

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 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 and Administrative Assistant Lisa Balsinger were present. Police Chief Schaeffer and Cemetery Coordinator Kevan Lloyd were absent. Guest, Pat Sweene, JD, M.P.H.RN, Head of Board of Health Mahoning County was also present.

Ms. Sweene introduced herself to the Board Members. About a year ago, there was a heated conversation regarding cuts to her department. All townships supported Health Department. Sent to the EPA, central landfill closed and no revenue has left the Solid Waste Management with a \$600,000 short fall in the 2014 budget, resulting a 41% cut in the health department. The Department must comply and do infectious waste inspections, solid waste inspections, nuisance complaints, compost inspections in order to be an approved provider of the Ohio Department of Health and EPA. With these cuts, personnel will be shifted to other departments, as a result the above mentioned inspections will result in a longer wait period to be performed. Ms. Sweene has been addressing area townships to make them aware of this impact and also to request each township's help to alert her department of any adverse situation. She provided information regarding what their programs have done in 2012 & 2013. Discussion on the work the department does with testing for fracking areas before drilling begins, which is extra to perform, including extensive reports on their results. Ms. Sweene provided a handout of what her department does. She offered to provide financial information to the board regarding costs involved to perform these tests. The Trustees thanked Ms. Sweene for coming and addressing the Township.

Mr. Weimer moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting 01-14-14-01, seconded by Mr. Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Schulz gave the financial report and stated that as of December 31, 2013, Total Fund Balances available and rolled over for Milton Township are \$1,307,203.65. The General Fund balance is \$445,394.61 which represents over 34% of all funds available. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #27363 through #27400 and EFT #532 thru #582 totaling \$62,791.14. Ms. Schulz also reported that total revenue budgeted for 2013 is \$1,192,445.21 of which over 100% has been received to date totaling \$1,212,503.61. Ms. Schulz reported that the total Appropriations through December 31th were \$1,489,465.53 and total expenditures for the year were \$1,193,195.17. There were no Supplemental Appropriations.

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 #27363 through #27400 and EFT #532-582 totaling \$62,791.14, 01-14-14-02, seconded by Trustee Weimer and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Lloyd provided his report, but read by Chairman Weimer in his absence:

1. Road Department found a new used truck. A 2008 International 4300, which will be picked up Friday, Jan. 17th.
2. The second phase of the Pickering Project has been approved through the CDBG.
3. Department has been snow plowing and so far so good. We are already on our fifth load of salt equaling 122 ton to date.
4. The 1 ton dump was in for service and the IH one had to used.
5. Furnace in the garage broke down and repairs were made.

CEMETERY:

1. There were two funerals this week.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Schaeffer provided the following: (See attached). There were 187 calls for service, 9 alarm drops, 3 court appearance, 12 traffic crashes, 38 traffic stops, 7 assists with fire department, 15 investigations, 26 times over other jurisdictions, 1 animal destroyed, 1 domestic dispute, 1 drug offense 2 fraud / identity, 1 gun, 3 medical assists, 3 medical calls, 1 misused credit card, 1 open door, 1 OVI arrest, 1 theft, 1 sex offense, 4 suspicious person, 2 suspicious vehicles 1 telephone harassment, 5 towed vehicles 13 traffic citations, 2 welfare check. It was reported that the new cruiser is getting much better gas mileage.

ZONING:

Demolition has begun at the Family Dollar site.

Trustee Weimer moved to authorize Mr. Kurilla to contract Richard Boccia for the demolition of the 5th site, 01-14-14-03, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Regarding the Wolsonovich case – hearing in court in three weeks.

Zoning Department Report for the month of December:

Estimated Valuation for the Month of December	\$ 20,000.00
Estimated Valuation to Date of year 2013	\$2,995,700.00
Total Amount of permit Fees for the Month of December	\$ 125.00
Total Amount of Receipts to Date for year 2013	\$ 15,833.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Maynard reported the monthly summary of calls for the month of December was a total of 37. 11 in Craig Beach, 26 for Milton Township, 6 accidents, 21 medical, 1 tree/wires down, 2 car fires, 2 burning complaints, 2 alarm activation, 1 gas leak, and 2 other calls.

Chief did research from internet regarding volunteer fire fighters for Obamacare. Volunteer Fire Fighters are exempted.

The old truck should be sold by 1/17/14.

February 22nd, the department will participate in the Polar Plunge with proceeds going to the Cancer Society.

The department finished the year 2013 with 414 responses. 115 for Craig Beach, 281 for Milton Township and 18 other calls.

Chief Maynard is working with Derrick from Palmyra Township to set up the computer billing program.

Chief reported that Engine #553 experienced pump problems, and contacted a company called Countryside, who provided a quote of approximately \$800 to make the necessary repair. They are located in Middlefield and will pick up and deliver back after repairs are done for \$45.

Chief proposed to do a prescription drug collection in the spring. May need to coordinate with the Health Department, but this will assist the elderly in clearing out old prescriptions and also prevent them from ending up on the streets. It was also suggested to coordinate with Jackson Township on this project.

Chairman Weimer moved to repair the gasket on Engine #553, 01-14-14-04, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Regional Chamber is offering Mahoning Valley Local Government Leadership Academy for anyone that would like to participate.
2. Dominion East Ohio is working with PUCO to attempt to get a rate increase.
3. Fiscal Officer Schulz received a check in the amount of \$22,000 for the Pontius fire that we will hold in escrow until the fire damage is cleaned up.
4. Letter from Patrick Ginnetti, Mahoning County Engineer regarding the walking path on NE River Road by authorizing and giving support to the project.
5. State of Ohio has natural gas purchasing available. This information will be posted on the website for residents.
6. Approved Mahoning County schedule of meetings for 2014.
7. Recorder's Office annual notice regarding fees to file amendments.

Trustee Weimer moved to accept in escrow the \$22,000 insurance proceeds from for the Pontius fire until deemed acceptable to distribute the funds by the Fire Chief and Zoning Inspector, 01-14-14-05, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. Mr. Kurilla updated everyone on the land bank.
2. Fiscal Officer updated everyone on the walking path. Probably no word on this project until June.
3. Chief Maynard updated everyone on the billing contract.
4. New truck will be picked up on Friday from Indiana.
5. Cemetery Rules, Coordinator Lloyd said they could be adopted, and a copy was provided. This matter will be tabled until the Board hears back from the Prosecutor.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Mahoning County Engineer annual meeting update, which will be Thursday at 11:00.
2. ODOT mileage certification. Fiscal Officer Schulz has yet to receive this certification in the mail from the MC Engineers office.

Reminders:

1. Next regular Milton Township Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM
2. Mahoning County Township Association meeting will be February 20, 2014 at Canfield Hall at 7:00 PM.




Public Comments:

None

At approximately 7:30 PM Mr. Weimer moved to go to into executive session to discuss employee wages and benefits, 01-14-14-06, seconded by Trustee Campbell, and passed with 3 ayes.

At approximately 7:50 PM Mr. Tomaino moved to go back into regular session, 01-14-14-07, seconded by Trustee Campbell, and passed with 3 ayes.

There being no further business or action required, **Trustee Weimer moved to adjourn, 01-14-14-08,** seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Date February 18, 2014