

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 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, Fire Chief Oles, Detective Sgt. Zlenka, and Zoning Inspector Kurilla were all present. Road & Cemetery Dave Dunn, Sr., and Police Chief Van Dyke were excused.

Guest: Dave Bakalar from Thomas Fok and Associates was present to open bids for Forest Ave. Project.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting and the Reorganization Meeting of January 09, 2024, 02-20-24-01, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through January 31, 2024 - Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$2,820,286.67 The General Fund balance is \$754,185.63 and total Fund balance for the restricted funds is \$2,066,101.04. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #33122 through #33160 and EFT #1 thru #75 totaling \$138,040.08. Revenue received to date is \$60,210.78. Total expenditures through January 31, 2024 are \$138,040.08, and 2 reallocations. 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 #33122 through #33160 and EFT #1 thru #75 totaling 138,040.08 and 2 reallocations, 02-20-24-02, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Stat submitted in writing and on file;

Trustee DiBernardi moved to purchase two different fire patches at a cost of \$603.67, 02-20-24-03, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the 36 Hour Fire Training for Carson Carroll and Justin Binkiewicz \$1,700, 02-20-24-04, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the FF II training for Jules D’Amico \$950.00, 02-20-24-05, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve repair of connector/cord Pulse Ox \$615.68 02-20-24-06, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

ZONING:

Stat submitted in writing and on file;

Benjamin Gulley –vs- Milton Township case 2023 CV 1723 Dismissed.

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Report:

Trustee Villone moved to approve the repairs to the red and yellow dump trucks at a cost of \$3,037.81, 02-20-24-07, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the estimate of \$3,000 from Bisirri to help remove water from road on Grove as part of the Forest Ave. Project and pay from ARPA funds, 02-20-24-08, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve the removal of dangerous trees in Eckis Cemetery at a cost of \$2,700.00, 02-20-24-09, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Cemetery Report:
No burials

Recycling:
Still receiving some trash in bins.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Stat submitted in writing and on file;

Trustee Villone moved to approve the purchase of new firewall and 3 years of security appliances approximately \$2,400.00, 02-20-24-10, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the purchase and the use of VPN's for Police Chief and Fiscal to work remotely at a cost of approximately \$75- \$100 per pair., 02-20-24-11, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

The discussion on the server backup has been tabled until further information can be gathered.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Villone moved to approve the mowing estimate submitted by Defebo Property Management at 26 week mowing per season, 02-20-24-12, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee presented samples of rental agreement for the Fire Hall, final draft will be discussed and voted on and next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee DiBernardi moved to authorize all actions necessary to accept NOPEC 2024 Grants, 02-20-24-13, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to select Marie Cartwright and Alan Hemphill as Mahoning County representatives for the 911 committee. 02-20-24-14, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to authorize payment for OTARMA renewal, 02-20-24-15, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to appoint Trustee DiBernardi and Trustee Villone to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependent Board as board representative, 02-20-24-16, seconded by Trustee Villone for Trustee DiBernardi and Trustee DiBernardi seconded for Trustee Villone nomination, and passed with 2 ayes, Trustee DiBernardi and Villone abstained respectfully.

Trustee Villone moved to accept the MOU assessment for Hazardous Response Team, 02-20-24-17, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to replace the copiers at the police and fire departments, 02-20-24-18, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Republic Service agreement has been tabled until next meeting.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to accept the rental agreement for Board of Elections for this year’s election dates, 02-20-24-19, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustees agree to purchase a new refrigerator for the fire department so when hall begins to be rented.

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 8:40 PM 02-20-24-20, 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, 02-20-24-21, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to hire David Metzger as a part time EMT Basic and Volunteer FF, 02-20-24-22, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Mr. Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 02-20-24-23, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Date: _____