

The Milan Township Board of Trustees met for an emergency meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Room of the Milan Township Hall. Mr. Nickoli called the meeting to order with all rising to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Trustees Dan Frederick, Gerald Nickoli and Mike Shover, and Fiscal Officer Zachary Rospert.

Mr. Nickoli stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss damage from a lightning strike occurring on September 7. The resulting electrical surge caused significant damage to the electrical system within the Milan Town Hall including the fire alarm panel and elevator controls.

This damage was discovered on Monday morning by Z. Rospert prior when opening the Town Hall for a previously scheduled Melon Festival event. At that time, the main hall lights were not working, the fire alarm panel was chirping out a trouble signal, and the elevator was not operating. The smell of an electrical fire was present at the fire alarm panel. Trustee Frederick and Road Supt. Matt Hudson also participated in the initial investigation. Lou from Village of Milan electric department verified that the fire alarm panel was still receiving proper electrical supply but not operating properly. Lou reported that several adjacent buildings on the Square had reported experiencing electrical problems that morning.

When contacted shortly after the lightning event on Monday morning, our fire alarm installation and monitoring contractor, RJ Beck Protective Systems, stated that the fire alarm panel was no longer communicating with central monitoring. Within the Town Hall, the fire alarm panel itself was completely non-responsive. Therefore, the Town Hall was no longer being protected by an active fire alarm system. Also, the elevator was no longer operating and its fireman's control panel was also unresponsive.

RJ Beck came to the Town Hall to investigate the status of the fire alarm panel on Tuesday, September 8. Beck could not reactivate the fire alarm system and discovered burned wiring within the panel enclosure. RJ Beck then provided a quote for \$3,929.00 to replace the fire alarm panel, with the understanding that the cost could rise if the smokes, pull stations, and strobe horns also need replaced due to surge damage.

It was decided to wait until the fire alarm system was repaired prior to requesting a ThyssenKrupp service call to check the status of the elevator since a working alarm system is needed prior to operating the elevator. RJ Beck warned that the elevator control system is wired direct to the fire alarm system so it is likely that the electrical surge probably caused damage to the elevator electronics as well.

M. Shover moved to proceed with replacing the fire control panel ASAP and any other necessary repairs to get the Town Hall fire alarm system and elevator back in proper working condition. D. Frederick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Z. Rospert will inform our insurance carrier, OTARMA, of the lightning strike event and related damages to initiate the process of filing a claim.

With no further business, Mr. Nickoli declared the meeting adjourned at 1: 20 pm.

Gerald Nickoli, Chairman

Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer