



MILAN TOWNSHIP

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The Milan Township board of Trustees met for the first regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Milan Township Hall.

Present at the meeting were Trustees Gerald Nickoli and Mike Shover, Road Supervisor Dave Fox, Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Road Crewman Matt Hudson, Zoning Inspector/Twp. Sec. Colleen Arthur, Zoning Commission Chairman Bill Muthig, Don Kreidler and Larry Schell.

Vice Chairman Nickoli called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. as all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL: F.O. Rospert called the roll. Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present; Mr. Frederick, excused absence as he was testifying at Ohio Statehouse in support of HB 74 legislation favored by the Erie County Township Association.

MINUTES: Mr. Shover noted a couple of clarifications in the minutes and then moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting. Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Approved electronic payments 80-95 and warrants 18954-18997 in the amount of \$28,457.74.

MAINTENANCE

KELLEY ROAD: Mr. Fox reported that, per the Erie County Engineer's recommendation, signs stating a height requirement of 11' 9" clearance and a lowered speed limit for the low clearance at the Kelley Road overpass have been installed at .5 mile approaching the overpass on Mason and Kelley Roads. Similar signs have been locate near the water tower and John Rockwell's property.

STONE: Mr. Fox noted that road stone has been laid on St. Charles Street, Water Street, Oak Street and Perrin Road.

SEMINARY ROAD: Two trees were planted on Mrs. Duncan property as agreed.

Mr. Fox reported that the crew was not able to dig out a stump and will have to hire someone to grind it out.

MOWING: The road crew has been able to get most Township property mowed, except for Edison Park. They are doing maintenance on the road mower, however; due to the abundance of rain lately have not been able to mow roadsides for fear of getting the mowers stuck.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Mr. Nickoli asked if they had done any crack sealing. Mr. Fox noted that the weather needs to be warmer.

Mr. Fox reported that Chad Law on Berlin Street has requested that the road ditch be cleaned to improve drainage to the creek. Mr. Fox will try to get this on the County Engineers schedule.

Mr. Nickoli asked if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Larry Schell stated that he has a farm on Oak Street and wonders if the fine stone layer which was applied will remain at such a fine consistency. Mr. Fox stated that it is a mix of stone and fine dust that will harden when wet and driven upon. Mr. Schell was satisfied with the explanation and went on to congratulate the Trustees on the elevator installation stating it is great for elderly and disabled.

Mr. Schell continued, noting that there are no sidewalks on Main Street to Landsdown Drive. He recounted an incident of a lady walking east on Main Street who was nearly hit by a truck. Mr. Schell believes it is within the township's legal authority to install sidewalks. Mr. Schell went on to advise as to what he believed to be the appropriate action to accomplish this. Mr. Nickoli said they would look into it and discuss it further at the next meeting.

FIRE

CALLS: Chief Rospert reported that there were seven calls in April for a total of 30 calls for the year.

EQUIPMENT: Recently purchased bunker gear is to be delivered by end of month.

TRAINING: The Chief commended Caylie Shover and Nick Tucker for passing their State Certification Exam for Level I Firefighter and Jason Wolfkill for his Volunteer State Certification Exam. Mr. Nickoli expressed the Trustees' appreciation for the dedication of these individuals. F.O. Zachary Rospert asked about required training time for volunteers. Chief Rospert noted that Jason Wolfkill did not go to structure fires until he passed this exam.

On May 11th the Department will participate in a live structure burn on Plank with Norwalk F.D. and EHOVE level II class members. Mike Cooper's family donated the house.

OHIO BILLING AND COLLECTION OF AGED ACCOUNTS: Mr. Rospert reported that Mr. Frederick has sent a reply to Ohio Billing stating the Township will not pursue collections for aged accounts. F.O. Zach Rospert spoke with the Ohio Billing representative. They have only aged out one account for \$600. A letter went to all their customers concerning turning over aged accounts to a collection agency, however; she agreed that Ohio Billing would not recommend going that route at this time for Milan Township. A brief review of the monthly reported was discussed as to how much had been collected so far this year compared to what had been billed.

ZONING

DAVE'S FOOD MART: Mrs. Arthur updated the Board on a meeting she had with Adam Weaver of Contractors Design Engineering to discuss the Township's concerns about the traffic patterns at Dave's Food Mart impacting the surrounding area. She explained why the proposed plan sent by the County Engineers Office would not work unless owner Joe Fisher came back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for variances along the Mason Road for additional parking. Mr. Fisher has indicated he would not wish to do this. Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Arthur came up with a plan that addressed the ingress and egress issues, by having an entrance only at the southwest corner of the property on Kelley Road, having all traffic circle around the building from the back through either the drive-thru or the travel lane on the east side of the property. One parking space has been eliminated to allow for the exit only at the northwest

corner on Kelley Road, closer to the intersection of Kelley and Mason Roads. Traffic may enter from Route 250 from either the north or south, but may only exit onto the southbound lane. Customers wishing to go north on Route 250 must do so at the Mason Road and Route 250 intersection. Curbing is being placed to help distinguish areas being blocked to traffic. The diagonal parking is easily accessed from Kelley Road from the north but traffic pulling in from the south will have to drive around the building's one-way traffic pattern. Directional signage is being required.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP HALL USER AGREEMENT: A draft of a new agreement was presented for review. Aspects of what was discussed at a prior work session were added to the agreement. The Trustees will consider the matter further.

In a related matter, Mrs. Arthur relayed a request from Mrs. Fidler to allow alcohol at graduation party. The Board stated that they would like Mrs. Fidler to make the request in person.

NEW BUSINESS

The Township Hall ADA restroom renovation was on the agenda, but the Board elected to wait until Mr. Frederick is present

FINANCIAL

Mr. Rospert noted that there will be a Monday work session on May 6, 2019 to review the health insurance renewal.

Mr. Rospert reported that the Township's website host has been changed to Wordpress.

Mr. Rospert also reported that the entirety of Capital Grant Funds have been received for the elevator project in conjunction with BGSU.

No funds have been received from the NEXUS gas line and Mr. Rospert stated he is not looking to see any this year.

Mr. Nickoli added that while repairs are made to the drain tile on Riley Road, Ohio Edison needs to have personnel on site to fix the telephone pole. The placement of the pole seems to have damaged the tile in the first place. Tyson Metz knows who to contact at Ohio Edison.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Nickoli declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Gerald Nickoli, Vice Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer