

~~RECORD OF BOARD MEETINGS~~

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

OCTOBER 19, 2021

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~~The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive, Miami Township, Ohio 45150. Trustee Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given. Ms. Wolff took a moment to announce the passing of Doug Schneider, a retired Firefighter/EMS member and extended condolences to the Schneider family.~~

Mr. Ferry called the roll. Attending were Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz, and Ken Tracy.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Trustee Business Meeting, seconded by Mr. Schultz and the motion carried.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Trustee Work Session, seconded by Ms. Wolff and the motion carried.

Special Presentation: Police Chief Mills conducted the swearing-in of new Police Officer Timothy Goins. Law Director Joe Braun administered the oath of office. Officer Goins' family was present in the audience and his wife Jessica assisted with the badge pinning.

Ms. Wolff next announced the recent passing of former Police Chief Harry Snyder. She recognized his 17 years of service to the Township and credited his efforts of transforming the Township into what it is today.

Ms. Wolff then presented and read a proclamation recognizing Fire Prevention week as October 3-9, 2021, and stated the Township recognizes the entire month. She also recognized that it is Breast Cancer Awareness month as well.

Department Reports: A representative of each department presented a report of activities during the month of September 2021.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mr. Tracy made a motion to pay the bills of the Township: with 185 checks numbered 140294 to 140478, and 32 electronic checks numbered 2222 to 2253 for the total amount of \$2,563,426.07 plus payroll and payroll taxes for the checks dated 9/24/2021 in the amount of \$321,184.06 and 10/8/2021 in the amount of \$290,045.33, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised of the need for a Then and Now Certificate in the amount of \$8,502.10.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-37 authorizing the Township Fiscal Officer to issue and certify a Then and Now Certificate for payment of various expenditures, totaling \$8,502.10 and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised there were two departments with personnel actions. He and Chief Kelly requested action be taken for Christopher Dotson to become full-time employed with the Township with a starting rate of pay of \$26.74, with a one-year probationary period, effective November 15, 2021.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to grant a final offer of full-time employment to Christopher Dotson with a starting hourly rate of pay at \$26.74 and a one-year probationary period effective November 15, 2021, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised the next action of the Fire & EMS Department was to extend a final offer of part-time employment to Michael Alex Kessen with a starting hourly rate of \$15.00 with a one-year probationary period effective November 15, 2021.

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Mr. Schultz made a motion to grant a final offer of part-time employment to Michael Alex Kessen with a starting hourly rate of \$15.00 with a one-year probationary period effective November 15, 2021, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised the last personnel item from the Fire & EMS Department was to accept the resignation of part-time Firefighter/Medic Greg Arnold, effective October 18, 2021.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to accept the resignation of part-time Firefighter/Medic Greg Arnold effective October 18, 2021, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised of one personnel action from the Service Department. He announced completion of a two-month, extensive process to backfill the vacant position of Jeff Weigel who retired. He stated there were three rounds of interviews and four finalists completed an emotional quotient exam through Caliper Corporation.

Mr. Wright stated he and Mr. Musselman are in agreement that the best candidate turned out to be an internal candidate. There were four finalists total, three being outside candidates. He stated they recommend promoting Chris Burdsall to the position of Road Foreman with a six-month probationary period with an hourly rate of \$35.68 effective October 20, 2021.

Mr. Wright summarized that Mr. Burdsall has just over 12 years of experience with the Township, and has worked most autonomously on cemetery duties as well as sign and grant programs. Mr. Wright stated that Chris has a very constant and steady personality, and his co-workers respond really well to him. Mr. Wright concluded that after the extensive process it turns out the best and brightest was right here.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to promote Chris Burdsall to the position of Road Foreman with a six-month probationary period, at a pay rate of \$35.68 per hour with a starting date of October 20, 2021, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised that as Chief Kelly presented at the work session, there is a need to replace 11 sections of existing fire hose. The Fire Department does test all of the hose annually. Replacements are accounted for in the capital improvement budget. Two companies submitted quotes. The most responsive bid was from the First In, Last Out Fire Equipment, LLC with a total cost for the 11 sections being \$5,776.00.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to purchase eleven sections of fire hose from First In, Last Out Fire Equipment for a total cost of \$5,776.00, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised that he was contacted a few months ago by the family that owns the single-family residence immediately north to the entrance of Paxton Ramsey Park. He stated that a lot of the homes in that section of Price Road are on private sewer systems. This household has an on-site septic system that is beyond its useful life. The family is faced with a very expensive prospect of replacing it and going through the annual maintenance, or the more efficient option would be for them to tap into the public sanitary sewer line that is near the entrance to the park.

Mr. Wright continued that he has had conferences with County Water Resources and the Building Department to ensure the proposed plan was optimum. He stated it was also reviewed by Township Service Director John Musselman. Law Director Braun's firm looked at the engineering description. The property owners, at their own cost, came up with an acceptable description of the ten-foot-wide easement which grants them the ability to have a professional plumber tap the sewer line. They will be responsible for the maintenance of their line. He stated that he was confident this was in the community's best interest.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to grant the proposed sanitary sewer easement to Peter and Alexandra Schreck at 6267 Price Road, and authorize the Township Administrator, with approval of the Law Director, to execute any and all documents associated with the granting of this standard utility easement, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

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Mr. Wright advised that as is customary every fall, Mr. Ferry's office does take a look at the appropriations from the current year's budget. He stated the items brought before you this evening include two projects that were necessary, one being an emergency repair, as part of the road pavement program, that had to be completed for a storm water pipe under a Township road which is the \$40,000 change to the Gasoline Tax Fund. He stated that the joint sidewalk program was added which will connect the Mills of Miami neighborhood to Miami Meadows Park.

Mr. Wright clarified the Township would be reimbursed for 40% of the cost of the sidewalk project from the Mills of Miami HOA. He stated because these TIF and RIDs have performed better than forecasted, the amount that goes back to the school districts has a need to increase. He summarized that simply because there was an increase in the valuations the Township passes on the amount that is due to the schools.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-38 a Resolution to Amend Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of Miami Township, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised of an anticipated item in the 2021 Capital Budget, as discussed with Chief Kelly previously, there was a non-repairable failure that occurred to one of the two rescue boats. The Township does have the inflatable NRS Rescue Boat which is a smaller rescue boat than can be put on the Little Miami River, smaller farm ponds, and lakes we have throughout the Township. There are over 100 bodies of water within Miami Township.

Mr. Wright stated that the 15-year-old boat has passed its useful life. Bids were sought and it is being recommended that the Board authorize the purchase from Milpro Marine for both the boat and trailer for a total cost of \$5,145.00.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to purchase an NRS Rescue Boat and trailer from Milpro Marine for a cost not to exceed \$5,145.00, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised that as the Township does customarily each month, the Planning & Zoning Department has actively responded to nuisance cases when property owners bring those to our attention. He stated there has been good traction with many recently except for one property for which the notification process has been exhausted. He stated it is necessary for the Township to contract to have the property at 6050 Del Fair Lane cleaned up. The request is being made for approval to declare the property a nuisance.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-39 Authorizing the Abatement, Control or Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Rubbish, or Debris and Declaring an Emergency, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Ms. Wolff stated the business portion of the meeting has concluded.

Public Comment: Mike Mason, 5272 Deer Path, Milford, Ohio, reviewed with the Board some of the data and information he received during meetings held with Township staff regarding his traffic safety concerns along Dry Run Road, and also referenced an email he sent to the Board. Mr. Mason acknowledged the full-depth repair that was completed by the Township this past month. He stated his purpose for attending the meeting was to learn the status of the current process and whether it was finished.

Mr. Wright advised the contractor is finished with the work for 2021.

Mr. Mason continued with commenting that he did not believe the patches were sealed. He stated that drivers are also avoiding the patches and going left of center. He shared that there are 27 curves and 18 of which you cannot see around the corner. He stated that he appreciates

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the work that was completed by the Township and understands a lot of money was spent on the road repairs. He stated that he believes the road is better but in some respects it is not. He emphasized the curves and bumps of the road remain a safety issue. He referred to a majority of the accidents or near misses (which are not reported) occur on the lower half of the road. He noted that he understands the road cannot be widened nor can we restrict traffic. He concluded that the repair work by the contractor was not quality, in his opinion.

George Nicholas, 1242 Spotted Run, Milford, Ohio, spoke about the patches of road work completed on Dry Run Road and expressed that in his opinion it was not of good quality. He agreed that patching of roadways do work but expressed dissatisfaction with this particular contractor's workmanship. He clarified that while they appreciate the Township's effort to fund the repairs, it would be his preference to withhold payment for the completed work until the contractor does a quality job in his opinion.

Ms. Wolff thanked the residents for attending and sharing their experience. Discussion was held with Service Director Musselman who confirmed that the contractor was called back to work on certain areas which resulted in vastly improved patches. He noted that patches have been utilized, such as on Mt. Zion Road, until a road can be fully repaved.

Mr. Musselman also shared that this month the Township is to receive its new Pavement Quality Index evaluation which will include evaluation of the current condition of Dry Run Road.

Mr. Tracy asked Mr. Musselman to meet with the residents present to further explain the standards for the road work to assist the residents in understanding what to expect. Mr. Musselman provided explanation of the current methods utilized as the sealing process of the road patches in place on Dry Run.

Additional discussion was held by the residents including how they utilize sections of the road for access and that the second round of work by the contractor looked less appealing but drove better overall.

Ms. Wolff and Mr. Tracy concluded with the request from the residents to review the specifications against the work performed as a reasonable request that staff could accommodate. Ms. Wolff expressed her appreciation to the residents for working with the Township on the approach to problem-solve together.

Executive Session: None.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer



Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson