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The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the first regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the Milan Township Hall. Trustees Dan Frederick, Gerry Nickoli and Mike Shover were present, as well as, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Road Supervisor Dave Fox, Bill Muthig, Mike Kegarise, Sec./Z.I. Colleen Arthur and F. O. Zach Rospert.

GENERAL

MINUTES: Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a the motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting with correction to Mr. Shover’s comments on Scheid Road. The motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSES: Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to pay expenses as presented by the Fiscal Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved Warrant Numbers 18229-18277 and Payment Vouchers 98-107 in the amount of \$25,256.72.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mike Kegarise addressed the Board on behalf of Lake Erie Arms who wished to inform the Trustees of what is being planned for a 10 acres parcel of property located on the east side of Route 250 in a C-2 district. Mr. Kegarise stated that Lake Erie Arms intends to invest 12-13 million dollars to build the nation’s largest indoor shooting facility and gun retail business, providing 50-60 jobs in Milan Township. Mr. Kegarise introduced Brent McConnell.

Mr. Mc Connell began by saying that seven years ago he attended a concealed carry class and as former police officer in Huron he realized that the class was inadequate. He and another officer realized they could give better training and started teaching their own concealed carry classes. They later obtained a federal fire arms license and opened a training-focused shop in Berlin Heights which has been in operation for four years. Seeing a need for expansion, they have researched the best indoor ranges in the country from Utah to Georgia, driving to 16 states to 25-30 indoor trap and skeet ranges. They plan to build a 90,000 s.f. facility to house the indoor ranges and shops and will offer many training programs. Mr. McConnell stated that would like to bring back youth shooting sports to local community schools.

Jim West, Vice- President of Lake Erie Arms addressed the Board. He noted that there are only 20-25 such facilities in the country. They have met with a consultant from Oklahoma City who designed the indoor trap and skeet shooting facility for the Olympics. Their plans include offering a members only bar.

Alcohol can only be purchased by using a keycard that tracks the purchase. He explained that if alcohol is imbibed, members are automatically locked out of guns or gun purchases. Staff will be former law and military persons. They had considered different locations and City of Huron wanted it, however, Mike Kegarise had the property on route 250 that seems to be a better place for the facility.

Mr. Nickoli asked how the possession of firearms will be monitored. Mr. West explained that all members will have individual Winchester Bandit vaults. 300 individual vaults are planned. There are rules about carrying in guns and ammo and anyone who doesn't have a vault cannot remove guns from container until they have had safety check and watch a safety video.

There will be some tactical bays for law enforcement training. The range will have 200 yard and 100 yard bays. All staff will be armed.

Mr. Nickoli asked about youth involvement. The new facility will offer youth activities and training. They will be involved with national associations that offer scholarships and training. The State of Ohio is looking for place to hold championships. If at least 10 kids interested in forming a team Lake Erie Arms will provide a coach. The University of Michigan and Liberty Universities have already expressed interest and scholarships are available. Lake Erie Arms plan to provide a school resource officer to EHS at their expense. Their business model emphasis is on local membership.

Mr. Kegarise noted that there is no such facility within perhaps a 300 mile radius in this part of the country. He noted the franchise model, Point Blank; if anyone was familiar with that. This facility will be superior to those.

Mr. Nickoli asked if they would be offering any hunting training. Yes, they will be offering free hunter safety programs. Classes will include intro to trap and skeet, basic pistol training and self-defense. Youth and hunting courses are free.

Mr. Frederick asked if there is anything need from the Trustees. There are no zoning changes needed as the proposed business is principally permitted within the C-2 District. The gentlemen spoke about other specifics of the business plan.

Mr. Frederick thanked the men for their presentation, noting that the Trustees are looking out for the community and that this looks like a good plan.

Mr. Kegarise noted that they should receive loan confirmation by June 15th and they will be operating under the auspices of the National Sports Shooting Federation (NSSF).

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Fox reported that the signs for Old Plank and Shaw Mill roads have been installed.

He asked about the location of the No Engine Brake signs on Route 13. The signs are to be placed by ODOT ½ mile from intersection, across from McKays north property line.

The hose tower window at Fire Station #2 has been replaced.

The County paved Shaw Mill Road today. The hill is now smooth.

Mr. Fox said that Jerry Nickoli is doing a great job helping with road mowing. Also, John Wallrabenstein called about mowing roads around his area.

Mr. Paul Cring called about the grass being mowed on Bryan Road. It's been taken care of.

Mr. Fox noted that he inspected that catch basin that Chad Wetherill tied into on Bryan Road. There is a pipe connected and areas dug that would indicate the sump pump and ground water are channeled into the catch basin. There was no way for Mr. Fox to determine if the downspouts were also connected to the catch basin. The down spouts go into the ground, but may be channeled to the back of the property.

Mr. Fox noted that he is considering purchasing a Ferris mower to replace the old mower instead of a John Deere this time. Mr. Nickoli noted that the vendor will offer the Township trial a demonstration.

Mr. Fox was called out to inspect a catch basin between the Christoff and Spacek properties. Mrs. Christoff has experienced basement flooding and suspects that the Spacek's have connected all their downspouts, perimeter tile and septic into the shared catch basin. Mr. Shover assisted Dave in determining the problem. Mr. Shover stated that the Chistoff's sump pump did not appear to be working. Mr. Fox noted that the clam digger that the Township owns is old and no longer up to the task so he was unable to clean the catch basin. Dan Hipp at Village can order a new one from their supplier and then bill the Township.

The County Engineer and Sheriff Department have approved lowering the speed limit on Riley Road to 25 mph. It can now be sent to ODOT for approval.

Mr. Frederick reported that the Trustees have the drawings for replacing the storm sewer on Warwick Drive. Three proposals are needed. The County s Office estimates the cost to be \$36,000+, but the bids may be lower. The County Engineers Office has also provided the needed easements. Property owners have given their verbal agreement, but signatures are needed. Trustees and Mr. Fox discussed the plan further. Bids will be solicited from four contractors and will be due by the first meeting in July.

Mr. Fox reported that he took the one of the large trucks to American Diesel since it is running rough.

There was a complaint concerning storm water or ground water coming from one property onto another on River Road. This is a private issue.

Bid packs have gone out for the Milan Township Hall Elevator. There will be a pre-bid walk through tomorrow and the bid opening on June 14th.

Mr. Frederick moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to provide a one-time bonus of \$1000 for month of May to Mr. Fox for extra work he's done this month. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE

CALLS: Chief Rospert reported eleven calls in May, including a false alarm. To date, there have been 46 calls

On May 5th the department assisted Groton Township with rail road car fire involving railcars containing ethanol, propane and butane. This was a very precarious call utilizing the Township's tanker, engine and

ladder trucks. While on the call, Norwalk and Berlin Township Fire Departments were called for automatic aid to Milan Township, as the Milan Township's resources were completely employed.

GRANTS: The Milan Township Fire Department did not receive the State Fire Marshal grant for funding this year. This would have helped pay for the 10 SCBA MSA bottles that will need to be replaced as they expire at the end of this year.

Application has been made for the BWC grant. Caylie Shover has been involved with the ongoing application process. If granted, the funds will pay for a new washing machine at Fire Station No. 2 and carbon fiber Nomex hoods.

AID AGREEMENT: An automatic Aid Agreement has been drawn up between Milan and Huron Fire Departments and submitted to Huron's law director. The Chief recommends forwarding to the Erie County Prosecutor's Office for review on behalf of Milan Township. The Trustees were provided a draft of this agreement. Such an agreement was requested by Chef's Garden so that both Departments could be simultaneously toned out.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Monday, June 4th: The Department personnel helped with the Bike Rodeo at Edison Elementary. The event hosted about 30 children. Milan Police Dept., Berlin Police Dept., Berlin F.D., North Central EMS and Erie Regional Planning also participated.

Wednesday, June 6th: The Milan Department hosted Safety Town at Fire Station #1.

On June 16th, the Department will participate in the Touch a Truck event at the Milan Library.

PERSONNEL: The Department is shy a position and would like to replace retired firefighter, Steve Rockwell in the near future. If anyone knows of an interested individual, they should please make the Chief aware.

EQUIPMENT: In late April the Department received six bullet proof vests and helmet as part of the first responder to a live shooting event. Additional medical supplies are forthcoming.

The air conditioning went out on the Sutphen and was taken for repairs on June 5th. It is under warrantee.

Mr. Nickoli noted that he was on scene for an accident on Mason Road. He just wanted to express that he was very impressed with the Department's competence and professionalism during this traumatic event. He did note that there was a problem with the pull start on a power unit. There was a discussion as to how to best resolve the issue. The Chief would like to see an additional training for equipment testing.

ZONING

Currently issued and pending permits were available for review.

Mrs. Arthur met with Terry Ross, Feick Design Group to review preliminary plans for Dave's Food Mart to build a new store with a drive-thru. There will be ZBA hearings for setbacks on Mason Road and to leave the current store front in operation during construction of new facility. The old part will then be removed.

The Trustees set a date for a public hearing to consider the Zoning Commission's recommendations for changes to the Zoning Resolution for Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. This will be posted in newspaper and website.

OLD BUSINESS

Edison Statue was dedicated on Memorial Day.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Frederick seconded a motion to reimburse Tina Frederick & Gertie Buglee \$99.20 for planters. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that health insurance coverage with Medical Mutual starts June 1st. There are no group numbers or cards yet. There will be a meeting with the insurance company on Wednesday June 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Trustees Room.

Mr. Rospert received an email from Keybank concerning health insurance account for beneficiaries. He had some concerns about the fees and questioned if the Township could put money into the account to avoid the fees.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nickoli got a quote of \$50/ten feet from Menard's for fencing around all the Township's cemeteries.

Mr. Frederick noted that he will not be able to attend the second June meeting.

Brian Rospert noted that the Village is helping out Dave Fox when they can, but Mr. Fox was working alone to when using the chipper to clean up yard waste. He should not work alone. Mr. Nickoli has offered to help Mr. Fox when needed. Mr. Rockwell's replacement needs to be hired as soon as possible. The Trustees said that they will be advertising for a new person by the first meeting of July.

FINANCIAL

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer