

The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Road & Maintenance Supervisor Dave Fox, Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert, Jeff Huber of Friends of NASA, Don Kreidler, Richard Pitsinger, Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Road & Maintenance Crewman Matt Hudson, and Z.I./Sec. Colleen Arthur.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

MINUTES: With a couple of corrections to the spelling names noted, Mr. Nickoli moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019, meeting. Mr. Shover seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSES: Mr. Shover moved to approve payment of expenses as presented by the Fiscal Officer; Electronic payments 173-179 and Warrant numbers 19270-19289 in the amount \$51,624.07. Mr. Nickoli gave second to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

### **FIRE**

Fire Chief Brian Rospert noted that the Officers had interviewed Kevin Knallay of 202 South Main Street, Milan, for a position on the Fire Department. The Chief noted that Mr. Knallay's family has a long history of service in Milan. His grandfather, John Williams, served on the Milan Township Volunteer Fire Department and his grandfather Skip Knallay was police chief in Milan. Mr. Knallay is a former Marine and is already enrolled in firefighter courses at EHOVE. Mr. Knallay is eager to serve as a firefighter. Chief Rospert strongly recommended the Trustees hire Mr. Knallay. Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to hire Kevin Knallay as a member of the Milan Township Volunteer Fire Department. The motion unanimously carried.

Chief Rospert noted that the thermal imagers were received last Friday. A training session was held on Monday at the burn house at EHOVE. Use of the portable thermal imagers vastly improved the situational awareness of the firefighters. The thermal imagers are able to pick up fire behind walls, as well as, victims and other fire fighters in a darkened room. The Chief remarked that these units will be extremely beneficial and the Association is very thankful for the Trustees' contribution to the purchase of the four units.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NASA: Mr. Jeff Huber of Friends of NASA wished to address the Board concerning potential activity at NASA.

Mr. Frederick moved to enter into executive session in accordance with OAC 121.22(G) (2) to discuss the purchase of property for public purpose. Mr. Nickoli gave second to the motion to enter into executive session. The roll was called: Mr. Frederick, yes; Mr. Nickoli, yes; Mr. Shover, yes. The motion unanimously carried and the Board entered into executive session at 7:16 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 7:25 p.m. with no action taken in regards to the executive session.

### **MAINTENANCE**

GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE: Mr. Fox noted that brush pick up has been completed for the month.

The installation of guard rail on Kelley Road is complete.

Mowing of Fire station #2 was done this past week.

Herbicide has been applied to all guard rails.

NICK STOLL'S CATCH BASIN: The Trustees met on September 12, 2019 for an **emergency meeting** concerning the storm water catch basin on Plank Road. Franklin Sanitation had been employed at an earlier date for the purpose of cleaning the tile and locating the outlet on Nick Stoll's property. At that time Franklin's equipment became stuck. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, Franklin Sanitation was able to retrieve their equipment and jet out the tile. During this time, it was discovered that a Northern Ohio Rural Water line went directly through the storm water drainage tile. Rural Water has admitted responsibility. Also, there was dirt in the lines and the end of the storm tile could not be located. Two additional sections of pipe were needed to reach the end. Rural Water raised their line and did some repairs to the storm water drainage tile and backfilled. Mr. Nickoli thinks they will also assume payment for the work Franklin Sanitation did.

CRACK SEAL ON MILLWOOD: Mr. Fox said that he wants to do it with Township equipment. Mr. Nickoli noted that Berlin Heights has extra material available.

NEW MOWER: Mr. Nickoli stated that after having viewed the Steiner, he feels the Ventrac mower is like "a Steiner on steroids" and believes the Ventrac to be better. He also tried Berlin Height's Tiger flail mower and really liked it. He suggested that the road crew go to Berlin Heights to see it. Mr. Frederick liked the idea of a heavier mower.

Mr. Nickoli put forward an idea to enter into some sort of exchange with Berlin Heights to have them mow our roads in exchange for labor. Mr. Frederick said he would rather share equipment than hours of labor. He suggested that Milan Township could offer the crack

sealer in exchange. There was further discussion of the cost of new mower. Mr. Shover stated that the Trustees really need to move forward with the mower purchase so the crew is ready by next spring. (The discussion went back and forth between a new mower and crack seal equipment.)

Mr. Hudson pointed out that if the Township purchases material, the companies anxious to sell the equipment will provide the equipment for a week or two, including their heated wand. Mr. Hudson said there are two companies, one in Sandusky and Akron, Craft Co. Mr. Fox noted that SealMaster's product is too thin. Mr. Hudson noted that there is a minimum product purchase to get the machine. Mr. Frederick suggested that the Road Crew get the two day demo and use it to fill cracks on Milliman Road.

Mr. Fox also noted that the wood left from a fallen tree has been cleaned up around the damaged guardrail on Berlin Street. The damaged guardrail can replace the rail with a piece the Township has on hand.

Mr. Nickoli asked if Mr. Hudson had finished taking inventory of Township guardrail that may need repair. Mr. Hudson is working on it. Mr. Nickoli also noted that the seating at Edison Park needs to be completed early in October.

Mrs. Arthur asked about getting lines painted in the Berlin Street parking lot at Edison Park, as there are few cars parked in the lot in a disorganized manner during tennis matches, with the majority of vehicles parked up and down Berlin Street. This creates a dangerous situation on the road. Mr. Hudson noted that the gravelly surface of the lot makes lining difficult. There was some discussion of increasing the lot size.

### **ZONING**

Mrs. Arthur reported to the Board that a request has been made from Green Circle Growers concerning purchasing the Colonial Inn on Route 250 for the purpose of converting the hotel into migrant housing for 250 people. Mrs. Arthur explained to their representative that this is a General Commercial District in which, residential use is prohibited. Mrs. Arthur consulted Tim King of ERPC who agreed it would not be a permitted use. Green Circle Growers wishes to pursue a zoning change. The question has also been raised that the use as a migrant camp might be considered a commercial use and not strictly limited to residential. Mrs. Arthur has consulted Susan Brown of the Erie County Prosecutor's Office for legal advice on the matter. Additionally, she has sent all information to Ms. Brown concerning the removal of the trailer on the Cheryl Adams property on River Road.

Mrs. Arthur reported on a junk vehicle violation on the Cull property on Bryan Road and some of the difficulties neighbors are having there.

Zoning Commission still needs another member appointment. Two prospective members have declined.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Frederick gave an update on the business incubator project at the old police station. The application deadline for the Mylander Grant is October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village of Milan is still considering subsidizing the utilities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Frederick presented a request for funding the half-page advertisement for Milan Township in the Lake Erie Shores and Islands Travel Guide which is distributed to visitor centers throughout the State. Last year the Township gave \$3000. The Chamber of Commerce and Milan Museums also contribute. The Township historically has budgeted \$5000 out of bed tax receipts for tourism. Mr. Frederick moved to renew the participation in Lake Erie Shores and Island's Travel Guide at \$3000 level with understanding that other entities, ie. Chamber of Commerce and the Milan Museums, also contribute. Mr. Shover seconded the motion. He motion unanimously carried.

#### **FINANCIAL**

STREET LIGHTIN: Mr. Rospert noted that he met with a representative from First Energy concerning installation of new poles and light fixtures in Edison Ridge. First Energy has agreed to install the new posts and lamps for a fixed rate and will bill at a base rate rather than metered electric. They are also willing to combine the various lighting districts into one. Mr. Rospert said he needs to look at the legality of combining districts. Mr. Rospert also was made aware of a financing option available through PUCO. Two fixture options are available from First Energy. Mr. Rospert will have additional information at the next meeting.

Mr. Nickoli wanted to mention that Berlin Heights wanted Milan to know that they were trying to reach out after storm to help with clean up after storm, but they were unable to reach anyone that night.

Mr. Shover reported that he attended Ohio Public Works Grant Committee meeting for Erie County. The Committee assigns points to grant applications to determine eligibility. The grants range from \$75,000 to \$500,000. At their next meeting, they will be visiting site locations of the applicants.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

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Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer