

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 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 Coordinator Lloyd, Zoning Inspector, Kurilla and Administrative Assistance Balsinger were present.

Chairman Weimer moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting and the Reorganizational Meeting on January 20, 2015, 02-17-15-01, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Schulz gave the financial report through January 31, 2015 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$1,402,847.18. The General Fund balance is \$434,879.56. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #28029 through #28058 and EFT #1 thru #87 totaling \$52,706.64. Revenue received to date \$15,643.41. Total budget for 2015 is \$941,100.00. Appropriations & total expenditures for the month of January were \$52,706.64. Temporary appropriations for 2015 ARE \$1,330,151.27. There were no supplemental appropriations. Ms. Schulz also reported all departments are within their budget.

Trustee Campbell moved to approve the electronic funds payment by Warrants #28029 through #28058 and EFT #1 thru #87 totaling \$52,706.64, 02-17-15-02, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Department:

1. Plowing and salting of all Milton Township roads. Have used approximately 60% of salt mixture.
2. Road Department has done some road repairs on potholes, but the weather has hampered this work.
3. Doing maintenance on buildings and vehicles and helping out other departments as needed.
4. Only two bids have been received for the mowing contract.

Cemeteries & Recycling Reports

1. Nothing to report at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Maynard reported January had a total of 30 calls. 6 in Craig Beach, 19 in Milton Township and 5 others. Calls were – 1 Carbon Monoxide, 20 medical, 3 trees/wires down, 5 mutual-aids, and 1 other. There were 6 medical transports, 30 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. Chief Maynard has submitted a Grant request to the State for 2015 EMS Grant.
3. Chief asked that the Trustees accept the resignation from Ray Ellis. Mr. Ellis no longer has the time to serve as fire fighter due to his work schedule. Chief received all Mr. Ellis's Department owned equipment. His letter of resignation was also given to the Fiscal Officer.
4. On February 4, 2015, Chief Maynard met with the USDA for the Department Audit. Jennifer Davidson reviewed and photographed the station. All paperwork was covered that Chief filled out and the department met all the requirements. USDA is providing additional paperwork for the Fiscal Officer to complete. These are budget items that are required to complete this audit.
5. Chief Maynard submitted a request to the American Legion (AL) Post 737 for assistance in purchasing a piece of medical equipment to be used for EMS calls involving Trauma calls. He met with the AL Treasurer, Joe Leonard and described the need for this and how this could assist in saving a life. The American Legion made a donation of \$1,534.00 to purchase this item; Chief will be ordering this once the Township accepts this donation to the Fire Department. Chief Maynard wrote a thank you note to Post 737 and submitted a copy.

6. Currently, the Department is mapping all the fire hydrants in the Township and Craig Beach Village. This data base will be available to be placed on Fire Dept. computers. This will be available to Mahoning County as well as all of our mutual aid departments that may respond to our service area.
7. New Lighting fixtures have been installed as of January 31, 2015 in the garage area. The old light fixtures are currently being stored and may be placed on EBay, since some still work, at the same time the old boat engine is put on EBay.
8. Letter was submitted to Fiscal Officer regarding the fire on Point View. A revised draft will be reviewed by Chief and Fiscal Officer.
9. Scott Cliff house is being demolished from the fire. There are two dumpsters on site, but progress has been delayed due to the weather.
10. The Department participated in the Polar Plunge which took place on February 7th with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Seven fire fighter's participated and approximately 350 jumpers.

Chairman Weimer move to accept the resignation of Fire Fighter, Ray Ellis, 02-17-15-03, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Schaeffer provided the following: (See attached). There were 216 calls for service for the month of January. Calls included 2 911 hang-ups, 18 alarm drops, 2 arrest misdemeanors/felony, 2 assaults, 6 assists fire department, 11 assists public, 1 auto theft, 2 court appearances, 18 cover overs, 5 disturbance, 1 domestic dispute, 1 fraud/identify, 18 investigations, 3 juvenile calls, 2 lock outs, 1 lost/stolen/miscellaneous property, 5 medical calls, 2 mental person(s) call, 1 neighbor dispute, 1 open doors, 1 property damage, 1 receiving stolen property, 3 thefts, 1 seat belt violation, 2 suspicious person, 3 suspicious vehicles, 1 telephone harassment call, 2 towed vehicles, 24 traffic citations, 18 traffic crashes, 94 traffic stops, 72 traffic warnings, 2 Welfare check.

Cruiser update: On Sunday evening the Department was down to one cruiser which was Unit #501 Taurus. *Cruiser 504* was involved in the crash on Sunday night; it is being evaluated for repair.

Cruiser 505 Had check engine light come on, found to be oxygen sensor, so it will need to be repaired. Problem with struts; two were ordered; left one arrived and was installed, still waiting on right.

Cruiser 503 is still in the shop; oil pressure; was repaired and brakes were recommended and the tires were in extremely poor condition; all work was done and it will be ready for pick up tomorrow morning.

1. The monthly training topics & schedule for 2015 will be posted for all officers so they can plan their schedules for completing the training. Some are State required courses, including the one for February. There are some problems with OLEG...upon completing these courses; they are not going into our records. OLEG is working on this matter, and encouraged participants NOT to retake the course.
2. Seven officers attended a training for NARCAN at Jackson Police Department and their certificates are available or in their trays for pick up.
3. Policies are being addressed according to the Policy and Procedure Manual and will be made available for the Trustees soon.
4. Cameras listed under Old Business. Department has received and installed the back-up cameras, they have been tested in several cars and seem to work well. They automatically download into the server when you pull into the Station. Chief talked to TechnaGroup and they have all the equipment to complete installation in a couple days. He will put a freeze on the bill until he does an evaluation on how to reduce the amount of information that is being backed-up. New server will be discussed. Nearby Jackson spent thousands of dollars on a server. Chief will get a price on a new server.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla had no report for the month of January. No permits were issued due to the severe weather. There have been several inquiries of upcoming work from three property owners. Architects are taking advantage of this time to do planning and review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Agreement: Milton Township / Property Lease Agreement between Mahoning County Board of Commissioners for the Mahoning County Solid Waste management district and Milton Township for the drop off for the recycling. The new rental price is \$3,385.00 per year.

Chairman Weimer moved to accept the Rental Agreement for the Green Team to place the drop-off container at the same site behind the Town Hall, for \$3,385.00 for the year, 02-17-15-04, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

2. Ohio Criminal Justice Update Newsletter from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.
3. Pipelines – Newsletter for customers of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department to advise of rate increases for the first time since 2009, rates will increase for water and sewer.
4. Armstrong letter dated January 28, 2015 regarding residential rate adjustment/increases for 2015.
5. Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (SWAT) 2015 Invoice dated January 15, 2015. Annual Contribution to Support Crisis Response Team in the amount of \$2,000 due on February 15, 2015. Chief Schaeffer recommended.

Trustee Tomaino moved to contribute \$2,000 to the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team, 02-17-15-05, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Record Retention update. Lisa Balsinger projection to complete the project by the end of March 2015. Setting deadline, since boating classes will begin in April.
2. Cell Phone & Driving Policy revisions – In progress
3. Trash Removal Contract for Township – Table. Office of Mr. Ginnetti said there may be a County-wide trash removal. So we will hold off on making a decision to pursue on our own.
4. Scott Cliff – shut down to weather reported earlier by Chief Maynard.
5. Fire Inspection by USDA on February 4, 2015 reportedly went well accordingly to Chief Maynard.
6. Off duty policy for police officers – In process
7. Cameras and equipment for cruisers – Chief updated Board
8. Fire loss – Scottcliff – clean up in progress
9. Street lights for Trumbull County. Kevin Lloyd talked to the State and they have no interest in doing this project. Chairman Weimer talked to Newton Falls, but they felt the pole was on Milton Township property, they would not be contributing any funds. So if the project is to move forward, it will be at the expense of Milton Township alone. It will be decided if the \$6,000 will be spent.
10. Police Department – off site back up and server – Chief Schaeffer is pursuing this project.
11. Wolsonovich – still waiting on Township’s 90 days.
12. Fire Department – Lighting Grant and installation completed reported by Chief Maynard.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NOPEC Resolution – Natural Gas Agreement.

Chairman Weimer read and so moved to accept the resolution approving the plan of operation and governance for the NOPEC Gas Aggregation Program for the purchase of jointly establishing and implementing a gas aggregation program and declaring an emergency, 02-17-15-06, see attached resolution, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Weimer move to accept a resolution authorizing entering into a Natural Gas Program Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council and declaring an emergency, 02-17-15-07, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Weimer moved to enter into a Natural Gas Program Agreement of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council as of February 17, 2015 by and among the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, a regional council of governments organized pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 167

(NOPEC) and the municipal corporations, counties and townships of the State of Ohio (Participants) that have executed this Agreement, listed on Exhibit A, see entire resolution attached, 02-17-15-08, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

2. Mahoning County Engineers Meeting Update – Dave, Harold, Kevan & Russ attended today. The county has limited funds so there will only a small amount of paving done this year. They are proposing to pave Milton Avenue from Mahoning to SE River Road and Palmyra Road from Newton Falls Road to Rt. 534. They were also going to look at the County wide trash program because of the shortage of funding for the Green Team. It will include curb-side recycling.
3. Annual notification of Financial Reports – Fiscal Officer reported that the Township Financial reports are completed and there will be a listing in the Vindicator that the Financial Reports are available for residents review.
4. ODOT Mileage Certification – Certificate was received from office of Pat Ginnetti certifying that Milton Township owns and is responsible for maintenance of 19.08 miles of public road.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept the ODOT Mileage Certification of 19.08 Miles of Road Owned and Maintained by Milton Township, with no changes, 02-17-15-10, seconded by Chairman Weimer and passed with 3 ayes.

5. Fiscal Officer Schulz asked the Trustees to Approve the OTARMA Renewal effective March 1, 2015 for \$28,073 for all Township insurance with a \$3,000,000 Liability limit. Increased coverage is over \$2,200.00 for the next limit. With the size of our Township, the \$3,000,000 limit is sufficient.

Chairman Weimer moved to approve the OTARMA Renewal, and keep the \$3,000,000.00 Liability Limit 02-17-15-11, seconded by Trustee Tomaino, and passed with 3 ayes.

6. The trustees have had an opportunity to look at the bids to replace the ramp at the Town Hall.

Trustee Campbell moved to approve the proposal from Miller Brothers Construction to replace the ramp to the Town Hall, for \$4,900.00 using treated wood. Miller Construction will provide proof of Workers Comp and Insurance, 02-17-15-12, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Reminders:

1. Next Milton Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Town Hall 7 PM.
2. MCTA Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Canfield Town Hall 7 PM.

Public Comments:

1. Brent Terry 15161Stoltz Road – regarding the background check on Daniel Tickerhoof. Mr. Terry asked Trustee Tomaino about the Police Chief who had originally done the background check and did the original interview. Trustee Tomaino said that he was mistaken when he said that, it was not the Chief, it was actually the Lt. who looked into it and conducted the interview before hiring. Mr. Terry remembered hearing that Mr. Tickerhoof had a stellar record. Mr. Terry said he spoke with the Canal Fulton Police Chief and he stated that he was told “He would never have given a stellar recommendation.” Mr. Tomaino responded that the Chief is looking into the matter now.

Mr. Terry reported that while employed at Canal Fulton there were accusations of Officer Tickerhoof’ s inappropriate conduct in his cruiser and picking up females from the high school. He said that he was aware that the Trustees had received the same information. Mr. Terry asked what the Trustees were going to do about this. Are we going to let this guy work here? Mr. Tomaino responded again that the Trustees are looking into the matter and we will take any comments under advisement. Mr. Terry also brought up Officer Saltsman and asked about the Department’s code of

ethics or standards he has violated? He asked about the report of domestic violence against him and reported theft in office. Mr. Terry asked why nothing was done about this. Trustee Campbell said the Prosecutor's office kicked it back and said there was not enough information. He also asked about having Mahoning County Sheriff's Department taking over the Township police protection. The Board of Trustees said it would have to be voted on by the residents. Mr. Terry stated Mr. Tickerhoof has worked here for three years and has been written up for insubordination. Mr. Tomaino again stressed that all comments would be taken under advisement.


2. Melanie Hertzler – Heston Road. She read the report about Mr. Tickerhoof and stated her background is in Mental Health and has worked with sex offenders for a long time. It takes a long time to proceed with this situation. She asked was there a date to resolve this matter. Mr. Tomaino stated that the Board will get advice from the Chief. Ms. Hertzler expressed her concern and requested a deadline to resolve the matter. She expressed the amount of time it takes to catch and prosecute offenders of this nature.


Trustee Campbell moved to go into executive session to discuss wages and benefits and employment of public employees 02-17-15-13, seconded by Trustee Tomaino, and passed with 3 ayes.


Mr. Campbell moved to come out of executive session and go back into regular session at 8:45 PM, 02-17-15-14, seconded by Chairman Weimer and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Weimer moved to authorize hiring of a contracted employee to assist Ms. Balsinger with the record retention project, at the hourly wage of \$10.00, 02-17-15-15, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

At approximately 9:00 PM, Chairman Weimer moved to adjourn the meeting 02-17-15-16, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.







Date March 17, 2015