

## MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

**FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Vice Chairperson Ken Tracy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Ken Tracy and Mary Makley Wolff.

Mr. Wright advised Mr. Chris Lohrman will give an update from the Spirit of 76 Committee. Mr. Lohrman stated they are looking at fundraising alternatives to help raise money for the park and looking at several events for the park. Mr. Lohrman asked approval from the Board on events/fundraisers for the park which include a Korean War Veterans gathering on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Constitution Day Event (no date yet), Remembrance Day (no date yet) and a POW/MIA motorcycle ride on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lohrman also asked to have the Port-o-lets moved to a different location. The Board advised Mr. Lohrman to fill out a "special events" form and submit it to the Township. Krystin Thibodeau, Recreation Director, stated she will e-mail him the form. Also, the Service Department will take care of having the Port-o-lets moved.

Mr. Wright advised the Fire/EMS Department is requesting a capital purchase of four (4) MDCs, 22 sets of turnout gear and fencing for the training tower at Live Oaks. The four (4) MDCs will be a total of \$18,100.00 and he would like approval for an additional \$8,500.00 to upgrade the other eleven (11) MDCs they currently have. The 22 sets of turnout gear are ones that need to be replaced and was budgeted for 2016. The cost of the new turnout gear is \$51,000.00. The last purchase request is for \$2,450.00 worth of fencing to construct a second drive through gate on the backside of the training tower area at Live Oaks Vocational School. This project was scheduled for 2015 but has been moved to 2016 and is a part of this year's budget. These will be action items at the business meeting.

Mr. Wright advised the Police department is requesting to fill two police officer positions that are open due to the promotion of Officer Bullock to Sergeant Bullock and the retirement of Officer Heideman. Chief Madsen is requesting the Board grant conditional offers of employment to Josh Bail and Todd Taylor for the position of full time police officers. The conditional offer will allow the background checks and drug screenings to proceed.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to grant conditional offer of employment to Josh Bail and Todd Taylor for the position of full time police officer, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Elliff, Planning & Zoning Administrator, explained he, Joe Braun and the Police Department are continuing to work on the Property Maintenance Code with regard to replacing the "civil citations" with a "summons" process. Mr. Elliff also explained they are researching the appropriate and supportable level of fines to include in the revised Property Maintenance Code. When these issues are resolved it will be brought to the Board for final adoption.

Mr. Wright advised the Board of two out of Township travel requests from the Police Department. One is for Chief Madsen and Officer Ann Morgan to attend the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Award Conference March 30 through April 2 in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed \$2830.00 for both. The other request is for Officer Skip Rasfeld to attend the National DARE conference in Atlanta, Georgia at a cost not to exceed \$1400.00. These will be action items at the business meeting.

Mr. Musselman updated the Board on Service Department projects noting at the business meeting there will be an acceptance of a street into the Township's road system, a speed reduction for that street, two Eagle Scouts at the meeting to present their ideas for projects, a surplus equipment resolution, and the department is working on the Miami Meadows playground, Miami Meadows Lake erosion, Spirit of 76 electric, Leming House HVAC and masonry for the pylon sign.

Mr. Wright advised with the Board's action on the conditional offers of employment, upon the successful background checks and drug screenings there will be the hiring and badge ceremony at the business meeting. Mr. Wright advised the Board of the need to reschedule the March work session since its regular day falls the day before the business meeting.

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**Public Comment:** None

**Executive Session:** Ms. Wolff made a motion to go into Executive Session to 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, to consider the purchase or sale of property pursuant to Section 121.22 (G)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code 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”.

Ms. Wolff 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 9:30 a.m.

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

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Ken Tracy, Vice Chairperson