



MILAN TOWNSHIP

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The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:00p.m. in the Community Room of the Milan Township Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Present at the meeting were Trustees Dan Frederick, Gerald Nickoli and Mike Shover, F.O Zachary Rospert, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Fox, Sec./Z.I. Colleen Arthur, Frank Lytle, Richard Pitsinger, Don Kreidler and Sparky Weinau.

ROLL: Mr. Rospert called the roll. Mr. Frederick, present; Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present.

MINUTES: Mr. Shover moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting with clarifications made to the discussion about insurance. Mr. Frederick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Nickoli abstaining from the vote, as he was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 special meeting. Mr. Frederick explained that this special meeting was held to meet with representatives of the Erie County Auditor's Office and the County Engineer's Office to discuss changes made to the boundaries between Milan Township and the Village of Milan. The changes appear to have been made by the County Auditor as part reparation for the Census. Some changes were made due to change in ownership. Both Milan Village and Milan Township did not initiate the changes and are in agreement as to the location of the boundaries in question.

As a result of this meeting corrective action will be taken to restore previously settled boundaries on Plank Road, the Burkmeuller property and St. Anthony's Cemetery as is being part of the Township.

A diagonal line through the cemetery and Galpin trail is unresolved. The Hamilton Annexation keeps coming up when boundary issues are discussed; however, this question was put to rest between the Township and the Village back in the 1970's. The Hamilton Annex was never incorporated into Milan Village and remains a mere plot plan that was recorded at one time.

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 special meeting was unanimously approved.

EXPENSES: Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover did second the motion to approve payment of expenses as presented by the Fiscal Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved Electronic Payments 73-77 & Warrants 18939-18953 in the amount of \$20,446.81.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Fox reported that grass seed has been planted in the construction areas at the Township Hall using a borrowed roto tiller.

Mr. Fox as ordered stone from Mesenburg Bros. to be placed on St. Charles, Walnut and Water Streets and some on Old Perrin Road.

Mr. Fox spoke to Mrs. Duncan concerning replacement of her shrubs on Seminary Road as promise as a result of drainage improvement work last summer. Mrs. Duncan has agreed to take the Emerald Arborvitae. This will be purchased from Lowe's while on sale.

Mr. Fox reported that he is considering having a tree stump ground out on Ed McConoughey's property at 2008 Seminary Road, as well as one on Berlin Street.

Mr. Fox reported that Matt Hudson will be taking a few days off due to birth of a child. Mrs. Arthur agreed to get a gift for the Hudson family on behalf of the Township staff.

ZONING

ZBA: Mrs. Arthur reported that the Milan Township Zoning Board of Appeals approved a number of variances for Mandy Shane to purchase the American Anglican Church on Route 113 E. and use it for a performing arts studio and various other classes and when not in use for classes, it may be available for small meetings.

DAVE'S FOOD MART: Mr. Arthur explained situation with Dave's Food Mart. She is completing the site plan review, but has been informed by Mr. Feick of changes that are being made to the plans which were not presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals when variances were granted. They no longer plan on moving the gas pumps. Mrs. Arthur has been waiting for dimensions on the pump location in reference to other aspects of the site plan and a definitive traffic pattern. She has had several conversations by phone and email with Matt Rogers of the Erie County Engineers Office and met in person with owner, Ed Fisher concerning the parking and traffic pattern. She will also be meeting with Mr. Fisher's consultant, Adam Weaver of Contractors Design Engineering, to discuss the traffic pattern. Mrs. Arthur has received a parking and lighting plan from Mr. Feick. The Trustees have noted their gross concern over the traffic at the intersection of Route 250 and Mason Road and Kelley Roads. ODOT needs to be notified of the any changes that may affect Route 250.

TAP-IN: The Trustees received an application for the tap-in agreement with Dave's Food Mart to tie in their drainage overflow to the Township's catch basin on Kelley Road. This catch basin will only take on water during extreme heavy rain, but the Erie County Engineers Office has given assurances that this most likely will not occur as the proposed drainage system is more than adequate. Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve the tap-in agreement with Dave's Food Mart for a tie in to the Township's catch basin on Kelley Road.

SOCCKER FIELD HOUSE PROJECT: Mr. Frederick explained that the Edison Boosters had applied for zoning permit for a press box at the soccer field. They had sent a check, but it was for the wrong amount based on a residential use rather than a commercial use. This would add considerable cost to the project. Historically, the Trustees have waived zoning fees for Edison Schools. Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to waive the zoning fee for the soccer field press box. The motion passed unanimously.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES: Mr. Paul Cring called the County Commissioners about the Land Bank program being utilized to demolish houses at 406 Bryan Road owned by Ron and Carolyn Cull and the

Ann Proctor property at 204 Bryan Road. Scott Shell runs the program and responded with an email to the Trustees confirming that both properties are in the process of restoration and that the Land Bank can do nothing at this time. Mrs. Arthur noted that she had recently inspected both properties. She also confirmed that there is clean up underway on both properties. Partial tax payments are being made on the Proctor property; taxes are not in arrears and a dumpster has been brought in at the back of the house. The Cull property has had all the trees and overgrowth removed from around the house and construction items, i.e. bricks and architectural items, have been sorted and stacked for reuse.

OLD BUSINESS

SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR: Mr. Frederick addressed the decision of using the old police station for a small business incubator project which Nick Frederick has undertaken through an OSU program. A committee has been formed to assess the possibilities of a start-up business that could be housed in the old police station. Mr. Frederick noted that as part of the Township's support of the project, the police station building may have to fix up a bit. Mr. Frederick noted that applications are being made for grant funding; possibly from the Mylander Grant and/or the Dorn Foundation. For application purposes, an estimate of \$45,000 was used and half that amount is being sought.

ROUTE 250 STREET LIGHT: The Huron Township Trustees have asked that a street light be installed at the intersection of Scheid Road and U.S. Route 250. The existing utility pole is on Milan Township's side of the road. 1st Energy is doing a feasibility study. At a Friends of NASA meeting, NASA Chief Dave Taylor spoke with Mr. Frederick about the street light installation and stated that NASA would greatly appreciate the efforts to get a light installed at the intersection and offered to partner with the Township. Mr. Frederick was not given any insight to the scope of that partnership.

TOWNSHIP HALL USER AGREEMENT: Mr. Frederick mentioned that the Trustees will be taking up the issue of additional regulations for the use of the Township Hall. At this point, allowing use to non-residents has been restricted. Mr. Frederick noted that it might be prudent to take a year to assess how much interest there is before deciding to rent to outsiders.

NEW BUSINESS

ERIE METRO PARKS GRANT: The application for grant funding for Edison Park projects is due April 22nd. Mr. Nickoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-03 AGREEING TO COOPERATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OUTDOOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Edison Park is an invaluable community asset which contributes to the general health and welfare of Milan Township residents, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees desire to allow for continued optimal use, future expansion and further development of Edison Park, and

WHEREAS, Milan Township desires to utilize funding available through the 2019 Erie MetroParks Local Park Capital Improvement Grant Program,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Milan Township, the Board of Trustees hereby resolves to cooperate for the purposes of increasing and improving outdoor recreation

opportunities under the terms and conditions of the 2019 Local Park Capital Improvement Grant Program administered by the Erie MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners.

FURTHERMORE, Milan Township Trustee Gerald Nickoli is hereby authorized to apply to the Erie Metro Parks Board of Park Commissioners for funding assistance in the 2019 Local Park Capital Improvement Grant Program.

Mr. Shover gave second to the motion. The Roll being called resulted as follows: Mr. Nickoli, yes; Mr. Shover, yes; Mr. Frederick, yes.

Presented and adopted at a regular public meeting of the Milan Township Board of Trustees held on April 17, 2019, in accordance with State of Ohio Open Meetings Act. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

EDISON PARK: The Trustees have been made aware of the possibility of placing concrete blocks onto the hillside along the tennis courts at Edison Park for seating. Huron Cement has nice blocks at a cost of about \$50 each. It would take 22 blocks to provide 135' of seating area. Since the most suitable block surface was not readily available, Huron Cement is willing to remake the form for the blocks.

Mr. Frederick noted that of the \$30,000 available funds from MetroPark, which will be divided between possibly six government entities, Milan Township is asking for \$5,000. This could be used for this seating project which he estimates might be in the vicinity of \$9600. Mr. Shover asked about inclusion of the Athletic Boosters contributing some funding toward these costs. It was noted that the school pays \$5,000 per year toward the tennis court upkeep. Mr. Nickoli will incorporate these numbers in the grant application due April 22.

HEALTH CARE PLAN RENEWAL: The Board will meet on May 6, 2019, for a Monday morning work session at the Township Office conference room to discuss the Health Care Renewal with the Townships insurance representative.

CERTAINTTEED: Mr. Shover asked if the riser valve station recently installed at CertainTeed had been included in their submission of the site plan, as it appears to be very close to Route 250. Mrs. Arthur stated that it was on the site plan and she recalled that that was part of the variances requested.

BIKE PATH: Mr. Shover noted that the Trustees might consider utilizing Berlin Street for the bike bath rather than taking it to the Township Office. At the same time ODOT is widening Route 113, might it be best to ask them to realign the intersection of Berlin Street with River Road. There have been numerous accidents there and several fatalities. Mr. Nickoli noted that this would require the Township to purchase private property on the west side of River Road and east side of Berlin Street. There is also a deep ditch on that side of Berlin Street. Sparky Weinau spoke to the Issue 2 funding for major projects. A former Board of Trustees had looked into moving the intersection in the past and was found too expensive a project. The current Board of Trustees will examine the matter further.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANT: Mr. Frederick reported that the Erie County Township Association can set up a tour of Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plan on May 16th. Additionally, Mr. Frederick spoke to troubles with nuclear plants no longer making any money. They are looking for help through the Ohio Clean Air act. It has been proposed to replace mandates for clean energy (wind and solar) with any clean energy source, which would include nuclear energy into that category. Mr. Frederick suggested passing a resolution of

support and read a sample resolution. Nuclear energy provides 12% of Ohio carbon free electricity. Ohio HB 6 would include \$2.50 on each residential electric bill to help support nuclear energy production.

Mr. Frederick moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Mr. Nickoli did second the motion.

RESOLUTION 2019-04 **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR ENERGY IN OHIO**

WHEREAS, clean air is an invaluable natural resource and the conservation of clean air contributes to the comfort, health, safety, and general welfare of Milan Township residents, and

WHEREAS, it is good public policy to prevent the pollution of clean air, and

WHEREAS, it is good public policy to assist in the financing of power generation using clean air quality facilities, including public utility companies, and

WHEREAS, Ohio's nuclear energy plants produce more than 12 percent of Ohio's electricity, representing 90 percent of Ohio's carbon-free electricity, avoiding 9 million metric tons of carbon emissions, and

WHEREAS, Ohio's nuclear energy plants generate energy on a 24/7 basis in virtually all weather conditions, helping ensure the resilience of our electrical grid system and providing a more secure, affordable, and reliable electric infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's nuclear energy plants contribute nearly \$510 million annually to the state's economy including 4,300 total primary and secondary jobs and \$30 million in annual state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the recently introduced Ohio Clean Air Program advances the goals and objectives outlined above by providing incentives to build and maintain zero and reduced carbon emissions power generation facilities, including Ohio's nuclear energy plants,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milan Township Board of Trustees, Erie County, Ohio support HB 6 and the Ohio Clean Air Program.

The roll being called resulted as follows: Mr. Frederick, yes; Mr. Nickoli, yes; Mr. Shover, yes.

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MILAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Daniel Frederick

Mike Shover

Gerald Nickoli

FIRE

FIREFIGHTER CANCER PREVENTION: Mr. Frederick attended an OTA Board meeting at which was discussed a Firefighter Cancer Prevention Program which in place now. The program provides best

practices for prevention by fully documenting incidents of exposure to hazardous materials and preventative measures which might be taken, including but not limited to, how the gear is cleaned and stored and the installation exhaust systems. Implementation of the program can affect insurance costs. There is also grant opportunities to help pay for the cost of these improvements. The Board will send a letter to the Chief Rospert addressing this important issue.

FINANCIAL

LIFE INSURANCE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBER POLICY: OTARMA was contacted to see if they could provide A competitive policy to the Hartford policy. OTARMA wanted to include elected officials with the firefighters, however, by law, the elected officials benefits cannot increase. None of the Trustees were interested in getting another ADD policy. Mr. Shover stated that there is offset with Workers Compensation and noted that more information is needed as to the benefit versus the \$331 annual cost paid every three years. Overall it was thought it was pretty low cost insurance.

QUARTERLY REPORTS: Mr. Rospert passed out the fund summary report for 2019 1st Quarter and 2018 stats for comparison. The Board reviewed the following reports:

- Q1 2019 Receipts
- Q1 2019 Fund Summary
- Q1 2019 Appropriation summary

These included year to date expenses. Mr. Rospert noted that none of the expenses incurred in the first quarter exceeds 25% of the total budget. Capital expenses are a bit high due to elevator construction.

Mr. Shover asked if there any expenses that regularly hit on a particular quarter. Mr. Rospert noted that prior to receiving property tax revenue it can get a bit tight. Property tax revenues are generally higher in the 1st half of the year than those received in the second half of the year because some people chose to pay the entire years taxes in the first half billing. The Township received the 1st half property tax disbursement in March.

Mr. Frederick asked about the Fire levy which is used to build funding for equipment purchases. Mr. Rospert noted that it is currently used to for some lesser equipment purchases to show auditor it is in use. He also noted that it is time the Trustees start thinking about a new truck.

Also, the lighting district funds for Edison Ridge should start being used for pole replacement and LED lights.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8: 31 p.m.

Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer