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ZONING INSPECTOR

Colleen Arthur

Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Room of the Milan Township Hall. Present at the meeting were Trustees Dan Frederick, Jerry Nickoli and Mike Shover, Fiscal Officer Zach Rospert, Sec./Z.I. Colleen Arthur, Bill Muthig, Don Kriedler, Carla Rospert, Bobbi Gfell and Don Gfell.

GENERAL

Mr. Frederick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7: 01 p.m.

MINUTES: Mr. Nickoli moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

EXPENSES: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to approve payment of expenses as presented by F.O. Rospert. The motion carried unanimously. Approved Warrant Numbers 118011 - 18028 and Payment Vouchers 34 - 37 in the amount of \$38,303.69.

AUDIENCE PRESENTATION: Mr. Gfell presented an update to the Edison Statue project. He and Mrs. Gfell went to Zanesville to visit with Mr. Alan Cottrill, who sculpted the Edison Statue that now resides in Statuary Hall in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. He was so grateful to people of Milan and he would like to provide a duplicate to the people of Milan. In meetings with local residents several locations for a public place, that is always open, were discussed for placing the statue. The Village Square, Milan Township Hall, Fire Stations, Public Library and schools were suggested. They would prefer a location that would draw tourism and draw attention to the Edison in Statuary Hall. Mr. Cottrill has already completed the statue, which is almost an exact replica of the Edison in Statuary Hall except this statue has Mr. Edison holding a phonograph in his left hand. The phonograph was Mr. Edison's favorite invention. The base of the statue will be in the shape of a buckeye. Mr. Gfell passed out a narrative for plaque that will be on the statue which read:

THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Milan's Native Son and the World's Greatest Inventor

February 11, 1847 – October 18, 1931

This statue was presented in 2018 as a gift to the People of the Village of Milan, Ohio from the sculptor Alan Cottrill as a token of appreciation for their collective efforts in successfully lobbying to have a statue of Thomas Edison permanently placed in Statuary Hall, U.S. Capital Building, Washington, D.C. on September 21, 2016, as one of two statues representing the State of Ohio. A special thanks from the sculptor to Don Gfell and Jeanette Henry who worked tirelessly toward that end. This statue was completed by Cottrill in 2018 and is a variation of the U.S. Capital Building statuary Hall Edison Statue. The granite base (in the shape of a Buckeye) upon which this statue stands was the original base designed by Cottrill, carved in 2013, and intended for the Statuary Hall Edison Statue which ultimately used a more traditional square granite base.

Brian Rospert and Pam Crosby and members of the Garden Club were responsible for erecting the Young Tom Edison statue being placed in the Village Square. After consulting with this group, they decided that the best location for this new statue would be the front corner of the Township Hall where Park and Church Street intersect. The statue would be presented to the Township to be placed on Township property. Mr. Cottrill recommends a 3'X 3' X4' deep base. The Buckeye base weighs 3000 lbs. The monument is about 10' tall; the Statue itself is 6'10". Mr. Gfell also suggested that sandstone patio be included surrounding the Statue which could be matched on the other side of the Township Hall on the side of the new elevator for aesthetic symmetry.

Mr. Nickoli said he thought the chosen site is a perfect fit and feels honored to be part of the Trustees who move to approve the project and site. Mr. Nickoli then moved to approve the erection of the Thomas Edison Monument given to the Citizens of Milan on Milan Township Hall property on the corner of Church and Park Streets. Mr. Shover echoed Mr. Nickoli's sentiments and seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Frederick expressed gratitude to Mr. Gfell, those who worked on the project and Mr. Cottrill.

Mr. Gfell noted that there will be no financial cost to the Township, except maybe some manpower. Maybe the sandstone patio may cost the Township a little bit

Mr. Shover asked about the weight. Mr. Gfell state that the Buckeye base, plus statue may weigh about 3 tons. Mr. Frederick said he would like the Village to consider installing a nice looking light pole light similar to those in the Square to light the statue. Mr. Gfell noted that there will also be a statue at Birthplace Museum of Edison on a bench. This is a separate project.

Carla Rospert asked about the timeline on the elevator. Mr. Frederick replied that the Trustees will take a look the drawings tonight. The project will go out to bid in the next few weeks. He is hopeful that the elevator will be built by Melon Festival.

MAINTENANCE

MILLIMAN ROAD: Mrs. Arthur gave a report for Mr. Rockwell. There was a call about a drainage issue on Milliman Road. However, the resident was located in Norwalk Township. He had tried to call Norwalk Trustees, but did not receive a return call. He then called the Huron County Engineers Office who told him that Milliman Road was a Milan Township Road. Mr. Rockwell spoke with the man and explained that this area of the road is south of Milan Township and is indeed Norwalk Township's responsibility. It was noted that Mr. Rockwell has not been in attendance for three consecutive meetings.

HOOVER ROAD: Mr. Rockwell also noted that a tile is running slow on Hoover Road. The crew has been out to examine the situation and found that water is moving through, but when the water recedes, they will have to remove some of the debris.

FIRE

No report

ZONING

ZBA: Mrs. Arthur reported that the Zoning Board of Appels granted several variances for CertainTeed construction of the asphalt plant, pulverizing facility and for the additional railroad spur at the previous evening's public hearing.

A hearing date of March 13, 2018 has been set for the request of Doug Arter for property on River Road (formerly Bob Jones' place) for a variance on the location of new home construction in relationship to existing barn. Mr. Arter is also requesting a conditional use of the property to live in a large camper during construction.

John Rufo (Moonlight Farms, LLC) took out an application for a variance on the location of a new home in front of existing barns on Route 113 W. 40 acres, but has a drainage issue that may be a hardship. Mrs. Arthur is still awaiting submission of this appeal.

ZONING COMMISSION: The Zoning Commission will meet again on Monday, February 26th.

ZONING COMPUTER: Mrs. Arthur reported that the computer used for recording all zoning meetings and changes to the zoning resolution crashed shortly before last night's zoning meeting. Mr. Rospert looked at it, but could not get the computer to turn on either. He has contacted Mr. Draper to see if he can recover and repair the computer.

VIOLATIONS: Mrs. Arthur noted that she is still working on the Ted Terry property for violations. The property has been turned over to the bank (Fanny Mae). Mrs. Arthur had to do quite a bit of digging to find the responsible party. She is waiting to hear back from Balentina Kemp, the bank official in charge of this case in Virginia. Mr. Terry is being evicted, so it's very difficult to get him to stop trashing the place. He's currently squatting. Mrs. Arthur has also been in contact with local realtor Charlene Kriss of Routh Realty. She also is working to resolve the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

NEXUS: There will be an informational meeting for the NEXUS gas line installation on March 6, 2018, at 7 p.m. hosted by the Lorain County EMA. Mr. Frederick and Mr. Nickoli stated they will attend.

STATE ROUTE 13 SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST AND NO JAKE BRAKE: ODOT issued a response to the Trustees request for a lower speed limit on Route 13 approaching the Route 250 intersection. ODOT determined that the existing 55 mph is appropriate.

However, the Trustees can pursue the Jake Brake issue and a procedure was offered. The Trustees may decide where to start and end the no Jake Brake zone and the County will make the signs which the Township may post. Tim Lloyd said just don't outlaw throughout the entire Township. Sheriff Sigsworth told Mr. Frederick that no Jake Brake zones are difficult to enforce as a sheriff's deputy must observe the violation. The Trustees will ask Tim Lloyd if there any physical requirements for trucks to start braking and if there are any statutes giving guidelines about how to post a NO JAKE BRAKE zone. A sign would deter the use of Jake Brakes. Mr. Shover suggested that Sheriff Sigsworth be asked to monitor the traffic during the Freudenberg shift changes.

BIKE PATH: Sheriff Sigsworth told Mr. Frederick that ODOT is planning to change the speed limit from Edison High School to the Village from 55 mph to 45 mph, which increases the likelihood of a bike path.

SCHOOL SECURITY: In light of the recent shooting of several high school students in Florida, someone asked if there had been any discussion of having an officer at the High School. School Board Member Bill Muthig said the Edison School Board has invited the Sheriff's Office to have presence at Edison High School and will provide office space for a substation within the school.

AUDIT: It was noted that the 2016-17 audit is final and has been filed.

NO WAKE ZONE: Mr. Frederick brought up the issue of a no wake zone on the Huron River, as requested by Tom Jordan last autumn. ODNR must approve a no wake zone. A no wake zone is currently posted

from the south end of Franklin Flats, north to the Huron River Valley Campground. River Road residents living in the houses on the crest of the hill, south of Franklin Flats want the no wake zone to extended beyond their house about 1000 feet further south. Mr. Frederick noted that the issue kind of “fell between the cracks” over the winter, but now that boating season approaches should be looked at again. There needs to be a public hearing with ODNR representation. Mr. Rospert stated that he remembered the Trustees decided to unofficially post signs. Mr. Rospert noted the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting. During a conversation with Mr. Frederick, the ODNR rep said he patrolled that area of the Huron River about 3 times last year. Mr. Frederick asked the Trustees’ pleasure about moving forward. The Trustees were all in agreement that they would like to view the area again, as the newer Trustees need to familiarize themselves with the situation and then make a decision as to taking official actions with ODNR.

TOWNSHIP HALL ELEVATOR: Mr. Frederick had architectural drawing on hand for the Trustees to review.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETINGS: Erie County Health District Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018. Mr. Shover is the Trustees representative to that Board, but will be out of town. Mr. Frederick said he could attend.

Mr. Nickoli and Mr. Shover will attend the Erie County Regional Planning meeting tomorrow night.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: The Board received notice of the Erie Metro Parks Capital Improvement Grant. The deadline for application is April 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Applicants must attend a mandatory March 23, 2018 meeting at the Frost Center at Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave, Huron. The addition of tennis court seating or just a terraced flat area for lawn chairs along Berlin Street at the Edison Park tennis courts was discussed.

FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL REPORT: F.O. Zachary Rospert presented a copy of the 2017 year-end finance report to the Trustees. Mr. Rospert commented on receipts and expenses. He highlighted that the fire funds are in the process of building for future equipment purchases. He also noted that receipts exceeded expenses in 2017 as there were no major purchases made. Mr. Frederick noted that former Trustee Sparky Weilnau had stressed the wisdom of keeping a healthy, static carry-over each year and that this report reflected that.

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Rospert noted that Permanent Appropriations will be taken up at the first meeting in March.

As there was no further business, Mr. Frederic declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Danial Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer