

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Mary Makley Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz, and Ken Tracy.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Musselman advised the Board of the capital improvements being worked on. Mr. Wright noted the steel supports are up for the pylon sign that will be located at St. Rt. 28 and I-275 and their packet included a picture of a directional sign for the Business 28 corridor that would be a good fit for the Bypass 28 and Business 28 area. Mr. Musselman advised the Board he is still waiting to hear from OPWC as to whether or not their funding will go through to help with the Dry Run Road slide. Mr. Musselman stated they hope to get the project done before there are too many freezes and thaws, which can cause additional slippage. Mr. Musselman stated indications are that the funding should be approved.

Mr. Wright requested the Board give a Conditional Offer of Employment for a full time Police Officer to Mr. Jimmy Taylor to replace Officer Gary Roush, who retired in May of this year. This will allow the Police Department to proceed with the process of background check and drug screening.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to make a Conditional Offer of Employment to Mr. Jimmy Taylor for full time Police Officer, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Musselman updated the Board regarding the replacement of the playground at Miami Meadows Park noting he is working on the bid documents and included the comments received from residents.

Mr. Wright advised a fire hydrant at the South Station on Rt. 50 is in need of repair. Two (2) estimates were obtained. One from Dalmatian Fire for \$13,130.00 and another from Carter construction for \$5,797.45. The Fire Department is requesting approval, from the Board, for this project and to spend up to \$6,500.00 which will allow for any unforeseen costs that may result from the repair. This is an important repair and the Fire Department is requesting the Board approve this request today.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to approve the Proposal/Quote from Carter Construction for the repair of the fire hydrant located on the property at the South Station on St. Rt. 50, at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 and for the Township Administrator to sign the proposal on behalf of the Board, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised there will be Street Lighting District renewal resolutions for the Board to adopt at the November business meeting.

Mr. Wright advised the Board that one Eagle Scout project is complete and we have three (3) requests for other Eagle Scout projects. Mr. Josh Pinchek will be at the November business meeting to give a wrap up of the Union Cemetery project he completed. Mr. Wright stated he was contacted by Nicholas Snow to do an Eagle Scout project of making Little Lending Libraries in a couple of our parks. Mr. Wright will be meeting with Mr. Snow regarding upkeep and maintenance. The Board agreed they would like information regarding the upkeep and maintenance with the Little Lending Libraries. Mr. Musselman stated he was contacted by Mr. Jake Jeager to work on the unpaved trail at Paxton Ramsey Park and Mr. Dane Sabo would like to make bat houses for Community and Miami Meadows Parks. The Board agreed anything to enhance the natural beauty of the parks is a good idea.

Mr. Wright explained the Fire Department is requesting approval to replace the current airbag lift system that is over 25 years old. The current lift system was removed from service due to the age, inability to have it serviced and/or obtain parts. The new system is designed and utilized to stabilize unstable structures or vehicles, as well as to be able to lift things as the incident dictates and is capable of lifting up to 52 tons. Due to time restraints, Mr. Wright is recommending the Board approve the purchase of the replacement airbag lift system through Finely Fire Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$6,420.00.

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Mr. Schultz moved to approve the purchase of the airbag lift system from Finely Fire Equipment in the amount of \$6,420.00, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised there will be a resolution for adoption for the disposal of surplus equipment. The Service and Fire Departments have equipment that is no longer of use or is obsolete to the Township. This will be an action item at the business meeting.

Mrs. Thibodeau advised there has not been a rate increase of our rentable rooms or park shelters in five (5) years. With the increased usage of the Leming House and Civic Center on the weekends, the cleaning costs have increased. Mrs. Thibodeau also noted other facilities rent out at a higher rate. Mrs. Thibodeau is recommending a 20% increase in the rental fees except for the Miami Room. The rate increase will also help absorb the cost of installing wifi at the Leming House and maintenance of the park shelters. The Board asked Mrs. Thibodeau to look into a corporate rate.

Mr. Ferry, Mr. Wright and Mr. Taphorn discussed the possibility of putting financial information on our website. The State of Ohio has encouraged schools and governments to post information to their "Open Checkbook Program". The states program is not a data dump program, it will take our financial software provider to help with setting this up, if the Board wants to pursue this. Mr. Taphorn stated he is waiting to hear back from the State to see what is involved with the upload of the data and have they established a system that can be used with our software provider and what the costs will be. The cost may not be too high but there will be an investment with our time. The Board discussed numbers being on the website without an explanation and this could be a problem. The Board wanted to know if this system is an easier way to explain to the public of how government is financed. Mr. Taphorn stated he does not believe it will. Mr. Taphorn stated they are researching how, and if, this new program would benefit the Township. Mr. Ferry stated more local governments are using this to prove transparency to the public and have nothing to hide. Mr. Wright stated they will continue researching this state program and will put the Township Fund Balance information on our website monthly and annually. Mr. Taphorn stated with us putting our own information on our own website, they can include an explanation making it much more user friendly.

Mr. Kevin Hansbauer, of Milford High School DECA, came forward to update the Board regarding the Veterans Remembrance at the Spirit of 76 Park in Miami Meadows. He noted all of the events that will be going on and it is on Saturday, November 14th. The registration for the run/walk will be at 8:00 a.m. and there will be happenings throughout the day. The Board thanked Mr. Hansbauer for all of the work he has done to make this event happen.

Mr. Wright discussed a proposed resolution for the Spirit of 75 Committee. The Committee has requested some kind of language that explains their initiatives and agreements. Mr. Braun, Township Law Director, explained the difference between having a resolution versus having a memorandum of understanding with the committee. The Board noted they did not want to be a part of a 501-C-3 for this committee. This resolution will be an action item at the November business meeting.

Retired Fire Chief, Jim Whitworth, came forward to thank the Trustees for recognizing the need for a Safety Services Levy and for putting it on the ballot. Mr. Whitworth also thanked the residents for passing the levy and for all of the volunteers who donated money and worked to help pass the levy. The Board thanked Mr. Whitworth for his work and support of the levy.

Executive Session: Mr. Schultz made a motion to go into Executive Session To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code; preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance which is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

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

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson