

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2015, was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by Chairman Weimer. After the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken. Chairman Weimer, Trustee Campbell, Trustee Tomaino, Fiscal Officer Schulz, Fire Chief Harold Maynard, Police Chief Schaeffer, Road & Cemetery Representative Dunn, Zoning Inspector, Kurilla and Administrative Assistance Balsinger were present.

Chairman Weimer moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting and Special Meeting December 9, 2014, 01-20-15-01, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Schulz gave the financial report through December 31, 2014 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$1,439,910.41. The General Fund balance is \$443,011.90. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #27913 through #28028 and EFT #552 thru #619 totaling \$162,600.47. Revenue received to date \$1,127,032.83. Also, there were seven supplemental appropriations from one line item to another within the same fund; the only one that was a new appropriation to purchase salt for \$8,500. Ms. Schulz reported total expenditures through 12/31/14, were \$994,326.07. Ms. Schulz also reported all departments are within their budget.

Trustee Campbell moved to approve the electronic funds payment by Warrants #27913 through #28028 and EFT #552 thru #619 totaling \$162,600.47 and seven supplemental appropriations, and a road salt purchase for \$8,500, 01-20-15-02, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Department:

1. This time of year the main focus is plowing and salting. Have used approximately 20 tons, had 180 tons at the beginning of the season.
2. Road Department has done some road repairs when the weather permits. May do some hot patching in the next week.
3. Ongoing maintenance on buildings and vehicles.
4. Work performed on the Milton Avenue the culvert was replaced by the State. The old culvert was failing and this may help with drainage.
5. Sound wall work is being performed, due to the sound walls the overhead power lines over I-76 needed moved by Ohio Edison and are being rerouted up Pine Drive to Grandview.
6. The State is working on the sound wall and they are currently installing the pillars on the NW side.

Cemeteries Report

1. There was one funeral this past month.

Recycling Report

1. There will be an additional 4.3% cut in lease agreements for 2015.
2. Sometime in 2016 the Green Team will be changing over to front load bins.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Maynard reported December had a total of 35 calls. 9 in Craig Beach, 24 in Milton Township and 2 others. Calls were – 2 structure fires, 5 accidents, 1 carbon monoxide, 20 medical, 2 trees down, 2 mutual-aid, 1 burning complaint, and 2 other. There were also 2 medical transports, 465 total calls to date this year. There were 465 Calls for 2014.

1. All bills have been submitted to the Fiscal Officer for payment.

2. New Year's Day Milton Fire Department participated in the Polar Plunge at Craig Beach with approximately 21 people in the water. On February 7th the FD will be assisting with the American Cancer Society Polar Plunge at Harry Meshel Park.
3. The new records room at the fire station was completed for the Township fiscal records to be relocated when the Fiscal Officer is ready to move them.
4. Chief was notified both by the Fiscal Office and the USDA who will conduct a site visit on Feb. 4, 2015 to view the fire station regarding all equipment purchased with the monies loaned to the Township.
5. New lighting was purchased for the Fire Department with Grant money and will be installed in the next few weeks by the fire fighters.
6. Chief spoke to 911 in December regarding a contract. The rate will remain the same \$400 / month again for 2015 for dispatching.
7. The Fire Department has made some changes at the station during the building of the records room. Some items were moved around and some of the upstairs will now be used as a new classroom area, this will limit the use of the large meeting room and be less expensive to heat for fire training.
8. Department has loaned the spare engine 551 to Palmyra Township, on January 1, 2015, at a structure fire in Paris Township. Their truck caught fire and was removed from service. In the past we have loaned them this truck. The Chief and Chief Maynard signed the use agreement that their Township will insure this truck while in use by their Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Schaeffer provided the following: (See attached). There were 254 calls for service for the month of December. Calls included 8 alarm drops, 1 arrest, 2 assists fire department, 4 assists public, 1 auto theft, 1 burglary, 2 civil calls, 1 court papers served, 14 cover overs, 3 destroy animal, 3 disturbance, 1 domestic violence, 1 fraud/identify, 18 investigations, 5 juvenile calls, 1 lost/stolen/miscellaneous property, 5 medical assists, 1 mental person call, 1 misuse credit card, 1 open door, 2 thefts, 4 suspicious person, 11 suspicious vehicles, 26 traffic citations, 11 traffic crashes, 143 traffic stops, 116 traffic warnings.

1. Portable camera for cruisers with instructions. Have SD cards for them. They will be available in the four cruisers.
2. Purchased lights for computers with Grant money. An Extra \$100 for four illuminated keypad for laptops.
3. Effective today, Department has a Cops Grant. After conferring with the coordinator for the Grant it was determined that the recipient had to be a post 911 military veteran. Part-time officer, Louis Oxley qualifies, so as of today by way of the Trustees Resolution at this morning's Re-organizational meeting Officer Oxley was hired as a full time on the Cops Grant, he will serve a 90 day probation period before the position is approved.
4. Another position opened up, since Sgt. Terry turned in her resignation as a full time officer effective 1/1/15, to take another full time position in the private sector. Officer Dan Tickerhoof, a part time officer with the department for 3 years, was hired at this morning's Re-organizational meeting by the Trustees to fill the position. Officer Tickerhoof will also serve a 90 day probationary period before the position is approved.
5. Monthly training will continue.
6. Back-up Program – At the present time, the PD's computer data is being backed up by way of an offsite storage process. The cost is increasing monthly because of the amount of gigabits needed for storage which increase monthly. Chief will talk to TechnaGroup on what to save/back-up. Chief will review with them other options which may be less expensive.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla submitted the Milton Zoning Department 2014 Annual Report. This report summarizes the primary statistics compiled in the calendar year.

Total Estimated Construction Valuation for 2014	\$ 4,011,200.00
Total amount of receipts/fees received	\$ 21,659.00
Largest permit valuation – single family dwelling	

920 NE River Road	\$ 1,000,000.00
New single family dwellings constructed in 2014	9
Permits for December	4
Estimated Valuation for Month of December	\$ 88,000.00
Total Amount of permit Fees for Month of December	396.00

Mr. Kurilla reported that in 2014:

1. The Zoning Commission/Board of Trustees completed the Zoning Ordinance text amendments.
2. Zoning Commission/Board of Trustees completed the Zoning Ordinance map modifications, including creation of the Lake Front Residential District.
3. With cooperation of Mahoning County GIS Department, digital on-line map modifications completed to correspond with Official Township Zoning Map.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received the annual notification from the County Recorder’s office of the fees for 2015.
3. USDA inspection of their annual report and budget. March 31st is deadline for Fiscal Officer to submit.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Record Retention update. Lisa Balsinger reported approval was given by the State Historical Society to transfer records to the local Historical Society.
2. Cell Phone & Driving Policy revisions – In progress
3. Trash Removal Contract for Township – In progress (no word back from Hubbard Twp. Fiscal Officer is pursuing)
4. Off duty policy for police officers – In process
5. Cameras and equipment for cruisers – Chief updated Board
6. Fire loss – Scottcliff – clean up status.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NOPEC Resolution – hearing dates – February 17th at 3:00 and 6:30 – prior to the regular meeting. An ad will appear in the paper on Feb. 2nd and 9th.
2. Wolsonovich – Consent Decree – Mike Kurilla reported the Board members received the report on the Executed Consent Decree which was recorded with Common Pleas Court on Dec. 12, 2014 by Judge D’Apolito on the case that started in 2012 for the property on Milton Avenue. We are getting close to the trial date; the second attorney didn’t feel it was worth going to trial, but on paragraph 4 on page 2 lists all the objectionable items. Property owner has 90 days to complete, and must be done to the satisfaction of the Township. If failure to do so, Mr. Wolsonovich could be held in contempt of court and serve possible jail time. FYI: the Board of health condemned the house three years ago. After the 90 days Attorney Finamore will ask for a no cause hearing. Mr. Kurilla will check with the Board of Health on an outstanding judgement order of condemnation.
3. Fire Department Inspection - by USDA –Waiting to hear from Jennifer Donaldson from USDA with a list of things she will need at the 2/4/15 inspection.
4. Community Building parking lot use - contractor working on the sound wall is using at the present time. They should be out of there by the end of April. Water craft classes will be held there in April.
5. Off-site back up – Chief Schaeffer updated on this subject.
6. Street Lights – Fiscal Officer reported she received the letter regarding the street light recommendation for State Rt.534 and County Line. Ohio Edison estimated cost for installation of 45 ft. pole with a transformer is \$5,362.92. Estimated monthly cost will be approximately \$9. Board has 90 days to review the estimate.

It was decided that Trustee Weimer will contact Newton Twp. And Trumbull County as well since it's county and state route roads to see if they will participate in the cost of installing this.

Chief Schaeffer thanked Officer Anna for her full time service and professionalism as a Milton Township officer.

Reminders:

1. Next Milton Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 17th at Town Hall 7 PM.
2. NOPEC Hearings February 17, at 3:00 PM & 6:30 PM. Before the Board's regular meeting.
3. January 29th – Trustee Harold Campbell & Fiscal Officer Leni Schulz will be attending Ohio Township Association Winter Conference in Columbus.

Public Comments:

1. Brent Terry 15161Stoltz Road – Asked about background check process for new hires for the police department. Trustee Tomaino reported the Chief does the background checks for each department.

Mr. Terry presented a document to the Trustees dated 1/2012 regarding Daniel Tickerhoof, a Canal Fulton Police officer at the time. The document stated that Officer Tickerhoof resigned to avoid the possibility of being disciplined.

Mr. Terry stated that “He had heard some pretty bad allegations why this IA investigation was being held.”

Mr. Terry also said “Mr. Tickerhoof was fired from the Youngstown PD and Cortland PD.”

Trustee Campbell said that he believed Canal Fulton gave a good recommendation for Officer Tickerhoof. The Board will take all the information under advisement and look into the matter. There is a 90 day probation period.



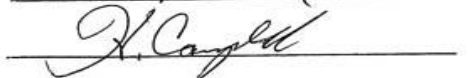
Trustee Tomaino said that Officer Tickerhoof has worked for Milton Township for over 3 years as a part time officer and there have never been any complaints regarding his service and that a background check was done at the time of hire. Trustee Tomaino also stated that they will take the information under advisement and look into the matter.

At 7:50 PM Chairman Weimer moved to go to into executive session to discuss wages and benefits for public employees 01-20-15-03, seconded by Trustee Tomaino, and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Weimer moved to come out of executive session and go back into regular session at 8:45 PM, 01-20-15-04, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

No Action was taken.

At 8:50 PM Trustee Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting 01-20-15-05, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes

Date February 17, 2015