

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Monday, August 16, 2022, was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by Chairman Tomaino, at the Milton Fire Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken. Chairman Tomaino, Trustee DiBernardi, Trustee Villone, Fiscal Officer Balsinger, Fire Chief Maynard, Police Chief Van Dyke, and Zoning Inspector Kurilla were all present. Road & Cemetery Dunn, Sr. and Administrative Assistant Balsinger were excused.

Jeff Heinrich from Nopec addressed the board and public on what is happening with the current electric cost. Unfortunately, inflation has hit the electric industry and because as an aggregate Nopec bids every 90 days on purchasing electricity for their customers and it is reflecting the current market value. The default utilities have a price locked in from the past year which was bid a year ago when rate were much lower. They will have to rebid in the spring of 2023 and at that time their prices will then reflect current market value. Nopec at this time is trying to help their customers by recommending them to call their call center at 1-855-Nopec-01 or Ohio Edison and have them return them to the default carrier. Nopec is also not charging any fees on these changes. They are also offering a lock in price for 12 months at 9.9 cents and 24 months at 8.9 cents.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of July 19, 2022, 08-16-22-01, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through July 31, 2022 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$2,448,090.34. The General Fund balance is \$593,227.87, which represents approximately 24% of all funds. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #32228 through #32268 and EFT #251 through #344 totaling \$95,027.80. Revenue received to date \$1,115,306.30. Total expenditures year to date total \$853,202.81. Fiscal request approval of one reallocation. 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 #32228 through #32268 and EFT #251 through #344 totaling \$95,027.80, 08-16-22-02, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Maynard reported July had a total of 42 calls. 35 calls in Milton Township and 7 others. Calls were – 0 structure fire, 5 accidents, 24 medical, 0 grass fire, 0 carbon monoxide, 4 tree/wires down, 0 water emergency rescue, 0 Car Fire, 7 mutual aids, 2 burning complaints, 0 alarm activation, 0 gas leak and 0 other. 245 total calls to date this year. Medical Transport by MFD – 15.

1. All bills have been submitted to Fiscal for review.
2. Chief attended the fireworks meeting for the LMA and started the permit process. The show is scheduled for August 27th at 9:30 PM
3. Milton hosted the Mahoning County Fire Chiefs meeting this month.
4. Annual apparatus pump testing for the trucks, two passed and two of the trucks need minor repair to complete the testing.
5. Milton Township date to work the fair is September 1st from 9 AM to 9 PM.
6. Chief Maynard has information on a used Sthil chain saw that only has 3 hours use on it for sale at a cost of \$1,000. The size of this saw would be of could use for larger trees that come down that need to be removed.

Trustee Tomaino moved to purchase the used Sthil Chain Saw for \$1,000, 08-16-22-03, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Chief Van Dyke submitted a report on stats for the month of July.
2. American Rescue Plan Funding Grant has been approved for retention bonus for the police department. The grant is a no match and will allow for a \$1,000 bonus for 9 officers on the roster totaling \$18,000.
3. The department has also applied again for a body worn camera grant.

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Report:

1. Grove Street has been rebuilt to the best of our abilities for now.
2. Yellow dump truck and the mower has had to have repairs and parts purchased.
3. Mr. Dunn is currently working on a salt order to fill up the sheds before winter.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the repairs to the yellow dump truck at approximately \$2,400 cost and mower repair at approximately \$2,000, 08-16-22-04, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Cemetery Report:

1. Three Burials

Recycling Report:

Nothing to report

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla reported seven permits issued for the month of July. Estimated valuation for the month of July \$1,565,675.00 - Estimate valuation to date of year 2022, \$5,239,856.00, Total amount of permit fees for the month of July \$6,930 -Total amount of receipts to YTD 2022 \$21,576.00.

Copies of letters that were sent out to 314 Forest and 17952 Mahoning Ave. were given to the board.

Waiting for pretrial date for the Auden case.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

John Ayres and Anthony Viano presented material they have gathered on what the American Legion has regarding a LED sign. They discussed the possibility of doing a joint project to erect a LED sign with Milton Township. There is some concern on the location, possibly the triangle of Milton and Mahoning. The access to electricity will have to be investigated and current pricing will also need to be updated. If this done by Milton Township and the American Legion, it would be a shared sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Villone has some concern on the speed limit posted at 40 MPH on Milton Ave from NE River Road to the State Park. There is a large pedestrian traffic in this area and is just a matter of time before an accident will happen. Chief Van Dyke will look into the procedure to lower the speed limit in this area.

Reminders:

1. Next Milton Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at Town Hall 7 PM.
2. MCTA Picnic Meeting – Thursday, August 25, 2022 6 PM. Canfield Fairgrounds
3. MCTA Fall Dinner – Thursday, September 15, 2022 Hosted by North Jackson

Public Comments:

Elizabeth Shank 14609 Pritchard Ohltown Road, her road has been paved but there has been no maintenance since. Milton was supposed to work with Newton Falls to maybe crack seal. She would like for someone to come down and see if there is anything that could be done before any large damage happens. Mr. Tomaino will have Mr. Dunn go and look at the road.

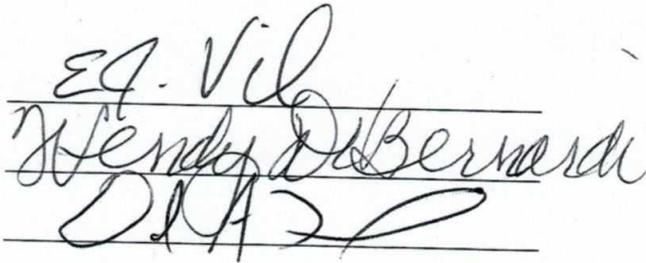
Pat Kyprianou from Kyps restaurant addressed the board about some of her concerns regarding the new sidewalk planned for next year and her parking lot. Mr. Villone spoke with her and said that this project would not interfere with her customers parking in the front of the building.

Mr. Villone also suggested that a business association would be an asset to the business community in communication and planning with the Milton Board of Trustees.

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session at 8:16 PM to discuss employment, benefits and disciplinary action of a public employee, 08-16-22-05, seconded by Trustee Villone, and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session 08-16-22-06, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 08-16-22-07, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.



Ed. Villone
Wendy DeBernardi
D.A.P.

Date: 09/20/2022