



## MILAN TOWNSHIP

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The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the first regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the Milan Township Hall.

Vice-Chairman Jerry Nickoli opened at 7:00 p.m. and asked that all rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL: The roll was called: Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present. Mr. Frederick was unable to attend the meeting as he was in Washington DC participating in Ohio Township Association business.

Also present at the meeting were F.O. Zachary Rospert, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Fox, Crewman Matt Hudson, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Zoning Commission Chairman Bill Muthig, Z.I. /Twp. Sec. Colleen Arthur, Pat Landoll and Don Kreidler.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP HALL OPEN HOUSE: Mr. Nickoli commented on the success of the Township Hall Open House. There were 50-100 people in attendance, including State Rep. Steve Arndt, Former State Senator and current Chancellor Randy Gardner, Erie County Commissioners: Pat Shenigo, Matt Old, Stephen Shoffner and Milan Village Council: Pam Crosby and Carla Rospert. The local newspapers covered the event well. Mr. Nickoli noted that people expressed a real admiration for all the renovations and were excited to hear about new projects.

MINUTES: The Board received some corrections to the draft of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes from Mr. Rospert. Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion to approve the final draft of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. The motion carried.

EXPENSES: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to pay expenses as presented by Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert. The motion carried.

Approved electronic payments 92-110 and warrants 19014-19062 in the amount of \$45,711.14.

### MAINTENANCE

MOWING: Mr. Fox reported that road mowing has been completed for the present, although it was difficult to complete between all the rain showers.

SEMINARY RD. POND: Mr. Fox heard back from Erie County Soil and Water about the Woronecki's pond on Seminary Road. Soil and Water looked at situation on computer and will go out to access the situation.

EDISON PARK PLAYGROUND MULCH: Mr. Fox reported that he has ordered 80 yard of playground quality mulch from Smith Bros. in Medina at a cost of \$1760.00; which was the best quote. He had also obtained quotes from Millers Landscape, Norwalk and Barns Nursery, Huron.

MULCH & LANDSCAPE IN OTHER AREAS: Mr. Fox noted that he would like to either place mulch or river stone on the landscaped areas at Fire Station 2, the Township Office and in front of Comfort Station. River rock is more expensive, but will never need replacing. Mr. Shover asked what audience what they thought of the options. Both Mr. Shover and Mr. Nickoli stated that they preferred the black mulch. Mr. Nickoli asked if the playground mulch could be used as it is much less expensive. Mr. Nickoli noted that he would always like to see three quotes for all major purchases.

There was a discussion of tree stumps needing to be ground out at Fire Station #2. It was suggested that the Maintenance rent a stump grinder. Fire Chief Brian Rospert noted that he would like the Route 250 side of Fire Station #2 dressed up a little with landscape as it is so visible to Route 250. It was suggested that Millers Landscape be contacted for advice on the best plants for the area.

SEMINARY ROAD: Mr. Fox noted that a resident in the last house on Seminary Road has asked if the Township could put a convex mirror across from her driveway so she can see down the hill. Mr. Fox has a mirror and will see what can be done.

MILLIMAN ROAD WATER: Mr. Anthony Fritz of 4113 Milliman Road has called the office several times complaining of standing water in his front yard and driveway. Mr. Nickoli and Mr. Fox have both been to the site and spoken with Mr. Fitz. The standing water that he is experiencing does not seem to be coming from the road as the catch basins and drain tile seem to working appropriately. Mr. Nickoli advised Mr. Fritz that the driveway needs to be built up with additional stone so as not to hold rainwater. Mr. Nickoli noted that this is the lowest house on Milliman Road and that the previous owner had similar problems. Milliman Road has history of a high water table in that area; especially during time of high rain volume which the area is currently experiencing.

Mr. Nickoli emphasized getting the work at Edison Park done. Mr. Fox said they will be working on it tomorrow as soon as mulch gets in.

## **FIRE**

Chief Rospert noted that there were five calls for May, totaling 35 calls year to date.

The Township should expect a bill from Fire Safety Services & VASU for replacing a couple pair of damaged bunker pants and a portable radio.

The Chief reported that the 2000 Yamaha generator is failing and he would like to replace it with a Honda at about \$1000.00 from AgPro (formerly Shearer Equipment.) Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to purchase a Honda generator at a cost not to exceed \$1000. The motion carried.

EVENTS: Chief Rospert reported that on June 10<sup>th</sup> Department personnel will be assisting with Edison Elementary Bike Rodeo. Additionally, they will be holding the Touch-A-Truck at Milan Library on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

PERSONNEL: Chief Rospert reported that Anthony Sposit has been interviewed for a position on the Fire Department. Mr. Sposit currently resides in MidTown Manor in Norwalk, which is less than 5 miles from Fire Station No. 1. He is looking to move to Milan and is employed as a paramedic with NCEMS. Mr. Sposit has his Level 1FF certification, which has expired but he would like to renew. Chief Rospert would like the full roster of 36 firefighters. The roster currently is at 34. The officers recommend hiring Tony Sposit and having him enroll in Volunteer course as it becomes available. He could take the 36 hour

course but may test out since he has the knowledge of level 1 FF already. Mr. Shover moved to hire Anthony Sposit based on recommendation of Chief Rospert. Mr. Nickoli gave second to the motion. The motion carried.

Chief Rospert noted that twenty-five fire fighters participated in the Memorial Day ceremony and, along with the American Legion, provided a 21 gun salute.

Mr. Shover asked if Engine 621 had been fixed. Yes, it went to American Diesel. There could be some pin holes that may need fixing later, but Mr. Fox and Mr. Hudson took care of it.

### **ZONING**

Currently issued zoning permits were made available for review.

ZONING VIOLATIONS: Mrs. Arthur noted that she sent a couple of zoning violation notices; one to a property owner in Franklin Flats who is operating an Air B & B without first obtaining a conditional use permit. She is also not registered with the County for bed tax. The second was to a property owner on Scheid Road for and unmown vacant lot.

ZBA: The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Jun 18<sup>th</sup> to consider the request of Storage Concepts for variance on the front setback for the construction of a second storage condominium building. A 100' setback is required on the east side of U. S. Route 250. The frontage of this parcel is situated behind another property on Route 250. They are asking to place the building 25' from the back of the neighbor's rear property line, which would be a 75' variance. The actual front of the building will be more than 200' from Route 250.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Nickoli noted that testing by ODNR for herbicide application is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. He would like have both Mr. Fox and Mr. Hudson take the test.

The Township will be hosting Ohio Chautauqua June 11-15.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

TWP. HALL: Mrs. Pat Ezell would like to serve alcohol at an event she has scheduled at the Township Hall. She is only going to have a couple cases of beer. She asked that Mr. Nickoli make her request as she cannot attend a meeting in person due to her work schedule. Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to allow Mrs. Ezell to serve beer during a graduation party to adults only. The motion carried.

ROAD MOWER: Mr. Shover related that the Township's current road mower is not the best type for the Township's needs and is having some problems. The Trustees need to be looking into getting a new road side mower. Mr. Nickoli recommends a roadside attachment to the tractor. Trustees need to look at various mowers to get the best fit for our roads. Mr. Shover would like to trade the current mower. Mr. Hudson noted that a front mount mower attached on the side would require a cab on the tractor. Fiscal Officer Rospert noted that the purchase would normally be taken from road expense funds that are being depleted with current road maintenance. The General Fund could be used. A new mower is estimated to cost about \$20,000, but a bigger tractor may also need. Mr. Nickoli stated he anticipates a bigger expense associated with a new mower purchase.

## **FINANCIAL**

Mr. Rospert reported that State Auditor is currently conducting the bi-annual audit at the County. The Auditor is expected to audit either the Milan Library or Township next to audit 2017-2018. They may have questions for the Trustees.

The Trustees thanked Pat Landoll for building and installing a handrail on each side of the stage entrance in the Township Hall Ballroom. The installation was done in time to host Ohio Chautauqua. The curved railing fits the curvature of the wall perfectly and looks wonderful. Mr. Landoll said he was happy to do it.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Nickoli declared the meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

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Mr. Gerald Nickoli, Vice-Chairman

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Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer