



MILAN TOWNSHIP

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The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Frederick opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Rospert called the roll: Mr. Frederick, present; Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert, Maintenance Supervisor David Fox, Crewman Matt Hudson, Z.I./Twp. Sec. Colleen Arthur, Zoning Commission Chairman Bill Muthig and Don Kreidler.

MINUTES: Mr. Shover moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting. Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Frederick abstained.

EXPENSES: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion to approve payment of expenses as presented by Mr. Rospert. The motion unanimously carried.

Approved electronic payments 113-116 and warrants 19063-19080 in the amount of \$44,001.87.

MAINTENANCE

EQUIPMENT: Mr. Fox reported that the injector on the Township's backhoe is broken. Mr. Ed Smialowski is working on the repairs. The replacement part will cost approximately \$400, plus the cost of labor.

Mr. Fox also reported that a bearing is out on the road mower; so it is currently out of commission. He has ordered a new bearing and can make the repairs himself, but he is not sure of the cost.

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION: Mike Gastier called about the pesticide application test. Dates are being set up for Messrs. Fox and Hudson to take the test.

ST CHARLES STREET: Mr. Fox noted that the stone is available for St Charles Street, but he will have to wait for drier weather before it can be laid down. He will call Mr. Schell to keep him updated.

EDISON PARK: The maintenance crew will power wash shelters and restroom at Edison Park.

Mr. Nickoli stressed the importance of getting the mulch down at Edison Park. Mr. Hudson remarked that it has been too rainy to get the front loader on the hills at the Park without tearing up the lawn. Mr. Nickoli expressed irritation with condition of Edison Park, stating that the job could have been accomplished in a few days between the rainy periods by hand loading mulch. He said this is a priority. Other areas where some attention is needed at the Park were mentioned; a new basketball net, paint over some graffiti in the restrooms and Mr. Shover asked if some of the pavement could be pressure washed.

It was noted that a group was recently observed using the baseball diamond. None of the baseball leagues currently make use of the baseball field at Edison Park. The Trustees observed that the infield could be seeded with grass and just mowed so that it could still be used for games. No one is dragging the infield any longer or maintaining the press box.

Mrs. Arthur relayed a request from Stacy Phillips for permission to launch homemade rockets at Edison Park in July as part of the Milan Public Libraries summer education program. The Trustees had no objections.

BRIDGES/CULVERTS: The County Engineer Office sent a letter and map showing how to mark the culvert with a letter/number system. Mr. Fox remarked that this gave him a better understanding of how to fill out the annual road and bridge reports.

Mr. Frederick said the County Engineer Office has agreed to will work with the Township to build a bridge over the Village Creek on Berlin Street to accommodate the bike path.

MILLIMAN ROAD: Mr. Anthony Fritz has repeatedly called the Township about standing water on his property and driveway. He claims the water is coming off the road. Mr. Fox has been out and spoken with Mr. Fritz; as has Mr. Nickoli. Mr. Fritz placed additional stone in the driveway as Mr. Nickoli suggested, but Mr. Fritz states that it now just funnels water to his back yard. There was further discussion of the situation noting that this property is the lowest on Milliman Road and all runoff naturally goes to the lowest point. All previous owners have had the same problem. Milan Township has no catch basins on that side of the road. Norwalk Township has a drainage line across the street. Road water may be contributing to the problem, but even dealing with road water will not likely fix the problem. The Trustees may ask the Erie County Engineer to evaluate the problem

FIRE

There was no fire report as Chief Rospert is on vacation.

ZONING

ZBA: Mrs. Arthur reported that two hearing have been scheduled with the Zoning Board of Appeals. One for a variance for the placement of a storage unit in Franklin Flats by Donna Dewey and the second for a conditional use of property owned by Alice Stuckey on Shaw Mill Road to build a residence while living in a current house on the property, which will be demolished after the new home is built.

SHAW MILL RD. PROPERTY LINES: In a related issue Mrs. Arthur reported that there is a discrepancy in all of the property lines on the south side of Shaw Mill Road. Mrs. Arthur attended a meeting last month at ECRP with a representative of the Auditor's map office. The lines have been moved on the County Auditors website which now puts many of the lines going directly through houses that have stood for nearly 100 years. In one situation a building is now shown in its entirety to be on the neighbor's property. The Auditor's Office offers no reasonable explanation for this change. Copies of the Auditor's pictometry from just a few years ago show the property lines in their appropriate locations.

STORAGE CONCEPTS VARIANCE: Mrs. Arthur reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance on the front setback for a new storage condominium on the south end of Storage Concepts property. This is the final building of the complex, although phase two of the previous building has not been built.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants: Milan Township received notification that it was denied funding from the Mylander Grant for the police station renovations. The Dorn Foundation is still considering the project. Mr. Frederick noted that a better explanation of the project was presented to the Dorn Foundation

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA: Ohio Humanities and all who attended Milan Chautauqua gave glowing reviews of the event. Attendance was about 350 people per night. Mr. Frederick noted that the Community Planning Committee will review this summer's event and discuss making application to be the venue again in two years. The renovated Township Hall was put to good use during the rain. Should the Planning Committee chose to renew Ohio Chautauqua, the Township would be responsible to sign the contract and pickup up a portion of the fee and some advertising. We spent only about \$.30 per person for the event. All the Trustees agreed that hosting Ohio Chautauqua would be beneficial in every way.

MOTION: Mr. Frederick moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion in support of making application to host Ohio Chautauqua in two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frederick also brought up the opportunity for Milan to host a Winter Chautauqua in off years for one night in the Ballroom. This would be an evening with maybe just one or two performances. Ohio Chautauqua is interested in holding such an event, perhaps in January 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS: Mr. Nickoli informed the Board of HB 168 which requires townships to have a written policy regarding cemeteries. He presented a draft of cemetery rules and regulations which contained rules, for hours of operation, monument and décor restrictions, clean up and maintenance, visitors conduct and transfer of rights, etc.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Frederick seconded a motion to adopt a written cemetery policy for cemeteries located within Milan Township. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION: Mr. Shover reported that he received a request from Steve Poggiali at ERPC to serve on the Ohio Public Works Committee. Mr. Shover agreed to serve as a Township representative. One of the duties will be to assist with scoring grant applications.

STREET LAMPS FOR EDISON RIDGE: Mr. Rospert said that the street light assessment will be done in August. He noted this will be the fifth and final year to add on the replacement amount for Edison Ridge. The Township just needs to purchase the lamps and post. Mr. Frederick obtained a quote for LED lights from a lighting distributor. Mr. Rospert stated that the lighting funds should be sufficient for purchase. The Trustees may consider a similar tax assessment for Twin Oaks.

INSURANCE: A representative from C-Biz sent from OTARMA will be doing an assessment of the Township's assets on Tuesday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shover will meet with them.

NASA SIGN: Mr. Frederick reported that he had been contacted by Friends of NASA concerning the NASA sign that was placed at the intersection of Route 250 and Schied Road on private property. That property is being offered for sale. This leaves Friends of NASA in an uncertain position as to the future of the sign. More information is needed on the situation.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Rospert presented the 2020 Tax Budget. There was a discussion about moving ahead with the purchase of a new fire truck. Mr. Rospert verified that funds are available for the purchase. Unit 628, a 1995 Freightliner, is the truck that would be sold or traded. Mr. Rospert noted that he needs to show the auditor how funds that are being accumulated by the fire levy for this purpose are being used or planned to be used.

There was a brief discussion of Nexus revenue. It was thought the Township will not see revenue from Nexus for at least a year.

The Township will see an increase in motor vehicle gas tax due to the increase in July.

The Board discussed the lease program for new road mower versus paying for the new mower. Mr. Shover would like to have Mr. Fox spec out a new road mower. Mr. Shover state that the lawn mower may be good option to lease. Ferris brand may be a good option. Mr. Nickoli stated that he will look into specs for a new road mower.

RESOLUTION # 2019-06

The Milan Township Board of Trustees of Erie County, Ohio, met in regular session this the Nineteenth Day of June, Two Thousand Nineteen, at the Milan Township Hall located on the Village Square, Milan, Erie County, Ohio with the following members being present: Mr. Daniel Frederick, and Mr. Gerald Nickoli, and Mr. Mike Shover.

Mr. Nickoli introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MILAN TOWNSHIP, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE TAX REVENUE BUDGET AND TAX APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/2020.

Mr. Shover seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Mr. Nickoli, aye; Mr. Shover, aye; Mr. Frederick, aye.

Adopted: June 19, 2019

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer