

The Milan Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Room of the Milan Township Hall. Present at the meeting were Fire Chief Brian Rospert, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Fox, Crewman Matt Hudson, Richard Pitsinger, Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert, Sec./Z.I. Colleen Arthur, August Berckmueller and Mr. Berckmueller.

Mr. Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll: Mr. Frederick, present; Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present.

Minutes: Mr. Shover moved and Mr. Nickoli seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Expenses: Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to approve payment of expenses as presented by the Fiscal Officer. The motion unanimously carried.

Approved Electronic Payments 201-214 and Warrants 19353-19402 in the amount of \$25,080.92.

Audience Comment: EDISON PARK: Mr. August Berckmueller informed the Board that he is ready to start planting 4000 daffodils on the hillside at Edison Park along Berlin Street. He noted that he is requesting volunteers to help with the planting and donations would be appreciated. He will be planting the bulbs on November 10th, 17th, 24th.

BIKE PATH: Mr. Shover would like to consult with ODOT about surveying 25' on Berlin Street.

MAINTENANCE

EDISON PARK TENNIS SEATING: Mr. Fox reported that the area is excavated and that stone will be placed next week. Mr. Frederick asked that they let Cork Moore know when work will be done. Mr. Nickoli noted that photographs of the project need to be sent to Erie Metro Parks for the grant submission. Mr. Nickoli spoke about which aspect of the project the grant would pay for, such as documented materials purchases and contracted labor. The total costs need to be submitted to the grant committee.

ROAD SALT: Mr. Fox noted that 200 tons of salt have been ordered. He was not sure of delivery.

FIRE STATION NO. 2: Franklin Sanitation inspected the septic system at Fire Station #2. The system needs to be pumped.

FIRE

CALL: Chief Rospert reported twelve calls in October, for a total of 85 for the year.

TRAINING: Tony Sposit began a two weeks of volunteer class. Kevin Knallay will begin the same class next week. These classes will be paid from remaining credit with EHOVE, except for the cost of books and enrollment testing.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES: The Department was involved in numerous activities in October, including Fire Prevention at the Edison Elementary, hose testing, assisting with Trick or Treat, Mock Crash Drill at Edison High School, EHS homecoming bon fire, Erie County Firefighters Silent Parade & Memorial Service, and joint training with Berlin Heights in search & rescue, firefighter survival skills, ladder operation and forcible entry.

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 14th at 5:30 p.m. Additional information is forthcoming.

EQUIPMENT: The new truck committee met with Fire Safety Services, Sutphen and Finley Fire to review specification for a new truck. Desirable features include a six-man cab, top mount pump and 1500 gpm pump. They should be receiving initial spec packages in November or early December. The Trustees can expect specific choices to be presented in the first quarter of 2020.

The Department had to replace two pagers that were beyond repair.

MEMORIAL BENCH: On Feb. 11, 1971, the Milan Township Fire Department lost Assistant Fire Chief Robert E. Koch in the line of duty. Members of the Association would like to establish a memorial in his name by purchasing a four foot granite bench engraved with his name and plant an October Glory maple tree at Fire Station #2. The bench and the tree will cost in the vicinity of \$2,000. Franklin Monument will engrave the bench free of charge. The Firefighters Association is asking if the Trustees would like to contribute \$1,000 on behalf of the Township. Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded a motion to pay \$1000 toward the cost of the memorial bench and October Glory maple tree in memory of Assistant Fire Chief Robert. E. Koch. The motion unanimously carried.

ZONING

NEW HOTEL: Mr. Arthur reported that she spoke to Brandon Kelsey concerning the demolition of the Super 8 Motel to make room for a planned new hotel; Holiday Inn Express. They intend to begin construction in spring 2020 and hope to open April 2021. The County Drainage Manager has contacted them about demo and a new storm water drainage plan.

ZONING COMMISSION: Update about “dormitory” zoning definition. The Zoning Commission met on 10-28-19 and hashed out several options concerning the definition of “dormitory. Ultimately, they decided to remove the section concerning dormitory and other problematic references altogether. They will also look into regulations regarding free range chickens and changing the Rockwell property back to AG from PRD-1. The public hearing on these matters is scheduled for November 19th.

TRAINING: Mrs. Arthur met with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Sue Brown on October 31st concerning nuisance abatement by the Trustees. At a later date, Mrs. Arthur will go over the process involving the Trustees’ actions and financial commitment required for faster nuisance abatement.

Mrs. Arthur attended the Zoning Inspectors Group Meeting at OTA in Blacklick, Ohio on Nov. 1st. She reported that there was very good discussion on a number of topics and knowledgeable speakers. She noted that it confirmed that Milan Township is doing a lot of things right in the way of zoning. The session on nuisance abatement mirrored everything Mrs. Brown had discussed.

ZBA: The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on November 18th, for Fin Feather and Fur to consider their requested for a variance from the road set back and conditional use for outdoor sales.

ZONING COMMISSION: The Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 25th, to hear the request of Robert Schoen/Green Circle Growers for a change of zoning for the Colonial Inn and adjacent property from C-2 to Ag.

Mrs. Arthur noted that she will be out of State from November 22 through Dec. 3.

NEW BUSINESS

REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE DUE TO HOLIDAYS: Mr. Frederick wanted to assure that everyone was aware of the following meeting schedule:

December

The December 4th regular meeting has been re-scheduled to December 2nd at 9 a.m. in the Trustees’ Room of the Milan Township Hall. NCEMS will present at this meeting. The regular meeting for the 3rd Wednesday of the month remains as scheduled on December 18th.

January

The January 1st regular meeting has been re-scheduled to January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees’ Room of the Milan Township Hall. The Organizational meeting will be held at this time.

The January 15th regular meeting has been re-scheduled to January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Room of the Milan Township Hall.

BIKE PATH: Mr. Frederick spoke to Amy at Erie MetroParks and to a representative of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. There will be a meeting on November 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. with Land Conservancy representative concerning available grants that may assist with the Bike path at Edison Park.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Rospert noted that a draft of the Audit report has been received and the Trustees may want to have an exit conference.

As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer