

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 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 Villone, Trustee DiBernardi, Fiscal Officer Balsinger, Fire Chief Oles, Police Chief VanDyke, Zoning Inspector Kurilla, were all present and Road & Cemetery David Dunn, Sr. was excused.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of March 19, 2024, 04-16-24-01, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through March 30, 2024 - The General Fund balance is \$841,764.31, Restricted Funds Total \$2,320,571.68. Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$3,162,335.99. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #33183 through #33232 and EFT #97 thru #221 totaling \$161,240.49. Receipts to date are \$823,323.50 as of March 30, 2024. YTD Expenditure \$559,103.48. Fiscal also request approval of 1 reallocation and 1 supplemental appropriation.

Trustee Villone moved to approve the financial report, and to approve the payments by Warrants #33183 through #33232 and EFT #97 thru #221 totaling \$161,240.49 and the supplemental appropriations, 04-16-24-02, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Stat submitted in writing and on file

1. Parking lot light fixtures are losing brightness which means they need replaced. Chief submitted two estimates. Trustees ask Chief to also speak to Tri Area Electric for a price.
2. David Metzger would like to go to Paramedic school asked if township would pay.
3. Chief will get estimates to crack seal the parking lot.
4. Roof leak in bay area where furnace pipe extends out roof. Chief will contact RC Construction.
5. Two new EMT applications.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the repair of the heater in fire hall lobby, cost of \$731.85, 04-16-24-03, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to pay for David Metzger to go to paramedic school price \$6,500 with a 3 year commitment agreement, 04-16-24-04, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Stat submitted in writing and on file

The new phone system with Spectrum is still in progress. Mandatory training for the police officers has been set by OPOTA, chief is working on different methods to comply with the mandate.

The three new officers are progressing nicely through Field Training.

Trustee Villone in conjunction with the Mahoning County Commissioners and Sheriff Green, has secured equipment and training grant in the amount of \$250,000. With this money every law enforcement agency in Mahoning County will receive a ballistic shield and active shooter training.

Milton will host Safety Day this year. Safety Day will be held on Saturday, August 10th from noon to 4:00 PM at the Jackson-Milton Elementary School.

Trustee Villone moved to accept the resignation of Justin Binkewicz and Thank him for is service to the community wish him luck on his new endeavor effective March 24, 04-16-24-05, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

Road Report:

1. Repaired some gravel roads due to water issues.
2. Three companies were contacted, but only have two estimates for town hall water issue.
3. No word on new truck or tractor.

Trustee Tomaino moved to authorize the purchase of six rubber mats from Leppo rentals in the amount of \$1,749.24, 04-16-24-06, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Cemetery Report:

Repair driveway in Eckis.

Recycling:

We are still receiving some trash in the dumpsters.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla submitted his report. Five permits issued for the month of March. The Estimated valuation for the month of March is \$625,000.00-Total amount of permit fees for the month of March is \$3,430.00 -Total amount of receipts to YTD 2024 \$4,725.00.

Certified letters went out to the seven properties named for the demolition by the Land Bank. We have received 5 of the 7.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You card and donation from the Lake Milton Women's League.

Trustee Tomaino moved to accept the monetary donation from the LM Women's League, 04-16-24-07, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Tomaino moved to table the Fire Chief MOU, 04-16-24-08, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to table the discussion on regulating recreational marijuana, 04-16-24-09, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to table updating the Township Handbook for further review, 04-16-24-10, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to award the bid for the Mahoning Ave Lighting project to Tri Area Electric in the amount of \$132,343.00, 04-16-24-11, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorial Day Parade May 27th, Fire Department will pick up the Board members at the Legion 10 AM.

Chairman Tomaino moved to participate with ODOT in the 24-25 year salt contract for 50 tons, 04-16-24-12, seconded by Trustee Villone and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to pay for MCTA Associate annual fees and for the elected official's membership fees, 04-16-24-13, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to pass a proclamation making April 30, 2024 National Therapy Animal Day, 04-16-24-14, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Chairman Tomaino moved to approve the group retro rating from Sedgwick Workers Comp renewal, 04-16-24-15, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to approve payment for the Fire Accident & Health Policy, 04-16-24-16, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Balsinger presented the Auditor of State bulletin 2024-003 regarding payment re-direct and business email compromise schemes and the failure to follow the guidance in the bulletin may result in AOS finding when loss occurs.

Trustee Villone moved to pay and sign up for the OTA annual subscription for training. MCTA will reimburse the \$250 fee, 04-16-24-17, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to pay for OAPT membership for Fiscal Officer Balsinger at \$50, 04-16-24-18, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to accept the landscaping donation at the Gazebo from the LM Women's League, 04-16-24-19, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee DiBernardi reported the application for the Power lift cot for the fire department has been put on hold for now by BWC.

Reminders:

*NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024--7 PM-FIREHALL REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING AT MILTON MAY 21 (CANCELED)
MCTA BUSINESS MEETING MAY 16, 2024 AT AUSTINTOWN*

Public Comments:

Nathan Bacorn, 17930 Mahoning Ave. Purchased property on Wolf Road would like to purchase the road or petition the township to vacate the road. He said it is a dead end road and not used. He doesn't want to invest in upgrading the road unless he owns it. The board said they would get legal opinions and it may not be an option because the police have used this road for rescues. ODNR also needs access to the road, their property runs along one side of the road and there are walking trails on their property. The trustees will investigate and get opinions of everyone involved.

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session at 8:34 PM to discuss wages, benefits and/or employee disciplinary action, 04-16-24-20, seconded by Trustee Villone, and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 9:29 PM, 04-16-24-21, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Villone moved to adjourn the meeting, 04-16-24-22, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

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