

The Milan Township Trustees met for the second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Fox, Z.I./Sec. Colleen Arthur, Don Kreidler, Bill Muthig, John Burrow, Olivia Stallkamp, Susan Burrow, John Burrow Sr. and Trustees Dan Frederick, Jerry Nickoli and Mike Shover.

Mr. Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:00 as all rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve the August 7, 2019, minutes. Mr. Frederick asked that the last sentence under "CATCH BASIN ON PLANK ROAD" be altered slightly and that under "FIRE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE", the fact that the motion carried be added. With these changes noted the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve payment of expenses. The motion carried unanimously. Electronic Payments 154-158 and Warrants 19208-19227 in the amount of \$21,578.15

AUDIENCE: Mr. John Burrow introduced his family: wife Susan, son John and his son's fiancée Olivia Stallkamp. Mr. Burrow noted that he works at the Milan Library. Mrs. Burrow had contacted the Township Office to book the Township Hall Ballroom for their son's wedding reception on October 3, 2020. Mrs. Arthur had informed them that they would have to get permission from the Board of Trustees as they are not Milan Township residents. Mr. Burrow explained that his son and fiancée recently purchased a home on Old State Road in Norwalk Township, less than a mile from Milan Township, but within the Edison School district; specifically to be in Edison School District. He further went on to explain that they have attended several events in the Township Hall and love the venue. Because he works at the Milan Library and Susan's mother is a Milan native, they are asking the Trustees to make an exception and allow them to hold the wedding reception in the Ballroom next year.

The Trustees discussed the current Township Hall user policy, which does not allow for use by non-township residents. An updated policy is under review, but has not been formally adopted. One of the issues being reviewed is whether or not to allow non-residents use of the facility with payment of a fee, as opposed to free use by tax-paying residents.

Mr. Shover stated that he could see the validity of allowing use of the Hall to individuals living within the school district. Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to allow the

Burrow family use of the Township Hall Ballroom for their son's wedding on October 3, 2020. Mr. Shover and Mr. Nickoli; approved. Mr. Frederick; opposed. The motion carried.

Nick Katsaros of First Energy introduced himself to the Board as the new liaison to Milan Township for regional external affairs. He will be replacing Gary Mortus who recently retired. Mr. Katsaros commented that he is working with Huron Township to place a street light on the north side of Scheid Road at the Route 250 intersection. The Trustees also spoke with him about replacing lights and poles in the Edison Ridge and Twin Oaks subdivisions.

MAINTENANCE

F.S. NO 1: Mr. Fox reported that TecSeal did seal the pavement at Fire Station No. 1.

WEED CONTROL CERTIFICATION: Mr. Fox reported that he and Mr. Hudson went to Bowling Green to take the weed spray test. He stated that the test covered different subjects other than what they were given in the study guide. Mr. Fox was not sure if they actually passed the test. Mr. Nickoli stated that only one person needs to be certified within the Township in order to purchase certain weed control products. Mr. Frederick put forward that perhaps the County Engineer could act as the supervisor/mentor to the Township employees as they already have certified people. It was noted that area guard rails are in need of weed control. There was a discussion of specific weed killer brands and the various uses. Mr. Nickoli said he would call the County to see if they could provide guidance and/or purchase product through the County. He might also inquire if the County Engineer employees could spray areas they happen to be working in this fall.

Mr. Fox stated that Mr. Hudson will begin weed whipping guard rails tomorrow and that Mr. Fox will continue the road mowing. Mr. Frederick requested that Berlin Street be done right away due to activity at Edison Park. Mr. Fox further stated that they have cut back brush and overhanging limbs on area road to accommodate school buses. Riley Road was trimmed for the bus to turn around and low hanging trees were trimmed in front of Hauser's property.

Mr. Fox spoke to Rock Hammond of the Erie County Engineers Office while he was working on wedge coating on Wikel Road. Mr. Fox asked that the County take a look at some areas that need to be covered on Old Mudbrook Road while they are in the area. Mr. Hammond recommends tar and chip next year after bad spots are fixed as this would be a less expensive and affective fix. Mr. Fox noted that in the past the County changed for materials only as long as they were in the area.

ROAD SALT: Mr. Fox reported that salt prices are expected to increase to \$75 per ton. Morton Salt was the only company to submit a bid to the County Engineers Office. Mr. Fox noted that

the Township has quite a bit of salt stored and the ability to purchase up to another 600 tons under the current contract at \$46-47 per ton through January 1st. If the winter is mild, no more salt may be needed. However, if it looks as if more will be needed, the decision to purchase should be made while under the current contract.

MILLWOOD LANE: Mr. Frederick stated that he had received two requests of Mr. David Miller. First, Mr. Miller is asking that Millwood Lane be repaved and relined. The road was built as a private road, but was accepted by the Erie County Engineer in 2003, after core samples were found to meet County specifications. Mr. Fox noted that Berlin Township plows Millwood Lane off of Wikel Road as part of the road swap. Mr. Fox further stated that the road is in good shape as there are currently only two residences. Just this summer two more homes are being constructed, with the possibility of another. Mr. Frederick noted that Millwood Lane should be put on the road maintenance schedule in the future.

MCINTYRE RD.: Mr. Miller's second issue was the need for some berm work on McIntyre Road. Mr. Fox stated he is aware of the need for improving the road. He and Mr. Hudson have considered the situation and plan to add #1's & #2's- larger rock to maintain the road and will do this as soon as possible due to the increase of school bus use.

RIVER ROAD: Mr. Frederick asked for clarification of whether the newly paved area of River Road would still get tar and chip application. Mr. Fox said it the County would not tar and chip the areas recently paved; only the areas in need of application. Mr. Nickoli commented on the excellent job done by Erie Blacktop on repaving the road.

Haynes Construction will begin the storm sewer tile and catch basin project on River Road tomorrow.

SEMINARY ROAD: There was a brief discussion of tree removal that may be needed on Seminary Road.

SHAW MILL ROAD-GUARD RAIL: Mr. Frederick explained that the Erie County Engineer sought bids from four different contractors for guard rail on Shaw Mill Road. They received only one bid of \$19,195.00 from Lake Erie Construction Company. This bid came in under the Engineer's estimate. The Township was awarded an \$11,000 grant toward the project and will be responsible for the remaining \$8,195.00. Mr. Nickoli moved to accept the bid of \$19,195.00 from Lake Erie Construction to install new guard rail on a portion of Shaw Mill Road. Mr. Shover seconded the motion. Mr. Frederick asked that the Township close the road during the construction period, which is estimated to last only one day. This would save the Township \$560 for traffic maintenance bringing the total cost to the Township down to \$7,635.00. Mr.

Nickoli amended his motion to exclude the cost of traffic maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXUS IMACT ON AREA ROADS: Mr. Frederick reported that Nexus would like to finalize their gas line project through Erie County and is asking that a final inspection of all affected roads be submitted. Tim Lloyd of the Erie County Engineers Office monitored the road within Milan Township and is requiring Nexus to make further repairs to all the County roads within Milan Township, as well as, Wikel Road.

FIRE

Mr. Rospert was unable to attend the evening's meeting and had nothing to report.

ZONING

FRANKLIN FLATS LAND OWNERS MEETING: Mr. Frederick reported on a meeting held on Saturday, August 10, 2019, with the Franklin Flats Landowners Association. Zoning Inspector Colleen Arthur presented an overview of the process for which changes within Franklin Flats may be accomplished, as set forth by the Franklin Flats Advisory Committee. She explained the history of the agreement to form the FFAC between the Township Trustees and residents of Franklin Flats in order to provide for safe and orderly development and maintenance of homes within the Flood District. There were approximately 35 residents in attendance and the meeting lasted about an hour, during which time Mr. Frederick and Mrs. Arthur took questions. Mrs. Arthur noted that the recently formed Franklin Flats Landowners Association has taken a professional and legal approach in getting residents involved, both in activity and financial commitment. Riverview Drive is a private road, for which, the Association has taken steps to provide financially for the road's maintenance.

Mrs. Arthur presented paperwork for the Trustees to initiate changes to the Zoning Resolution and Zoning Map. It is proposed to add minimal regulation for the free range poultry farming and to change a portion of the Professional Research and Development District (PRD-1), located just north of the Ohio Turnpike, back to its former agricultural (Ag) designation. Since there is not enough time to prepare for the meeting in August, the Trustees will take up this issue on their first September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 CENSUS: Mr. Frederick attended a 2020 Census meeting at the County. The Townships involvement is to encourage participation. The census is used to help the U.S. House of

Representative determine how to disperse 675 billion dollars to state and local governments. Mr. Frederick noted some interesting facts about how demographics have changed in Erie County over the last century. An accurate census could mean additional funding for this area.

MILLIMAN ROAD DRAINAGE: Mr. Nickoli reported that he heard back from Tim Lloyd of the Erie Engineers Office concerning sitting water at Mr. Anthony Fritz's property on Milliman Road. Mr. Lloyd did not think the road water is causing the problem. In fact, Mr. Lloyd noted the road is acting as a barrier from neighbor's water across the street. The problem is simply a matter of gravity; the fact that the Fritz property is the lowest elevation in the area.

ROAD MOWER: Mr. Nickoli called a few dealers, but could not locate a Ventrac mower for a demonstration, as was discussed at the last meeting. There are some similar units made by Steiner and he found a dealer in Republic, Ohio willing to set up a demonstration. Mr. Fox noted that upon considering the Ventrac; it may be necessary to obtain another trailer to haul it because it's probably not street legal. It may be permissible to move short distances with slow moving vehicle sign. Mr. Nickoli will research the matter further.

NEW BUSINESS

EDISON PARK BALLFIELD: Nick Schnittker of the Edison Youth Sports League has indicated that the League wishes to utilize the baseball field at Edison Park. The League is asking permission to rehabilitate the ballfield, as it has been let go to grass in recent years. Mr. Nickoli noted that it could be maintained with a grass infield. The Trustees decided to allow the Edison Youth Sports League overhaul the field in whichever way best suits their need.

ZONING COMMISSION: Because he has relocated outside of Milan Township, Matt Erhardt has submitted a letter of resignation from his position on the Zoning Commission. Mr. Shover moved, and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to accept his resignation. The motion unanimously carried. Mr. Frederick indicated that he sent an email thanking Mr. Erhardt for his service. The Board will seek another individual to serve on the Zoning Commission.

FINANCIAL

LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS: Mr. Rospert reported that the assessment of the various Lighting Districts is complete and he will have them ready for the Trustees approval at the next meeting. He stated that he has tried to keep the amounts consistent throughout the districts. Mr. Rospert is looking into the possibility of combining the lighting districts, as opposed to having several lighting districts within a single subdivision.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mr. Nickoli mentioned that he's like to see all the road mowing accomplished prior to the Melon Festival and that this should take priority to other projects.

There was a brief discussion of how the concrete blocks that will be used to provide a flat area for seating at the tennis courts should be arranged and how they might be moved into place.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer