. Chief Maynard reported that the Fire Department billing programs are being finalized.

Mr. Tomaino moved to purchase the 2008 International truck from Holt Equipment in the amount of \$48,600.00 12-17-13-04, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

9. New Fire Truck and Disposition old truck. Fiscal Officer will provide Chief Maynard with the title for old truck.
10. Pavilion update. Trustee Campbell is going to make arrangements for workers to come and install the siding on the storage pavilion. In the interim a large tarp will be used to protect against rain or snow.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. All driving records have been turned in for all township employees.
2. Trustee Tomaino – Shopping with Safety Forces raised a total of \$5,700 to take 26 Jackson Milton students, ranging from kindergarten to high school student to spend \$100 per student, ending with a pizza party at the Fire Station for the children and the families. The families were given a gift of food and hygiene items. This will allow a roll over fund for next year. These children were selected from a list provided by the Guidance Counselors at the school to fulfill their needs. Everyone was commended on their help and efforts to make this event a very nice day. All the children and families were very appreciative.
3. Zoning Board appointments. Resumes were received, one is a permanent resident; one resume is from a residence in Canfield and another in Boardman. It is being verified that the Canfield & Boardman resident also has residence in Milton Township to see if they qualify to be considered eligible. Matter tabled for now.
4. Reorganizational Meeting will be held January 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Then the same evening will be the regular Milton Township Board Meeting at 7:00 PM.
5. Resolution to continue the health care coverage and to reimburse for health care.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the resolution to continue health coverage and to reimburse for health care coverage, 12-17-13-05, see attached Resolution, seconded by Mr. Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to approve temporary appropriations for 2014, 12-17-13-06, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Reminders:

1. Reorganizational Meeting will be January 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM.
2. Regular Milton Township Board Meeting on January 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM
3. MCTA Dinner Meeting is Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM at Lake Club for swearing in.

Public Comments:

Thelma & Dean Nicholas of 2282 Heston Drive – When county came through with water & sewer lines there neighbor couldn't receive these lines unless their shed was moved and a tree had to be taken out. The actual work had to be done on Nicholas' property. When the work was completed, the shed was placed back on the property line. The neighbor's house was since sold, and when the previous Zoning inspector came out, and the Nicholas were told that their shed had to be moved 10 ft. from the property line, which she complied. The new owner placed their shed 5 ft. off their property line, blocking the Nicholas' view of the lake. Question to the Board, what do I do? Mike Kurilla verified that the Zoning Commission regulation is 5 ft. and that he has had several conversations with Mrs. Nicholas regarding this matter. Board suggestion to Mrs. Nicholas...it's a civil issue between the two neighbors.

Second issue: The property across the street is at a higher elevation and when it rains, it drains right down into our property. Mrs. Nicholas question is that when the water and sewer lines were put in, should there have been a catch basin installed for this water overflow?

Third issue: Is the state going to sell the property behind our house? Board reported this is only speculation and no official decision of this nature has been made.

Brad Rufner of 2926 Bell Street. Stop sign heading west on Ohio at Scott Cliff, no visibility, with no stop heading north a dangerous situation exists. Suggestion was made to place a stop sign at Scott Cliff to reduce potential accidents.

Second issue: Number of dead trees in bad condition located on Bell by Raymond at dip. Chairman Weimer stated that these trees are on state property and they have been notified. Also one located on the bend at Alexander Street and Ohio

At approximately 8:30 PM Mr. Tomaino moved to go to into executive session to discuss continued employment and employee benefits, 12-17-13-07, seconded by Trustee Campbell, and passed with 3 ayes.

At approximately 9:15 PM Mr. Weimer moved to go back into regular session, 12-17-13-08, seconded by Trustee Campbell, and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Weimer moved that the Fiscal Officer put together budget amounts for 2014 for discussion at our reorganizational meeting, 12-17-13-09, seconded by Mr. Tomaino, and passed with 3 ayes.

There being no further business or action required **Trustee Weimer moved to adjourn, 12-17-13-10,** seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.



Date January 14, 2014




