

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by Chairman Tomaino, at the Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken. Chairman Tomaino, Trustee DiBernardi, Trustee Villone, Fiscal Officer Balsinger, Zoning Inspector Kurilla, Police Chief VanDyke, Fire Chief Oles and Road & Cemetery Dunn were all present, Administrative Assistant Zlenka was excused.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular of October 08, 2024, 11-19-24-01, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through October 31, 2024 - The General Fund balance is \$831,515.94. Restricted Fund balances \$2,241,393.21. Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$3,072,909.15. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #33517 through #33548 and EFT #586 thru #717 totaling \$349,177.52. Revenue received to date \$2,397,474.47 Total expenditures year to date total \$2,222,736.29. Fiscal Request approval of 4 reallocations. 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 #33517 through #33548 and EFT #586 thru #717 totaling \$349,177.52 and the 4 reallocations, 11-19-24-02, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Report:

1. Road Trucks have been checked an up fitted for the winter season. There was a cost of \$1,451.06 for new cutting edges for both plows.
2. We have received 23.87 tons of salt.
3. Ohio Edison private contractor did repair the culvert pipe by the salt shed.
4. The board discussed looking at new tractors at the trade show during the OTA Conference

Ms. DiBernardi will ask the Commissioners if there is any money available that they can help put toward the tractor purchase.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the cost to replace plow blades in the amount of \$1451.06, 11-19-24-03, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Cemetery Report:

Nothing to Report

Recycling:

Nothing to report

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Oles reported October had a total of 48 calls. 27 calls in Milton Township and 21 others. Calls were – 0 structure fire, 6 accidents, 17 medical, 1 grass fire, 1 carbon monoxide, 0 tree/wires down, 0 water emergency rescue, 0 Car Fire, 0 burning complaints, 1 alarm activation, 1 gas leak and 0 other. 474 total calls to date this year. Medical Transport by MFD – 11

The Township was awarded the BWC Grant for \$40,000 for the power cot and loader. We also received the EMS Grant in the amount of \$4,029.76. The FEEEG Grant is still pending

Congratulations to Dave Dunn, Jr in receiving his rescue diver certification.

There has been no response from Shannon Paulus to date.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the hiring of Chelsea Christy as an EMT Basic, 11-19-24-04, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to terminate Shannon Paulus effective immediately due to no show and no communication, 11-19-24-05, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief VanDyke reported for the month of October there were 719 calls for service, 17 citations (out of 65 traffic stops), 48 warnings, and 10 crashes.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla reported six permits were issued for the month of October. Estimated Valuation for month of October \$986,200.00 estimated valuation to date for 2024, \$5,855,910.00, and total amount of permit fees for October \$5,430.00. Total amount of receipts collected to date for 24 are \$30,167.00

The Board has a copy of the activity report.

Mr. Kurilla also reported that he will be meeting with Roger Smith from the Land Bank to evaluate the list of properties scheduled for demolition beginning the first quarter of 2025

Bruner Land Company has purchased property located on the corner of S. 534 and Palmyra. This property is to be subdivided and sold for single family homes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chief VanDyke updated the board on the MARCS Radio conversion. This will be a mandate from the state and could possible begin late in 2025. The chief has been investigating grants to help with the cost of reprogramming radios and to purchase any that are not able to convert.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Villone approved the signing of the new OVI Grant agreement with Canfield Police Department, 11-19-24-06, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept and sign the 2 year dispatch contract for the fire department dispatching agreement with Austintown Dispatch, 11-19-24-07, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Annual Reorganization meeting scheduled Tuesday, January 7, 2025 5:30 PM at the Town Hall, Regular Meeting will remain January 21, 2025 at 7 PM

Board also agreed to change the December meeting to Tuesday December 10, 2024 at 7 PM

Fiscal reported a 13.5% increase in the Township dental Insurance.

Trustee Villone moved to authorize Trustee Dave Tomaino to apply to the OPWC for funds and to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance, 11-19-24-08, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 2 ayes, Mr. Tomaino abstained.

Chief VanDyke sent video samples of a cybersecurity program for them to preview. Chief explains that this is the same company that Youngstown State University uses to train their employees on cybersecurity. Our Risk management company has recommended some type of training should be implemented to train our staff due to the rising risk with cybersecurity. The company Ninjio will cost \$1,339.20 annual for 30 licenses.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the purchase of the cybersecurity training system with Ninjio with a cost of \$1,339.20 annually, 11-19-24-09, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

The annual records retention meeting will be prior to the December regular meeting on December 10th at 6:30 PM

Reminders:

- NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024--7 PM-TOWNHALL*
- RECORDS RETENTION SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024– 6:30PM*
- MCTA BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 7PM AUSTINTOWN*
- MCTA DINNER WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2024 TIPPECANOE COUNTRY CLUB 6 PM HOSTED BY CANFIELD*

Public Comments:

Brandon Dorsey 1767 State Route 225, Deerfield is requesting to be placed in the townships rotation for towing, Mr. Dorsey submitted Certificate of Liability to the township. Chief VanDyke will notify dispatch.

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session-To Discuss Wages, Benefits & Employment of Public Employees at 8:02 PM, 11-19-24-10, seconded by Trustee Villone, and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 8:31PM, 11-19-24-11, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to approve end of year recognition Gas Cards, \$55 pay, 11-19-24-12, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 11-19-24-13, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

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