

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, October 08, 2024, was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by Chairman Tomaino, at the Milton Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken. Chairman Tomaino, Trustee DiBernardi, Trustee Villone, Fiscal Officer Balsinger, Fire Chief Oles, Police Chief Van Dyke, and Zoning Inspector Kurilla were all present. Road & Cemetery Dunn, Sr. Administrative Assistant Danielle Zlenka was excused.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of September 17, 2024, 10-08-23-01, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Guest: Scott Simmons presented information on a BWC grant that he has been asked to submit on behalf of the Fire Department for a power Lift Cot in the amount of \$40,000. The approximate cost for the power cot would be \$67,167.45 with load system and battery. The township match would be approximately \$28,000.00. Mr. Simmons also stated that an equipment grant is available for replacement gear in the amount of \$15,000. This grant would let the township purchase 3 new sets of gear and the township match would be approximately \$2038.83.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to authorize Scott Simmons to apply for the grant through BWC in the amount of \$15,000 to replace 3 sets of gear, Township match of approximately \$2,038.83, 10-08-24-02, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to authorize Scott Simmons to apply for the grant through BWC in the amount of \$40,000 for power cot and installation, Township match of approximately \$28,000.00, 10-08-24-03, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through September 30, 2024 - The General Fund balance is \$821,554.94, which represents approximately 25% of all funds. Restricted fund balance is \$2,489,242.79 Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$3,310,797.73. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #33468 through #33516 and EFT #535 through #625 totaling \$236,061.95. Revenue received to date \$2,227,918.52. Total expenditures year to date total \$1,815,291.76. Ms. Balsinger also reported all departments are within their budgets and received their departmental reports.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the financial report, and to approve the payments by Warrants #33468 through #33516 and EFT #535 through #625 totaling \$236,061.95, 10-08-24-04, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road, cemetery and recycling are on file.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the purchase of two battery operated chain saw cost of \$480 each, 10-08-24-05, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Oles reported September had a total of 40 calls. 22 calls in Milton Township and 18 others. Calls were – 0 structure fire, 2 accidents, 18 medical, 0 grass fire, 0 carbon monoxide, 0 tree/wires down, 0 water emergency rescue, 0 Car Fire, 0 burning complaints, 1 alarm activation, 1 gas leak and 1 other. 426 total calls to date this year. Medical Transport by MFD – 12.

1. Fire received three quotes for the tire replacement discussed last meeting and accepted low estimate from Great Lakes Tire in the amount of \$4317.12

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve annual flow test on SCBA equipment amount of \$1,199.99, 10-08-24-06, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Tomaino moved to approve leave of absence for Justin Binkiewicz effective November 18, 2024, 10-08-24-07, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Tomaino moved to change the status of Dave Dunn, Sr. to Active Firefighter, 10-08-24-08, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone move to authorize Fire Chief Oles to move forward on the application from Chelsea Christy, 10-08-24-09, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla reported nine permits issued for the month of September. Estimated valuation for the month of September \$1,02,790.00 - Estimate valuation to date of year 2024, \$4,283,510.00, Total amount of permit fees for the month of September \$5,508.00 -Total amount of receipts to YTD 2024 \$24,737.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Chief Van Dyke submitted a report on stats for the month of September.
2. Congratulations to Officer Monk for completing 40 hour training course in Crisis Intervention.
3. Officer Burkhamer has submitted her resignation effective 09-229-24
4. Chief Oles has requested Fire Department phones be set up with voicemail. This will give full responsibility for screening and responding to all calls. The Township Administrator would no longer receive any calls for fire.
5. Chief Van Dyke updated the board on the MARCS radio system. There have been discussions with the State of Ohio regarding upgrading county communications to MARCS. In anticipation of this move the chief is in discussions with Bearcom, a sole source provider in Mahoning County, to confirm all of the police radios are able to transition to MARCS and receive a quote as to the cost per radio to make the modifications.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the change order to the Lillian, Heston paving project in the amount of \$6,000, 10-08-24-10, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the Engineer services for Lillian and Heston paving project in the amount of \$4,000, 10-08-24-11, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Villone moved to approve the resignation of Destiny Burkhamer effective September 29, 2024, 10-08-24-12, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approved to pay for three zoning members to attend seminar hosted by Canfield Township at \$15 per person, 10-08-24-13, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi spoke about a grant that was written to install courtesy docks on Lake Milton. Because this is State Park property the grant paperwork was submitted to the prosecutor's office to review.

Trustee DiBernardi also spoke about the possibility of hiring a lobbyist to represent the township regarding request for money to build and administration building. This was also presented to the prosecutor's office to make sure on the legality of using public funds for this purpose.

Reminders:

1. Next Milton Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at Town Hall 7 PM.
2. MCTA Business Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2023 7PM Austintown Administration Building
3. Trunk or Treat Saturday October 26th 4 PM to 6 PM

Public Comments:

None

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session at 8:54 PM to discuss employment, benefits and disciplinary action of a public employee, 10-08-24-14, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session 9:52 PM, 10-08-24-15, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to present resignation to Shannon Paulis in lieu of Termination due to lack of communication and no show for scheduled hours, 10-08-24-16, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 10-08-24-17, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Date: _____
