

Note: The July 3, 2019 Trustees' meeting had to be cancelled on July 2, 2019, due to an unexpected lack of a quorum. Notices were posted on the doors of both the Milan Township Hall; where the meeting was to be located and the Township Offices at 1518 State Route 113 E.

The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 7: 00 p.m. Mr. Frederick opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. as all rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rospert called the roll: Mr. Frederick, present; Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present.

Also present were Maintenance Superintendent Dave Fox, Crewman Matt Hudson, Zoning Commission Chairman Bill Muthig, Fiscal Officer Zach Rospert, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Zoning Inspector /Twp. Sec. Colleen Arthur, Don Kreidler, Nick Frederick, Ober Tanigawa, Larry Schell. Frank Lytle, and Richard Pitsinger.

MINUTES: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2019 special meeting for the Open House of newly renovated Milan Township Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019, regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

EXPENSES: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded the motion to approve payment of expenses as presented by F.O. Rospert. The motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE: Mr. Frederick the audience members if they had issues to bring before the Board.

Ober Tanigawa addressed the Board with a request to name the tennis courts at Edison Park after former Tennis Coach John Marett; specifically, "The John Marett Memorial Courts". Mr. Marett passed away suddenly this past March. Mr. Tanigawa stated that there is support for the naming of the courts on social media. Additionally, he received a letter of support for Amy Moore of Erie Metro Parks. Also, Mr. Roth, Edison Local School Superintendent supports the measure.

Mr. Frederick responded to the request noting that naming a public facility after someone is quite a big deal. Mr. Frederick stated that he personally knows the family and has the highest regard for Mr. Marett. However, Edison Park has been in existence since the 1950's. None of its facilities have been named after any person of note; nor has any other of the Township's properties. Mr. Frederick stated that his objection it is not for a lack of admiration for Mr. Marett's contributions, but merely that there have been so many others, past, present and

future who may be equaling deserving. Mr. Frederick pointed out that it is for this reason that Ohio State University refrained from naming the football stadium after legendary coach Woody Hayes soon after he passed. He also explained that Edison Park is a community park, not a school athletic facility.

Mr. Nickoli added that he had similar thoughts. He stated that John Marett was a personal friend, but it would be difficult to name one person over so many others who have contributed to the community. Mr. Nickoli questioned how one could be sure of who has the most involvement.

Mr. Shover remarked on Mr. Marett's volunteer contributions to the school as a private citizen and asked that the issue be tabled at present so that the Trustees might look into the matter further.

Mr. Tanigawa suggested that perhaps a memorial could be posted only during the tennis matches. Mr. Nickoli suggested that the team might hold a John Marett tournament. Mr. Frederick also mentioned that, during the tennis season, a sign in honor of Mr. Marett could be hung along with the posters recognizing senior Edison tennis players and restated that he would be reluctant to name a facility in association any particular team for fear of offending others involved with other sports.

SIDEWALKS ON MAIN STREET: Larry Schell addressed the Board concerning the installation of sidewalks on the east side of Main Street. The Board has taken no action, other than noting that the Village will be locating sidewalks along the west side of Main Street in this area.

Mr. Schell went on to say that the Trustees should look into assessing property owners for the installation of sidewalks on the Township side.

MAINTENANCE

STORM AFTERMATH: Mr. Fox reported that he and Mr. Hudson had chipped 10 loads of chipped trees after the storm. Mr. Shover noted that the Township needs to publish a written policy for brush pickup. A recent violent wind storm left many downed trees throughout the Township. A resident on Riley Road misunderstood the brush pick up policy. Currently the Road Crew will pick up brush on the second Monday each month from April through October. Branches no larger 4" diameter will be accepted and branches should be properly stacked with largest part of the branch toward the road. No whole trees will be removed and property owners are responsible to hire professional tree removal or self-removal in such situations. Mr. Shover had taken pictures of acceptable brush piles and examples of unacceptable submissions. The Township's website should also be updated with this information.

It was noted that Mr. Paul Cring called about a situation on Bryan Road. Sparky Weilnau took care of it.

PLANK ROAD: Mr. Fox responded to a call from Nick Stoll of Plank Road concerning a catch basin on his property that takes 90% of road water. The water is released to a pond behind Nick Stoll's house. It's becoming clogged and now is eroding Stoll's property. Mr. Fox said it needs to be jetted out. The Trustees agreed to have Mr. Fox arrange for the catch basin to be jetted. Mr. Shover asked about when catch basins get clean and suggested a regular maintenance schedule. Mr. Fox reported that catch basins are generally cleaned in the fall and checked in the spring. He noted that Mr. Jesberger used to keep a log of catch basins; however, this has not been done in recent years. There are over 250 catch basins in the Township.

DEIHL ROAD CATCH BASIN: Brian Kiley has asked that he be allowed to tap-in to a catch basin on Deihl Road from his property at 13218 River Rd. The tap-in process was discussed. It was decided to consult the County Engineer's Office.

RIVER ROAD: Mr. Nickoli noted that prior to resurfacing River Road some holes need to be repaired.

TOWNSHIP HALL: Mr. Fox reported that river rock has been placed at the Township Hall between the sidewalk and elevator entrance. He would like also to place it in front of the elevator room door and condensing unit. The Trustees agreed.

GENERATOR: The Fire Department is in need of a new Honda portable generator at a cost of \$1190. The Firefighters Association approved paying \$1000 toward the purchase and is asking the Township to cover the balance. The Trustees regard this as a Township maintenance issue. Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to pay the entire cost of the generator. The motion unanimously carried.

MAINTENANCE SPENDING: Mr. Shover questioned whether it might be more appropriate for Mr. Fox to have the latitude to make some of these spending decisions rather than bringing everything to the Trustees. Mr. Hudson said it would be helpful in accomplishing small repair project in a timely manner. The Trustees said that they would prefer that the Maintenance Crew use their own discretion for purchases for the Township that cost no more than \$400-\$500 without having to come to the Trustee for approval; just keep the Trustees informed of these decisions.

MOWERS: Mr. Fox talked about a type of side mower being considered for the Township's next mower purchase. This type of mower could flip depending on the tractor. Mr. Nickoli

stated he preferred a front mower for safety and related that he observed an extending arm mower in Tennessee that might be a good option. No action was taken as research regarding cost and equipment capability continues.

FIRE

CALLS: There were 10 calls in June for a total of 45 in 2019.

PERSONNEL: Newly hired firefighter Tony Sposit was fitted with gear already owned by the Department. A recent physical submitted to NCEMS was accepted for Mr. Sposit.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY: The Fire Department Association recently installed a new deck for retire Chief Jim Jesberger who recently sustained an injury.

During the July 2nd storm the department responded to numerous downed wire, propane leaks and medical assistance calls. They also assisted with road clean up and removal of trees and debris. Members later volunteered to help clean up the Village Square that sustained considerable damage from downed trees.

EQUIPMENT: The 2012 Sutphen was taken to American Diesel for repairs to the airlines, the D.E.F. tank and a computer control module. Leak was found in the air brake quick connect resulting in loss of brake pressure and a control module failed. It will be three to five weeks to get the parts.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT: Chief Rospert addressed a situation in which one of the new firefighters was involved in an auto accident while responding to a call with lights and siren in his personal vehicle. This firefighter has been cleared of any wrongdoing in the incident. The driver of the other vehicle sustained minor injuries. No citations were issued to either party. There was a discussion of the State inspection process for first responders' private vehicles. Vehicles display a sticker indicating compliance. The vehicle in the accident had such an authorization.

FIRE STATION NO. 1 A.C.: There is no air conditioning in the meeting room at Fire Station #1. Mr. Frederick explained why the electric updates to the Township Hall were not suitable to provide air conditioning to the Fire Station, as was discussed as an option at one time. The contractor recommended that a portable unit be installed. The cost will be about \$2,000. No formal action was taken.

ZONING

Mrs. Arthur reported on two Zoning Board of Appeals hearings that were held on July 9th.

A variance was granted to Donna Dewey to place a 7' x 20' storage unit on her property within 18" of the property line. The Health Department and ERPC Flood Plain Coordinator both gave approval for the project.

Alice Stuckey of Shaw Mill Road was granted conditional use of her property to building a new home on a parcel where there is a residential structure currently occupied. The conditional use states that the existing structure must be completely demolished one year after the construction of the new home is complete.

On a related issue; there is a discrepancy of the property lines on Shaw Mill Road that was discovered as a result of a lot split request. Mark Wroblewski called Mrs. Arthur to get a history of what had transpired on the property lines. Mrs. Stuckey contacted the new State Representative, who apparently called the Auditors Office. Mr. Wroblewski is reviewing all the deeds. He stated that the GIS lines have looked this way since GIS inception. Mrs. Arthur told him Mrs. Stuckey has maps showing otherwise. He is contacting Mrs. Stuckey and the other property owners to resolve this issue. Additionally, Mr. Wroblewski was informed that the Milan ZBA had granted a variance on the eastern property line over 20 years ago to build the insurance agency building. That line now has been moved so far to the west that the building now is situated entirely on the neighbor property; although Mrs. Stuckey pays taxes on the building. Also, Mr. Schenk wants to put his property up for sale and the questionable property lines pose an impediment.

The Trustees discussed this matter further, noting that the location of the property lines is the property owner's responsibility to provide to the County through a survey. There was discussion as to differing surveys of property in that area and whether or not the County Map Office changed the lines due to new survey information or an interpretation of old surveys. The County Prosecutors Office has weighed in on the issue. The Trustees will respond to Erie County Prosecutor Gery Gross's email, explaining the Township's position on the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROJECT: Nick Frederick updated the Board as to the progress with the use of the Old Police Station as a business incubator project. The Village is considering providing discounted utility for the incubator project. Erie County Economic Development Committee has agreed to incorporate RISE as part of the project and would be a mentor on the project. The list of community volunteer business advisors is being finalized. Mr. Frederick hopes to announce the working program by Labor Day and find a tenant by the holidays. The Dorn Foundation awarded \$10,000 toward the renovation of the building. Other funding sources are being pursued including an Ohio Humanities grant for older buildings. The preliminary estimate to renovate the building to current standards is a \$45,000.

SHAW MILL GUARDRAIL: Although initially Milan Township was not a recipient of the Ohio Public Works Grant, another project fell off the schedule and now Milan is approved! The Erie County Engineer will provide drawings for the guardrail project. They would like to spend \$21,000 for the project. The road may need to be closed for traffic control. The County is asking for an official approval from the Trustees to move forward with the project.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to accept the Erie County Engineer's recommendation for guardrail on Shaw Mill Road and authorize the County Engineer to act on behalf of Milan Township to draw up plans for the project and seek estimates from qualified contractors. The motion carried unanimously.

RIVER ROAD: The River Road bridge remains closed passed the July 1st deadline. Most of the work is complete, but the concrete needs time to cure, the road needs to be ground at the edges of the bridge and the protected fence needs to be reinstalled. It was reported that in addition to rain delays, the bridge was struck by vehicles on the Turnpike six times during construction. A definite date for the road to open has not been provided.

STREET LIGHT: The Township made a request for a street light at the intersection of U.S. Route 250 and Scheid Road. Ohio Edison said there is too much on the existing pole located in Milan Township. They want to put the light on Huron Township's side of the road.

JUNK BOATS: Mr. Frederick noted that the Township doesn't have the authority to remove junk boats. However, he spoke to County Commission Matt Old about the credit at the landfill that each political subdivision is given for tires disposal, but Milan Township doesn't use it. Mr. Frederick asked if the Township could we use that credit to get rid of junk boats. Mr. Old had no objection.

Mrs. Arthur asked if anyone knew anything about the disposition of the Sholes property on Route 250, which has fallen into a severely unkempt state. The property has apparently been sold.

The Garden Club has requested the use of the Ballroom for their May 2020 Annual Mothers' Day Plant Auction. This would conflict with the Trustees Wednesday night meeting. They were wondering if they could still meet. The Trustees indicated that they might be able to move the May meeting to another night. The Garden Club was authorized to schedule their event as requested. The Trustee meeting time and location will be considered in the future.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Rospert noted that he would review the Quarterly Report at next meeting.

AUDIT: the Assistant Auditor of State has completed the Township's audit and has indicated that all looks good. Mr. Rospert is hoping for a shorter and less expensive version of the audit process in two years.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer