

**MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Trustee Karl Schultz called the meeting to order and a scout troop led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Ken Tracy. Fiscal Officer, Eric C. Ferry, called the roll. Attending were Trustees Karl Schultz and Ken Tracy. It was noted the Ms. Wolff was on a business strip and unable to make this meeting. Mr. Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Trustee Business meeting, the August 28, 2013 Trustee Special meeting and the September 9, 2013 Trustee Work Session, seconded by Mr. Schultz. Upon roll call, all voted "AYE."

**Proclamations and Special Presentations:** The Board presented a plaque to retired Fire Chief Jim Whitworth. The Board thanked Chief Whitworth for his years of service and dedication to Miami Township and Clermont County. Chief Whitworth thanked the Board and everyone for allowing him to serve the community.

The Board asked Angelo Santoro, of the Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra, to come forward. Mr. Santoro is retiring as the General Manager of the Philharmonic and the Board read a proclamation recognizing Mr. Santoro for enriching Miami Township and the County with his music. Mr. Santoro thanked the Board for their recognition.

Mr. Bill Knepp came forward to recognize Nathan Frances on finishing his Eagle Scout project on the Spirit of 76 Memorial.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Hearing:** Mr. Fronk explained a petition was submitted for a street lighting district for the Woods at Miami Trails Section 11 Block C. There are 10 lots and three (3) gas light replicas are proposed. The estimated yearly assessment will be \$36.45 per year per lot. The Board asked for public comment and there was none. Mr. Tracy made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

**Department Reports:** A representative of each department presented a report of activities during the month of August 2013.

Community Development	Mr. Ethridge
Finance	Mr. Ferry
Fire/EMS	Interim Chief Brooks
Police	Asst. Chief Madsen
Recreation	Mrs. Thibodeau
Service	Mr. Mantel
Administrator	Mr. Fronk

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mr. Tracy made a motion to pay the bills of the Township with 222 checks numbered 115608 - 115830 and 13 electronic checks numbered 230 - 243 for the total amount of \$892,067.60 plus payroll and payroll taxes for the week of 08/17/2013 in the amount of \$390,409.49 and payroll and payroll taxes for the week of 08/31/2013 in the amount of \$339,885.34, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised the Board of the need for a Then and Now Certificated in the amount of \$8,849.39.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-36 authorizing the Township Fiscal Officer to issue and certify a Then and Now Certificate for payment of various expenditures totaling \$8,849.39, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk recommended the Board grant Conditional Employment to Christopher Myers as Building Monitor in the Recreation Department and to terminate the employment of Emily Poole as Recreation Assistant effective September 17, 2013.

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Mr. Tracy made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised the Board that each year after the County Budget Commission approves Miami Township's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, the Township must adopt an Acceptance of Rates Resolution.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-37, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for the 2014 budget and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised the Board the Ohio Police and Fire Pension System has increased its employee contribution rate and whenever there is a change to the township's contribution to this pension system, a resolution is required to show the Township is collecting from each employee through payroll deduction.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-38 a resolution restating the Pension Pick-Up for members of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 742-7-14(B), dispensing with the second reading, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised that the Police Department is in possession of miscellaneous surplus equipment that is no longer necessary for its operation or is obsolete. Mr. Fronk is recommending the surplus equipment be disposed of by Internet Auction pursuant to Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code. If no qualified bidders are found within sixty (60) days then he recommends the Police Chief be authorized to dispose of the equipment by destruction or other means.

Mr. Tracy moved to adopt Resolution 2013-39 a resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus property and authorizing the sale of unneeded or obsolescent personal property no longer necessary for Township use by Internet Auction pursuant to Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code. If no qualified bidders are found within sixty (60) days the Police Chief is authorized to dispose of the equipment by destruction or other means, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised that the developer of the Woods at Miami Trails, Section 11, Block C, has petitioned for a street lighting district. The district has ten lots, there will be three gaslight replicas and the developer owns all of the lots. The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting. Mr. Fronk is recommending the Board authorize the Administrator to execute the Outdoor Lighting Service Agreement and have the County Auditor place an assessment on each lot.

Mr. Tracy moved to adopt Resolution 2013-40 a resolution providing for the procurement of a street lighting system, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency and authorize the Township Administrator to execute an Outdoor Lighting Service Agreement with Duke Energy for the installation of three (3) street lights in the Woods at Miami Trails, Section 11, Block C and have the Clermont County Auditor place an assessment on each lot in the amount of \$36.45 per year for a ten year term, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised the Service Department conducted a speed study on streets within some platted subdivisions in Miami Township and found the speed limit on these streets were 55 mph. Mr. Mantel recommends the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph on these streets.

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Mr. Tracy moved to adopt Resolution 2013-41 a resolution lowering the speed limit on certain streets in Miami Township, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised of the need for a nuisance abatement on property with high grass and weeds.

Mr. Tracy moved to adopt Resolution 2013-42 a resolution authorizing the abatement, control or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse or debris, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk noted the Board discussed changing the days of the Trustee regular monthly meetings for November, December, January and February, the October work session and a special meeting in September. The special meeting date will be Monday September 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing Fire Chief Candidates. The date for the October work session will be Monday, October 7, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. The days and dates of the monthly business meetings are suggested for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Tracy moved to approve the days and dates of the September special meeting, October work session and the November through February monthly business meetings as proposed, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

**Public Comment:** Ms. Bunny Rhoten of Miamiville came forward to request a meeting between Miami Township, Miamiville and AIM to discuss the construction plans of AIM's new building.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment Pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code and to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee Pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Tracy made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer

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Karl Schultz, Chairperson