

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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, Fire Chief Oles, Police Chief Vandyke, Zoning Inspector Kurilla and Administrative Assistant Zlenka were all present. Road & Cemetery Dave Dunn, Sr. were excused.

Guest: Kristen Olmi from KO Consulting presented services that are available from her company. She stated that they have grant submission, strategic planning project development as a few examples of their services. Prices and contract of services can be built on what Milton Township needs are.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025, 02-11-25-01, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through January 31, 2025 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$2,879,699.39 The General Fund balance is \$813,242.07 and total Fund balance for the restricted funds is \$2,066,457.32. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #33631 through #33651 and EFT #1 thru #68 totaling \$128,448.77. Revenue received to date is \$80,912.35. Total expenditures through January 31, 2025 are \$128,448.77, and 1 supplemental. Ms. Balsinger also reported all departments have received their departmental reports.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the financial report, and to approve the payments by Warrants #33631 through #33651 and EFT #1 thru #68 totaling \$128,448.77 and 1 supplemental, 02-11-25-02, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Report:

1. New Red Dump is still out of service due to electrical issues because of up fit.
2. Estimate of 160 tons of material for this winter used.
3. The problem with open cuts of roads without permits. One issue found is the zoning permit application online is not a complete package. Danielle has pulled this down and will upload with a clean complete application on the website. The other open cut is at the prosecutor's office getting approval of the invoice that will be sent to property owners.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the purchase of additional road salt for \$1,200 from Everbrite, 02-11-25-03 seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the repairs to the mower at a cost of \$2,000, 02-11-25-04, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Cemetery Report:

One burial

Recycling:

Nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Stat submitted in writing and on file;

Trustee Villone moved to approve the annual donation of \$1,000 to MCCRT, 02-11-25-05, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the Chiefs of Police conference on April 27-29th for Chief VanDyke and Det. Sgt Zlenka at a cost of \$1,678 for meals and lodging, 02-11-25-06, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve police polices listed, 104-Code of Ethics, 435-Body Worn Cameras, 1024-Police Uniform Regulations, and 1035-Wellness Program, 02-11-25-07, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

ZONING:

Stat submitted in writing and on file;

Zoning Commission is working on a text amendment to the township ordinance for small solar facilities that are 1-49 megawatts called community farms. The commission is following the Otarma state template regarding this subject.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Stat submitted in writing and on file;

Trustee DiBernardi moved to purchase five portable radios at a sale cost of \$5,577.93 each (\$27,889.65 total) from Bearcom, 02-11-25-08, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve two new batteries for Marcs radios at \$167.19 each, 02-11-25-09, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve to pay \$50 cost for John Bennett CE cost for his inspector certification, 02-11-25-10, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve John Bennett and Dave Dunn, Jr. to attend a two day class at MCCTC for Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1 & II class at \$700 per person, 02-11-25-11, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve Jules D'Amico to attend an EMS Advance class for \$3,500, 02-11-25-12, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

John Bennett, Dave Dunn, Jr and Jules D'Amico will need to complete the Tuition assistant agreement for the approved classes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the donation of a cordless K9 Power Saw value of \$2,500 from the Lake Milton Women's League to the Fire Department, 02-11-25-13, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept the memorial donations in memory of Fran Sphalinger to the Fire Department, 02-11-25-14, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

The board is agreement to pay stipend payment every 6 months instead of yearly to the volunteer fire fighters.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion on the new locking system for the Town Hall and Police Department has been tabled until further information can be gathered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Villone moved to authorize the addendum to the Township Social Media policy as submitted 02-11-25-15 seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the addition of one day training meal stipend of \$20 to the Township policy, 02-11-25-16, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Reminders:

*NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2023-7 PM-TOWNHALL REGULAR MEETING
ANNUAL TWP TRUSTEE AND FISCAL MEETING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26 AT 9 AM
MCTA BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7 PM
SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 10TH DRAKES LANDING MCTA DINNER HOSTED BY GREEN TWP*

Public Comments:

Ron Budzowski, 16462 Mahoning Ave, Lake Milton. Would like to let then board know that the he had two fire calls and would like to compliment the response and the way they handle the situation at his home.

Jules D’Amico South Newton Falls Road, North Jackson. Show her support for Fire Chief Oles. She also believes that part of the problem with lack of applications for EMS personnel is because it is only part time positions and no health benefits.

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session to discuss wages, benefits & employee discipline action at 9:09 PM 02-11-25-17, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session AT 09:15 PM, 02-11-25-18, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to add a job classification of part time EMR at a base pay rate of \$17.00, at this time only to be schedule to work with an EMT personnel Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from hours of 8-6 PM, 02-11-25-19, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 02-11-25-20, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Date: _____