

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 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 Maynard, Police Chief VanDyke, Road & Cemetery Dave Dunn, Sr., and Zoning Inspector Kurilla were all present.

Guest Sue Lemmon and Lynn Cadle from the Lake Milton Women’s League asked the board about drafting rules and regulations for anyone that would like to use the Gazebo. Also they would like to hold fundraisers for landscaping items for around the gazebo. The board stated that they would look at a draft of any rules and regulations and with guidance from prosecutor’s office whether to approve them. They also would like to see a plan on any future landscaping prior to any construction.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting and the Reorganization Meeting of January 23, 2023, 02-21-23-01, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through January 31, 2023 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$2,260,856.31 The General Fund balance is \$501,924.30 and total Fund balance for the restricted funds is \$1,758,932.01. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #32531 through #32556 and EFT #1 thru #101 totaling \$95,736.69. Revenue received to date is \$27,258.83. Total expenditures through January 31, 2023 are \$95,736.69. Ms. Balsinger also reported all departments have received their departmental reports.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the financial report, and to approve the payments by Warrants #32531 through #32556 and EFT #1 thru #101 totaling \$95,736.69, 02-21-23-02, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Maynard reported January had a total of 40 calls. 35 in Milton Township and 5 other. Calls were – 0 structure fires, 4 accidents, 27 medical, 0 grass fires, 0 carbon monoxide, 1 trees/wires down, 0 car fire, 0 water emergency/rescue, 5 mutual aid, 0 burning complaints, 2 alarm activations, 1 gas leaks and 0 other. 40 total calls for 2023. Medical Transports in January by MFD – 23.

1. Application from Matthew Lubonvic would like to accept at a probationary Fire Fighter pending completion of drug test for employment.
2. Accepted the resignation of David Dunn Sr. He is retiring after 41 years in the fire service spending the last several years with Milton Township. We would like to thank him for his dedication and service to the township.
3. Would like to accept the new billing rates as presented from our billing service Life Force and also to accept the billing agreement to allow Life Force to send uncollectable billing to state Attorney General for collection service.
4. We received the Wildland Fire Grant from the state, it is a 50% match for a total of \$2,200
5. Applied for the FEMA Grant with Jackson, Ellsworth Fire for a new alert monitor.
6. Need to have radios reprogrammed at a cost of \$125 per hour, estimated cost of \$2,000
7. Chief has been completing reports for FEMA on the response to East Palestine incident.
8. Air supply tanks need to be tested.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept Mathew Lubonvic as a probationary Fire Fighter and to send him to classes at Stark State for a cost of \$1,000, 02-21-23-03, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept the resignation of David Dunn, Sr. and congratulate him on his retirement also to thank him for his service to the fire department, 02-21-23-04, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept the Wildland Fire Grant in the amount of \$2,200 with a 50% match, 02-21-23-05, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to have radios reprogrammed for an estimate of \$2,000, 02-21-23-06, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief is waiting on the signature page for the approved grant on body worn cameras. Received Cruiser 510 and waiting on up fit of equipment, also waiting on parts to complete the up fit of cruiser 509.

Chief presented information on backup systems. Barracuda would be a onetime purchase for program at \$5,000 and then a \$400 to \$500 a year expense would give 24 hour backup. To use the cloud for 2 terabytes would cost approximately \$250 to \$300 a month expense with a 4-5% annual increase.

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Report:

1. The yellow dump truck is in shop for a blown wheel bearing seal cost of \$544.76
2. We have fulfilled our contract with Morton salt.
3. Need to advertise for mowing, we have received one quote so far.
4. Need to look into getting estimates to seal the Fire Department parking lot.

Cemetery Report:

Cleaning debris that has fallen during the winter. Fiscal asked Mr. Dunn to start considering a project for next year that can be used to apply for grant money.

Recycling:

None

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla submitted his report. One permits issued for the month of January. The Estimated valuation for the month of January is \$40,000.00 -Total amount of permit fees for the month of January is \$180.00 -Total amount of receipts to YTD 2023 \$180.00. Mr. Kurilla submitted an updated roster for the Zoning Commission and Board of Appeals. Chris Cadle is the son of owner of old school on Milton Ave will look further into what is happening with the building. Land Bank sent an email on possible funding for Demolition projects.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

LED Sign is in progress, OPWC is scheduled to go to bid in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Villone moved to authorize all actions necessary to accept NOPEC 2023 Grants and use it on LED sign purchase, 02-21-23-07, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to hire Justin Binkowinz and Carson Carrell as Part Time police officers, 02-21-23-08, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to promote Andrew Monk from part time patrol officer to full time effective March 13, 2023, 02-21-23-09, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to authorize payment for OTARMA renewal for \$37,589.00.00, 02-21-23-10, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to accept the billing addendum for Life Force, 02-21-23-11, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to increase the EMS billing fees, see attached, 02-21-23-12, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to appoint Trustee DiBernardi to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependent Board as board representative, 02-21-23-13, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 2 ayes, Trustee DiBernardi abstained

Trustee Tomaino moved to appoint Dave DiBernardi as community member to Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependent Board, 02-21-23-14, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 2 ayes, Trustee DiBernardi abstained.

Trustee DiBernardi is applying for the TAP Grant through ODOT for sidewalk project it is an 80- 20% grant. She is also looking into the AARP Grant for lighting and benches.

Trustee DiBernardi would also like to schedule a special meeting with Lake Milton Business owners on Tuesday April 4th, at 7 PM to discuss updates and progress regarding the sidewalk project.

Reminders:

*NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023-7 PM-TOWNHALL REGULAR MEETING
ANNUAL TWP TRUSTEE AND FISCAL MEETING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22 AT 9 AM*

Public Comments:

None

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session to discuss wages, benefits & employee discipline action at 8:38 PM 02-21-23-15, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session AT 10:12 PM, 02-21-23-16, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 02-21-23-17, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Date: 03/21/2023

