

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 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, Police Chief Schaeffer, Road & Cemetery Coordinator Lloyd, and Zoning Inspector, Kurilla, were present. Administrative Assistance Ms. Balsinger was absent.

Mr. Weimer introduced special guest Brenda Fargo, NOPEC-Manager, Gas Program. NOPEC is a non-profit council of governments whose mission is to group communities together for buying power to keep gas and electric bills low. A resolution is needed to place the opt-out gas aggregation program on the ballot by August 6th. NOPEC will pay for the election. There is no fee for cancellation. Co-Ops will not be eligible to take part in the gas aggregation program.

Mr. Weimer moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Regular Meeting, 05-20-14-01, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Schulz gave the financial report as of April 30, 2014 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$1,361,348.28. The General Fund balance is \$453,865.89 which represents over 33% of all funds available. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #27514 through #27551 and EFT #152 thru #200 totaling \$78,966.74. Also there were two supplemental appropriations. Ms. Schulz also reported that total revenue budgeted for 2014 is \$929,000.00 of which has been received to date \$388,366.03, which represents 41% of funds budgeted. Ms. Schulz reported that the total Appropriations budgeted for the year 2014 is \$1,106,730.77 and total expenditures for the year were \$334,221.40 or approximately 29%.

Fiscal Officer also noted that all department heads have received their appropriations showing expenditures

Mr. Campbell moved to accept the financial report as submitted by the Fiscal Officer and approve payments of Warrants # 27514-27551 & EFT's #152-200 totaling \$78,966.74, and two supplemental appropriations, 05-20-14-02, seconded by Trustee Weimer and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Department:

1. Patching of the Township Roadways continues a few left to get to.
2. First Energy mat trucks are causing a great deal of damage to the roads and First Energy will be paying for the repaving of 20 miles of road way into the county which includes resurfacing Pricetown bridge area and the small bridge near South Canal. These are both the responsibility of Newton Falls Township and Trumbull County.
3. Put down 304 and grindings on Township graveled streets.
4. Many culverts were blocked due to heavy rain which needed unblocking.
5. The State is still paving Rt.534 as of yesterday. Yellow lines are being painted as soon as the paving is being done.
6. A Listing for all our uninsured property for the insurance company is almost completed.
7. CDBG Pickering Project, Phase 3, Dave Bakalar said we may get it. The point system has changed. Phase 2 and 2nd Street will soon be underway; J S Northeast company that did Phase 1 got the bid for Phase 2 as well.

Cemetery Report:

1. The ground is still too wet to complete the foundations. They will be done as soon as weather permits.

Recycling Report

1. New clothes bin for the Special Olympics has arrived.

2. Green Team said that changes are coming in recycling. As soon as more information is available they will let us know.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Maynard reported May had a total of 44 calls. 14 in Craig Beach, 28 for Milton Township, 2 mutual aid/other, Calls were – 1 Structure Fire, 1 Accident, 29 medical, 3 Grass fires, 1 trees/wires down, 1 Water rescue, 2 mutual aid, 5 burning complaints, and 1 other call. 181 total calls so far for this year.

1. All bills have been submitted to Fiscal Office Schulz for payment
2. Four members of our department completed a 2 day course totaling 16 hours on Arson Investigations. It was sponsored by the State Fire Marshal and held at Palmyra Township Fire Dept.
3. Chief Maynard requested approval of a new member that has applied to join the Fire Department, his name is Ray Ellis. He has completed all the state mandated training and Fiscal Officer Schulz has a copy of his application.
4. Because of the upcoming changes to the Trumbull County 911 radio dispatching system, we need to reprogram all of our portable radios, truck radios and all alert monitors. Dead line for the changeover is June 1st. The reprogramming of the monitors will be approximately \$125.00. We are waiting on a quote for the rest of the radios. Should not exceed \$1,000.00 for all the radios.
5. Cameras have been installed in #559, 556, 557 and 553. The cameras have been used when responding to calls, they are working well. These were donated to the department anonymously.
6. The department has been requested to provide mutual aid to Newton Falls for this month and June while their water tower is being repaired. They have little or no water pressure.
7. The Chief submitted a list of items that will require replacement or upgraded in the Department within the next few years to comply with new NFPA standards. It is approximately \$425,000.00. The department is requesting that the Trustees consider putting a levy on the ballot to purchase these items. Many of the items needed are for the safety of the fire fighters such as turn out gear, masks, air packs, hoods and monitors.
8. The application for grant funds to recruit new fire firefighters was approved in the amount of \$3,500.00. Some of the funds will be used for an open house in September 2014 and also for banners and flyers. They will be made and placed within the township to promote the recruitment of new the Fire fighters.
9. The department is working on becoming a training center for Maplewood Career & Technical Center and is working with Maplewood CTC s to be up and running by the fall of 2014. They will send a trainer to train Milton Township personnel to be qualified to train others. There will still be a cost involved, but our fire fighters will not have to leave the Township while training.
10. St Elizabeth's has a 5 county flyer that goes out quarterly about 7,000 copies are mailed out. They are highlighting the Milton Township Fire Department and they will be featured in the next issue.
11. Hydrant testing is being done in the Township and unfortunately there has been a 25% failure rate. A list is being compiled and will be submitted to the county by the Trustee for repair.
12. Calvin Fire Extinguisher Co. was sold to Warren Fire Equipment. The Chief will schedule with them to do all our extinguishers for the Fire Department, Road and Police Department.
13. Active 911 is an application for a smart phone (helps with mapping and dispatching of a call) the cost is \$11.00 a year. We have 12 people that could use it. Will try a test program to see if it is useful, 5 people for now.
14. September 13th will be the Fire Fighter Challenge, and Saturday, September 20th will be the Open House, from noon to 4 pm.

Mr. Campbell moved to accept Ray Ellis as a new member of the Fire Department, 05-20-14-03, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the cost of 5 smart Phone applications Active 911, for a test program. Totaling \$55.00 a year, for one year, 05-20-14-04, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the cost of \$125.00 to reprogram the minitors, 05-20-14-05, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes

Mr. Tomaino moved to approve the cost of upgrading the 911 radio system for up to \$1200.00, 05-20-14-06, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 eyes

Fiscal Officer Schulz suggested that the Chief put together a time line for the open house of where the department started and where it is now.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Schaeffer provided the following: (See attached). There were 175 calls for service for the month of April and 26 reports taken; 49 traffic stops, 40 traffic warnings, 3 assists with fire department, 30 investigations, 15 times over other jurisdictions, 3 court papers served, 5 court appearances, 1 domestic dispute/violence, 2 gun, 6 medical calls, 1 open door, 2 OVI arrest, 3 suspicious person, 7 suspicious vehicles, 21 alarm drops, 1 traffic crashes, 8 traffic citations, 8 thefts.

1. Talked with Ron Crum about JAG Grant for Power turns, we will apply again for this grant. Officer Crum also called and asked about the reimbursement of the grant still due from early 2013 for protective gear. He was told they are working on it.
2. Received a request for a donation of \$2,000.00 to the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (SWAT). Chief Schaeffer outlined all of the training that is provided and the equipment and the responses of the Team to our community if it is needed. Chief also reported that most of the other communities do give the requested amount of \$2,000.00. Trustee Tomaino also reiterated how important their back up would be especially since we have schools in our community.
3. Austintown Township has transferred an M16 for use in car 502. All other equipment has been ordered, along with the cameras, radar and computers for all the cars.
4. All the equipment for the office computer upgrades has been ordered. All the computers for the cars are installed. The Jet packs from Verizon are on back order.
5. The two new reserves are doing very well and moving along quickly and will hopefully be able to be on their own very soon.
6. A part time officer that has not participated since December of 2013 and has not been available for work on any shifts is not in compliance with Department Policy. Chief would like to send him a letter asking him to send in his letter of resignation. This will open up a spot for one of roster. The Board advised that the letter be sent.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve a donation of \$2,000.00 to the MV Crisis Response Team, 50% to be paid from the General Fund-and 50% to come from Police Fund, 05-20-14-07, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

ZONING:

Two permits issued for April. Fees collected in April \$823.00.00 and Year-to-date \$14,791.00. YTD Evaluation \$3,050,000.00.

Final Report from the Moving Ohio Forward Program, there were 5 dilapidated structures, 4 were taken down thru the program and one was taken down by the owner after they got the notice. Approximately \$20,000.00 of State grant money was expended; and \$3,500.00 of Township matching funds.

Update on the Wolsonovich case. Pre-trial telephone conference, Magistrate was sympathetic to the defendant's position, so October 10th final pretrial, November 18th trial to court.

Mr. Kurilla asked that prior to the June 17th regular meeting at 6:45 please set aside 15 minutes for the final hearing of the map amendment. Fiscal Officer Schulz turned over old color coded zoning map to Mr. Kurilla.

Mr. Kurilla asked that the board approve the expenditure of \$420.00 from the zoning appropriations to make 20 copies of the newly amended resolution.

Trustee Mr. Weimer moved to approve the expenditure of \$420.00 for printing of the Zoning Resolution, 5-20-14-08 seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Township sent a confirmation letter to Mr. Ginnetti confirming that no damage occurred to Milton Township infrastructure during the seismic testing activities.
2. New business coming soon Bud's Place at 17771 Mahoning Ave. a new restaurant.
3. Ohio EPA May 29th Hilltop Landfill in Ellsworth Hearing.
4. Thank you note from the VA Volunteers thanking the Township for letting them utilize property in the Township to advertise their Spaghetti dinner.
5. The Veterans are hosting "Hall of Heroes" Thursday May 22nd 10am till 12noon.
6. OTARMA announced their One Million Dollar Distribution of excess reserve funds. The Township received a refund of \$2,138.76.
7. Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources announces that they will be investing in Ohio State Parks. These funds are meant to improve and update our parks.
8. Time Warner and Comcast have merged. We will keep Township posted as to what develops as this process continues.
9. Bricker & Eckler are hosting educational programs on topics of Performance and payment bonds on Public construction projects.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mahoning County Land Revitalization update.
2. Funding of Police Grant/Officer Crum looking into where funds are.
3. "More" Grant/working on getting something for both departments.
4. Insurance of flag Pole, fences and lighting list is being compiled.
5. CDBG Pickering Phase 3, no decision on who got the bid.
6. Record Retention- report from L. Balsinger-first bill for shredding had a discount.
7. Purchase of portable sign.
8. Agreement for fire protection between MT & CBVFC-tabled at the request of Craig Beach.
9. Lincoln Ave. parking. A lengthy discussion followed regarding this situation. The Prosecutors office is preparing a written opinion on this matter. They are also looking at the GIS to decide where the road right of way actually is. Also due to the fact that this is in a residential area and has been exempted because of Agricultural zoning deemed by the Ohio Supreme Court, there has to be additional research done. The Police Chief reported that they had to go out again because patrons of the winery were blocking a private driveway.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the spending of \$285.00 for the purchase of a portable sign 05-20-14-09, seconded by Mr. Tomaino, and passed with 3 ayes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Day Parade –Monday May 26th- 11:00 all candy was bought by Fire Chief Maynard.
2. Proposed Community Building suggestions were made to have actual pictures of existing community buildings instead of drawings for presentation to the residents.
3. Mahoning County Solid Waste New lease agreement-\$ need resolution for Green team lease
4. Policy for Criminal Records-need to make this part of our Policies and Procedures
5. Severance Tax Resolution
6. Maintenance of Town hall and Fire Station parking Lot-clean and prepare for sealing of cracks, power sweep and clean pavement, and Re-stripe
7. Berlin Township Trustee Meeting discussed a fee per house for run off, ditch proposal. This would not work for Milton Township.

Mr. Weimer moved to enter into a one year agreement with Mahoning County Solid Waste District in the amount of \$3540.00 for the year, 05-20-14-10, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to accept and amend the Township's current Employee Policy and Procedure Manual by adding the Policy for Criminal Records Check for New Employees to the manual, 05-20-14-11 seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Campbell moved support by Resolution that 75% of the proposed severance tax be returned to the areas impacted by the oil and gas drilling industry. 05-20-14-12, seconded by Trustee Tomaino, and passed with 3 ayes

Mr. Campbell moved to approve spending \$4,700.00 for the maintenance and repair of the Town hall and Fire Station Parking lots, 05-20-14-13, seconded by Trustee Tomaino, passed with 3 ayes.

Reminders:

1. Next Milton Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 PM and 6:45 PM for Zoning Hearing
2. Hall of Heroes Thursday May 22nd-10am to-noon
3. MCTA is Thursday, June 19th at Jackson Administration Building.
4. Milton Township is hosting the Fall MCTA Dinner this year. It will be held Thursday, July 31st. It will be held at the Boat Club. Door prizes are being requested.

Public Comments:

Ron Smolek 3050 Canyon Blvd. - Since the completion of The Canyon Park Project, his home and property has not been cleaned up and repaired. There is an oak tree that he believes should be removed. He has standing water, hedges were removed and not replaced, the driveway approach was done on all but his daughter's property. It has been over 3 years from the beginning of this project. Mr. Weimer has agreed to meet with Mr. Smolek personally at his property to review these matters.

Sandy Figinsky 288 Second St. for years has requested that this Culvert Pipe be cleaned out. Rain is ruining her yard. She brought pictures for the Trustees to see. Mr. Weimer will go out and take a look.

Jack Boesiger 17980 Verna Ave. Thank you for the new road on Verna Ave. The ditch is higher than the road, and it is washing out his yard. Mr. Weimer will come out and take a look at this situation.

At approximately 9:00 PM Mr. Tomaino moved to go to into executive session to discuss pending litigation and continued employment, 05-20-14-14, seconded by Trustee Campbell, and passed with 3 ayes.

At approximately 10:25 PM Mr. Tomaino moved to come out of executive session, 05-20-14-15, seconded by Trustee Weimer and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Weimer moved that is was necessary to levy a new 1 mil fire levy for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining Fire Fighter Safety Equipment, fire apparatus, appliances, maintaining buildings, or sites therefor, for 5 years and to authorize the fiscal officer to request from the Mahoning County Auditor's office the dollar amount generated by the tax levy so that the levy may be put on the November Ballot for the Fire Department, see attached Resolution, 05-20-14-16, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

At approximately 10:35 PM Trustee Campbell move to adjourn, 05-20-14-17, seconded by Chairman Weimer and passed with 3 ayes.



Date June 17, 2014