

The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for the first regular meeting of the month on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Milan Township Hall. This rescheduled meeting was discussed and posted to replace the December 4, 2019 regular meeting.

Mr. Frederick opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Rospert called the roll: Mr. Frederick, present; Mr. Nickoli, present; Mr. Shover, present. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert, Maintenance Supervisor David Fox, Crewman Matt Hudson, Zoning Commission Chairman Bill Muthig and North Central EMS Director Ashley Ballah.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting were not available.

EXPENSES: Mr. Nickoli moved and Mr. Shover seconded the motion to approve payment of electronic payments 222-232 and warrants 19416-19464 in the amount of \$24,511.65, as presented by Mr. Rospert. The motion unanimously carried.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Fox presented a list of roads that he suggested needed work next road season. This included tar and chipping McIntyre and Old Mudbrook, wedge coating River Road near Mason and then tar and chipping it. Finishing the crack sealing on Millwood, and crack sealing Twin Oaks and Edison Ridge subdivision. He then suggested using the Onyx asphalt coating in the subdivisions. Mr. Nickoli suggested looking into the Reclamite sealer, which goes on pink, then turns clear, and gives the road an additional 7-years of life.

The trustees asked about the crack sealing machine, with Mr. Hudson indicating Crafc0 will provide the machine for free, as long as we buy their product. They are lenient with the rental of the machine, but asked if there are a few days where the machine will not be used, to return it and get it back when needed.

#### **CONTRACT DISCUSSION**

Ashley Ballah, Director of North Central EMS (NCEMS), presented the trustees with a proposed new contract, to replace the previous 10-year contract set to expire in 2024. Ashley explained NCEMS has been subsidized by Fisher Titus Medical Center for many years, and she has been tasked with helping to offset some of their losses. Ashley indicated our monthly subsidy and balance billing payments have not been sufficient to help offset their costs. She proposed a flat-rate annual subsidy of \$75,000, with no balance billing to the township, and an annual 3% increase over the next 5-years.

The trustees indicated our longstanding partnership with NCEMS, having been an inaugural participant when they began operations in 1986, and are happy that North Central has their main office in our township. The balance billing was discussed, asking why some residents still sometimes receive a bill, even though the township has agreed to cover the balance. Ms. Ballah indicated the residents are likely being billed for their deductible and/or co-pay, as the township is not legally allowed to pay for that. Ms. Ballah noted they are not able to charge the township for more than the insurance company has contractually agreed to.

Ms. Ballah also presented an option where the township could pay for a membership for all residents, but this would be an expensive alternative. She proposed this \$75,000 annual subsidy, and NCEMS could then balance bill the residents. Mr. Frederick noted this would be a promise not kept, as the levy approved at the time NCEMS started was passed with the understanding the EMS coverage would be provided to residents.

Mr. Frederick noted he thought the \$75,000 would be the full amount due annually, with no balance billing to the township or residents. The trustees asked if Ms. Ballah could provide a quote that would prevent the residents from being balanced billed. The trustees also preferred to do a one-year addendum to the current contract, instead of signing a new contract.

Mr. Nickoli asked Ms. Ballah if she could provide a spreadsheet showing the updated amounts other townships are paying in subsidy amounts.

No action was taken.

#### **FIRE**

Chief Rospert was unable to attend, however, it was discussed that the officers were viewing a Pierce firetruck on Wednesday, December 4.

#### **ZONING**

Mrs. Arthur was unable to attend. However, Mr. Frederick noted he asked Mrs. Arthur to provide a list of duties she works on in both the secretary role, and zoning inspector role, as he would like to create a job description.

Mr. Frederick reminded everyone the public hearing to follow-up on the zoning commissions recommendations is scheduled for December 16, 2019 at 6pm. Mr. Nickoli indicated he has been researching the free range chicken issue, and found where wing bands can be placed on the chicken when they are registered. More can be discussed at the public hearing.

Mr. Muthig noted the zoning commission has some follow up questions for the rezoning of Robert & Helen Schoen's Colonial Inn South hotel. The continuation of the meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Frederick asked if any of the trustees wished to be our township representative for the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. Mr. Frederick agreed to serve as the representative. Mr. Frederick discussed the Faithful Performance Coverage in lieu of bonds for newly elected officials. The cost of the coverage is based on the budget of the township. Trustees will review the information and make a decision at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Frederick reminded everyone that the OTARMA \$500 MORE grant is due by the end of the year. Mr. Frederick made a motion to allow Fiscal Officer Rospert to apply for the grant. Mr. Shover seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL**

Zach Rospert explained a new invoice with additional charges (still within the bid amount) was received from Lake Erie Construction Company for the guardrail project. As such, the previous purchase order was closed, and a new Then-and-Now purchase order needed to be created. Mr. Frederick moved to approve a Then-and-Now purchase order in the amount of \$18,231.05 to Lake Erie Construction Company. Mr. Shover seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Frederick declared the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

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Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer