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ZONING INSPECTOR

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE “NO WAKE ZONE” ON RIVER ROAD.

The Milan Township Board of Trustees met at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, for the purpose of holding a public hearing to consider the expansion of the no wake zone on the Huron River. Present at the meeting were Dan Frederick, Gerald Nickoli, Mike Shover, F.O. Zachary Rospert, Sec. Colleen Arthur, Bill Muthig, Tom & Marsha Jordan, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, and Rd. Supt. Steve Rockwell.

Chairman Frederick called to order at 6: 48 p.m. Mr. Frederick summarized the recent history of the no wake zone on the Huron River. The owner of the Huron River Valley Campground and Franklin Flats residents requested the no wake zone about 5 years ago. There was public hearing at that time resulting in the passage of a resolution of the Trustees creating a no wake zone from Milan Twp. Border in the north; then south to the south property line of Franklin Flats.

At present, the Trustees have received a request from eight (8) property owners on River Road to extend the no wake south of Franklin Flats another 1750 feet to the southern property line of property owned by William Stauder. Mr. Stauder has given written approval to locate the no wake zone sign on his property.

Mr. Frederick asked Mr. & Mrs. Jordan wished to address the Board. The Jordans commented that they were representing not only their interests; but also, the interests of their neighbors in this matter. They and some of their neighbors have a dock on the Huron River. Their main concern is that the operators wave runners, a.k.a. jet skis, race passed their property on the straight-away. Mr. Nickoli asked if they abide by the existing no wake zone signs. The Mr. Jordan said they do proceed slowly through the existing zone, but as soon as the zone ends they start to race. Mr. Jordan also stated that he would like to see the area patrolled better, noting that in past years patrols were more frequent.

Mr. Frederick stated that he had spoken with ODNR Watercraft Division representative Brett Trump. Mr. Trump explained that they only one patrol boat and they are stretched for coverage. They might make it that far up the Huron River three or four time a summer. Mr. Frederick noted that, hopefully, the sign will deter the racing and that “Milan Township” will be noted on the sign making it more official.

Mr. Jordan asked if the extension of the no wake zone will be noted on an online map that he viewed. The Trustees were unaware of said map, but Mr. Jordan’s search probably took him ODNR’S website and they will most likely update that map when official.

Mr. Frederick explained that ODNR will get a copy of the minutes of this meeting and the Trustees resolution. Then ODNR will take official action.

There were no additional audience comments.

All the Trustees thought it a good idea to extend the No Wake Zone.

Mr. Shover did question the exact length of the zone. The 1750' is the length that it will be extended. The overall No Wake Zone is about a mile in length. The exact location is noted in the resolution language. Mr. Frederick read the modification of no wake Zone resolution language.

Mr. Nickoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2018-04 SUPPORTING THE MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING NO WAKE ZOINE
ON A PORTION OF THE HURON RIVER IN MILAN TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, the Huron River is located within Milan Township and the Milan Township Trustees have jurisdictional authority to request the establishment of a no wake zone on any portion of the Huron River within Milan Township,

WHEREAS, many River Road property owners located adjacent to the Huron River just south of Franklin Flats have requested that the Trustees extend the existing no wake zone southward for an additional distance of 1750 feet to include that portion of the Huron River that adjoins their properties,

WHEREAS, property owner William Stauder, 10017 River Road is willing to enter into an agreement with Milan Township to erect and maintain a shore-based navigational aid near his southern property line as approved by ODNR and provided by Milan Township in compliance with the Uniform State Waterway Marking System,

WHEREAS, the Milan Township Trustees have held an advertised public hearing to consider input on this issue from Milan Township residents, Huron River users and other interested parties,

WHEREAS, THE Milan Township Trustees have determined that the establishment of a no wake zone will serve the best interests of Milan Township by decreasing riverbank erosion, protection docked watercraft and shoreline property, allowing for safer boat passage, improving watershed habitat and reducing boating noise in a residential neighborhood,

BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Milan Township, the Board of Trustees hereby request that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft authorize and enforce a no wake zone on the Huron River between the northern boundary of Milan Township (41-21-28.60 N, 82-33-43.41 W) and extending southerly a distance of approximately one (1) mile to 10017 River Road (41-34-57.41 N, 82-55-85.10 W).

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shover seconded the motion to adopt the above resolution. The roll being called resulted as follows.

Mr. Nickoli-yes; Mr. Shover-yes; Mr. Frederick-yes.

RESOLUTION 2018-04 ADOPTED APRIL 4, 2018

The public hearing portion of the meeting concluded at 7:04p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular session of the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rospert called the roll. Mr. Frederick, present, Mr. Shover, present, Mr. Nickoli, present.

GENERAL

Minutes: Mr. Shover moved to approve the March 7, 2018 meeting minutes. It was noted that paint found on Old Mason Road was illegally dumped; not spilled. With that change noted, Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018, meeting. Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Shover was not in attendance at that meeting and therefore abstained.

Mr. Nickoli moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 special meeting, held to gather information from an employee benefits consultant. No action taken. Mr. Shover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a Monday morning work session held on March 26, 2018. This meeting was continued to the following Monday, April 2, 2017. Minutes were not yet available.

EXPENSES: Mr. Nickoli moved to approve the following expenses as presented by Fiscal Officer Rospert. Mr. Shover seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approved Warrant Numbers 18088-18140 and Payment Vouchers 61-71 in the amount of \$35,627.53

ERIE COUNTY LANDFILL: Ms. Tiffini McNeely addressed the Board noting that she started working at Erie County Solid Waste in August. It has been determined by the EPA that the County must offer 90% of residents recycling options. Curbside pickup of recycled materials will not be happening, so the County will be reinstating recycling centers at various locations throughout the County; at least one in each municipality or township. Since the Landfill is in Milan Township it will be the location for recycling within Milan Township.

Ms. McNeely also advised the Board of a \$2500 grant available to assist with the collection and cleanup of yard waste, electronics or other types of recyclable discarded materials. She noted that there will also be a credit of up to \$1000 for used tire collection. A price sheet for collected materials was passed out to the Trustees.

MAINTENANCE

TOWNSHIP HALL BOILER: Mr. Rockwell reported that the upstairs boiler is out of order in the Township Hall. The Trustee discussed replacement options for the heating system. After a brief discussion, the Trustees agreed that a new system will need to be provided before the next autumn. It would be prudent to install a high efficiency HVAC unit at that time in correlation with the renovations currently planned for the new elevator to the Ballroom. All the Trustees seemed to agree.

DRAINAGE/WARWICK DR.: Mr. Rockwell also spoke concerning the drainage right-of-way on Warwick Drive. He plans on moving the drainage closer to the wooded area.

Mr. Rockwell reported that repairs to one of the plow trucks have been completed.

DRAINAGE/ BERLIN ST.: Mr. Law contacted the Township asking that the drainage ditch that runs along his property on Berlin Street be cleaned out again. Mr. Rockwell contacted Rock Hammond at the County. The County will dig out the ditch when they are in the area doing their regular County ditch maintenance. It may be 6 to 8 weeks.

NOTIFICATIONS: The Board received notification from ODOT concerning lane closers for work being done on U.S. Route 250.

Richland Engineering notified the Board that they will be present on Township property (presumably the Township Hall) as part of their assessment and preparation for the Safe Route to School project.

WINDOW REPLACEMENT AT F.S. NO. 2: The Board received a quote from Janotta and Herner to replace a window in the hose tower at Fire Station No. 2. The window company replaced the defective window; however, the company that originally won the bid to install the window several years ago is no longer in business. Janotta and Herner had the second lowest bid at that time and have now agreed to install the window in the hose tower at their old bid price of \$2400.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to hire Janotta and Herner to replace the window in the hose tower at Fire Station No. 2 as quoted. The motion passed unanimously.

TREE REMOVAL: An estimate from Rows Tree Service of \$1500 to remove 3 trees on Seminary Road, one on Schug Road and one on Kelley Road was received. Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to pay Rows Tree Service for the removal of trees as quoted. The motion passed unanimously.

DRAINAGE: There was a brief discussion of a couple of culvert on Mason Road near River Road and other locations that seem to be running slowly. The areas mentioned were within the County's jurisdiction and had been cleaned in recent history.

TRUCK NEW TRUCK PURCHASE: Mr. Rockwell reported that Matthew Ford is not able to locate a 2018 truck with the options the Township has requested. Steve Conley of Matthews Ford has offered to procure a 2019 model for an upcharge of \$1000 and believes he can deliver the 2019 model by July of 2018.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to accept a revised bid of \$29,775 for a 2019 model truck to replace the 2018 model which is no available. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE

CALLS: Fire calls for March were 16, bringing the total number of calls in 2018 to 29.

Three calls were over two hour; one of which only pertained to two firefighters.

Chief Rospert reported that there had been mutual aid calls to both Groton and Berlin Townships for structural fires.

The Department received several false alarm calls relating to the flare at the methane recovery plant on Hoover Road. An agreement has been reached with dispatch to have the Sheriff verify that it is indeed the methane flare and not an actual fire before calling out the Department.

TRAINING/EQUIPMENT: Planning continues for active shooter training and procedures. Edison Local Schools Superintendent, the Principles, Sheriff Sigsworth, Milan Village Police Chief Meister, Belin Heights Police Chief Schaffer and Fire Chief Smith and EHOVE will be included in developing procedure.

Chief Rospert received a quote from Tristate Armor Sales for equipment needed as part of an active shooter incident

- Six (6) ballistic vests with rifle armor and six (6) ballistic combat helmets for \$7,266.00
- Medical supplies for twelve (12) triage bags at a cost of \$2,500.00

Each bag would include combat tourniquet, Quick Clot EMS dressing, Halo chest seals, EMS rolled gauze, Nitrile gloves and scissors.

The Chief summarized by saying that he is aware that the expense is high for these items and he never thought he would have to ask for such things, but in light of recent school shootings, they have to be prepared for such an event. He is recommending the Board allocate \$10,000 to cover these expenses.

The Board then asked several questions.

Why is the Fire Department involved with these incidents? The Chief explained that the Department would only go into the “warm zone” after law enforcement has cleared that area of any active shooting as part of rapid response to the injured.

How did they arrive at the number of 6 personnel required? Chief Rospert stated that there would be two teams consisting of three firefighters and two law enforcement personnel on each team.

Mr. Nickoli asked School Board member Bill Muthig if the school had been informed of these actions. Mr. Muthig stated that they are aware of the preparations being made and the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Shover asked if Milan Township Fire Department is taking a lead on this. The Chief responded that Perkins Township Fire Department is already in the training phase. He noted that it is possible to be called for mutual aid or to call for mutual aid to assist with these types of situations.

Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 for the purchase of first responder equipment necessary for use during an active shooter situation, noting that it is their hope it will never be used. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chief reported that the Department secured eight (8) more vials of Narcan through the Health Department as their supply had expired.

TRAINING: The two newest firefighters have been fitted for gear. Mr. Tucker is enrolled in Volunteer FF class beginning mid-March and has completed his 40 course and passed State certification. Mr. Slauterbeck will complete Level I training later this month along with Matt Starcher and Jarret Roesch. \$500 of the \$5000 training funds made available by EHOVE as part of the sale of the Grummin Engine has been used toward training.

Ohio FOOLS will host a Heavy Rescue training this weekend at the Huron County Fairgrounds. Several MTFD members will attend.

The Department continues to work with various other departments in the County to establish Erie County Tech Rescue Teams trained for swift water/ice, dive, ropes, haz-mat, large area search, confined space, collapse and trench situations.

Chief Rospert will be working with Huron Fire to establish automatic mutual aid for several businesses along the Milan/Huron townships lines.

Mr. Frederick noted that the Ohio Farm Bureau is offering grain bin rescue training and will provide participating departments with a rescue tube.

Mr. Frederick noted that legislation is being considered to provide a \$500 tax credit for volunteer firefighters against their Ohio income tax. The credit increases with years of service. If passed, it would be a line item on the state income tax form.

Mr. Frederick stated that the firefighter will be required to show a participation in 25% of annual calls. He questioned if that participation rate should be 50%. Chief Rospert thought that 25% number is good for volunteers. F.O. Zach Rospert noted that volunteer firefighters work other jobs and may not always be able to respond during working hours. It was noted that there is no minimum amount of calls that need to be answered, but here is minimum training hours required. Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to send a letter of support for House Bill 575, the creation of a volunteer firefighters' tax credit in the State of Ohio. The motion carried unanimously.

ZONING

Mrs. Arthur noted that she had been absent for the past couple of weeks due to pneumonia, but is back to work this week and catching up with calls and permit requests.

She attended a meeting at ERPC concerning new inspection software that the County is considering offering which would utilize the County GIS system. It would allow information to be entered into a laptop at the site of inspection and relay this information back to the office automatically generating reports through the use of a checklist. Mrs. Arthur said it seemed best used by entities that had multiple inspections to track and schedule, such as building inspections, infrastructure inspections, plumbing, etc. Larger zoning/building departments would be best served by this technology where tracking and scheduling of multiple inspectors is required. It probably isn't necessary for Milan Township as we only do zoning inspections.

Recently issued permits:

- Michael Newton, Seminary Rd. Accessory Structure
- Doug Arter, River Road, converting existing barn into residence. Adding square footage
- Melanie & Craig Ritz, River Road, new home construction

Violations:

- BAM Land Securities, behind 12415 Jeffries Rd. Someone is living on a trailer on a landlocked property.
- Still working to get the bank to do something about evicting Ted Terry and cleaning up property.

OLD BUSINESS

EDISON PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Nickoli attended a required meeting at Erie MetroParks for anyone wishing to apply for a grant. He stated only six townships were in attendance. The MetroParks will only

award two or three grants out of those six possible applications. The Township would have a pretty good chance of getting matching funds for improvements to seating at the tennis courts for safety reasons. The Board will need to finalize cost estimates by the next meeting to meet the application deadline

The Community Development Block Grant application will be made for phase II of the Township Hall restrooms renovations.

NEW BUSINESS

nothing

FINANCIAL

HEALTH INSURANCE: F.O. Rospert noted that the Board will have to make a decision on the renewal of a health care contract during a regular meeting. It is likely the Township may change brokers. The Township can enter a new contract on June 1st. The renewal deadline of the current contract is July 1, 2018. Mr. Rospert would like this to be taken up at the next meeting.

Mr. Rospert noted that the Quarterly report and other related reports will be presented at the next meeting.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer