



## MILAN TOWNSHIP

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The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the first regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Milan Township Hall. Present at the meeting were Trustees Dan Frederick and Mike Shover, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Fox, F.O. Brian Rospert, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Matt Hudson, Bill Muthig, Colleen Arthur, Mike Stevens, Frank Lytle, and Richard Pitsinger.

Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL: Mr. Rospert called the roll resulting as follows: Mr. Frederick, present; Mr. Shover, present, Mr. Nickoli, absent.

MINUTES: Mr. Frederick moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting . The motion carried.

EXPENSES: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Frederick seconded a motion to approve payment of expenses as presented by Fiscal Officer Rospert. The motion carried.

Approved Electronic Payments 51-69 & Warrants 18895-18938 in the amount of \$32,766.93.

### MAINTENANCE

Mr. Fox reported that he has not been able to find Italian Cypress to match Mrs. Duncan's trees that the Township agreed to replace on Seminary Road from when improvements were made to roadside drainage last year. He did find an Emerald Cypress that may be a satisfactory match. He will consult with Mrs. Duncan.

Mr. Fox noted that Edson Park is open.

LAWNMOWER: The push mower is 10-12 years old. Even after repairing fuel leaks and other maintenance the mower will not keep running. A new mower would cost less than the expense to repair this old mower. The Trustees agreed to the purchase of a new mower.

The Township is responsible to plant grass around the township hall. The Maintenance Crew will do this, however; Mr. Fox would like to place river rock between bell and bathroom.

Cold patching is being done on River Road while the road remains closed during the Turnpike overpass repairs.

Berlin Township called Mr. Frederick noting that they are changing the weight limit signs on their roads where the Ohio Turnpike is improving the overpasses. Upon discussing the specific weight limits, Mr. Fox stated that the limits in Milan Township are already posted at the level Berlin Township is

suggesting. All limits set by County; Turnpike commission does not set weight limits. Mr. Fox will check with the County and if any changes in weight limits we may have to change

### ZONING

Mrs. Arthur reported that the public hearing for Mandy Shane's variances and conditional use permit for the purchase of the Anglican Church is scheduled for next week.

A Zoning Permit has been approved for expansion of the buildings and parking at EHOVE/

Mrs. Arthur has received a complaint concerning Cull property on Bryan Road and at 113 Bryan Road, abandoned house. The trees around the house have been taken down exposing the condition of the property. Mr. Cull has in the past expressed the historical significance of the house. Mrs. Arthur stated that it would appear the property is in the process of being cleaned up and perhaps renovations will begin. She noted that brick and other construction type materials appear to be sorted and stacked around the property.

There was a issue at Millwood Estates concerning a lot being offered for sale with insufficient frontage. She contacted the owner who stated that he understood the frontage requirement of 150' and straightened out the misunderstanding with the real estate agent.

Mrs. Arthur updated the Board on what is still needed for Dave's Food Mart. The tap agreement needs to be submitted even though the storm water drainage permit has been approved. The traffic pattern and County Engineer approval needs to be presented. The architect has informed her of several changes that they have decided upon since the ZBA hearing was held. The pumps will not be moved, so the dimensions that were requested between the pump foundation and the curbing will not be needed. The curb is not even being built. There is not lighting plan either.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Frederick summarized actions taken concerning the Township's boundaries with the Village of Milan that were recently altered by the Erie County Auditor. A joint letter from the Township Trustees and Milan Village Counsel (approved on March 27<sup>th</sup>) asking that the map's boundaries be restored to what has been historically agreed between the two entities for more than 50 years ; unless otherwise proven. At present we are awaiting response from the Auditor Office.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA: Mr. Frederick noted that Ohio Chautauqua is moving forward for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

TOWNSHALL ELEVATOR: Mr. Frederick reported that Studer Obringer has completed their work and is moving out. The entire project pretty much stayed on budget with the only extra cost was to move storm drain. Studer-Obringer is repairing the hallway ceiling in the Township Hall. They've been really good. Tod Mullins will be back to finish the floor in the Trustees Room at his schedule.

ODOT BIKE PATH: The Board received word through Carrie Whitaker that ODOT has secured funds for the bike path from The Township Offices to EHS. They budgeted over \$800,000. The Township is still

responsible for barn to Edison Park. Mr. Shover asked if ODOT has established a timetable. The work is scheduled to begin in 2022. In the meantime, the Trustees will meet at Edison Park to discuss options of where to put a bridge over the Village Creek and best location for the bike path from the Township Office property through Edison Park.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

METRO PARK GRANT: Mr. Frederick attended a mandatory meeting for those wishing to apply for the Metro Park grant. Six area government entities attended the meeting. This year there is only \$30,000 available between about 6 entities. The Application deadline is April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Board intends to apply for funds for bike path.

ODNR GRANT: Mr. Rospert reported that there is also a grant for Clean Ohio Trails Funds from Ohio Department of Natural Resources that might also be helpful with the bike path. According to the Township Association, there is not a lot of competition right now.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

STREET LIGHT AT 250 AND SCHEID. Ohio Edison has agreed to have their engineers do a feasibility study.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Mr. Shover said he received a letter concerning the health insurance renewal. The initial renewal is a 15.5 % increase. Each person can still access on line Form Fire questionnaire about health needs. These responses will initiate a competitive response from differing insurance companies. Mr. Shover noted that Anthem has discount that Medical Mutual does not. The proposed deductible is \$300.

### **FINANCIAL**

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: Mr. Rospert noted that the Township's website has had a hosting change, but looks the same and has had no negative impact. There was a discussion of adding some information about brush pickup, noting that the crew does not pick up entire trees that have been cut down; only fallen or trimmed branches.

Ohio Chautauqua: It was mentioned that nothing should be scheduled at the Township Hall during the Ohio Chautauqua week.

### **FIRE**

There were four fire calls in March and a total of 23 for the year.

The Chief reported a savings of \$102 on the purchase of turnout gear from Finley Fire. Five sets of Globe Gear were ordered at a cost of \$9,515.00.

On Monday the Department participated in an active shooter drill at Edison High School. The Erie County Sheriff's Department and Berlin Fire Departments also participated in tactical maneuvers for victim removal. There will be another follow-u meeting with the sheriff.

Three members attended rail car incident training at Groton Fire Department .

Nick Tucker and Caylie Shover are enrolled in the Firefighter Level I training.

Jason Wolfkill has completed the Volunteer course and will be taking the state test in the near future.

We have not depleted training hours with EHOVE .

As there were no other issues brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

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Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer