

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 22, 2023 20

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in their monthly Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Township Civic Center. Vice-Chairperson Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ferry called the roll. Attending were Mark Schulte, and Mary Makley Wolff.

Chief Mills introduced and pinned our newest officer William Dossenback who was welcomed by the Board.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18th Business Meeting and Public Hearing and the August 14th Worksession and Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

The Department Heads gave their monthly reports for July.

Mr. Wright recommended the following actions for personnel:

Police Department

Remove Police Officer Tim Goins from probationary status effective September 25, 2023.

Make a final offer of employment to William Dossenback for the position of full-time Police Officer with an eighteen-month probationary period at a pay rate of \$42.03 per hour starting August 23, 2023.

Make a conditional offer of employment to James Korzan for the position of full-time Police Officer. The offer will be contingent on Mr. Korzan successfully completing the remaining steps of the selection process. The position is being filled due to a vacancy.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to accept the personnel actions as stated, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Schulte made a motion to pay the bills of the Township. including 253 checks numbered 144911 through 145163 and 69 electronic payments numbered 3221 to 3289 for the total amount of \$2,274,333.43. In addition, approve the following net payroll expenses, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Direct Deposit Date	Amount
7/14/2023	\$ 367,792.97
7/28/2023	\$ 340,095.03
8/11/2023	\$364,882.51

Mr. Wright presented the need for a Then and Now Certificate in the amount of \$376,437.49. Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-31 authorizing the Township Fiscal Officer to issue and certify a Then and Now Certificate for payment of various expenditures, totaling \$376,437.49 and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright presented a review of our street lighting districts, noting legislation is required to amend the assessments of several districts to align with the annual costs of paying the monthly utility bills to Duke Energy.

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Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-32, a resolution adjusting and certifying the assessments of various street lighting districts in Miami Township and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright noted that in the past we have discussed the need to coordinate with the County Engineers Office and Goshen Township to have safety and capacity improvements made to the intersection of Woodville Pike and Deerfield Road. The traffic volume through this intersection has increased several fold in the last two decades as it is a connector to SR 28 and subdivisions have been completed in both townships on those corridors.

The intersection is a four-way stop without any turn lanes and there are not sufficient shoulders. Response times for Fire & EMS and Police services are delayed during high traffic times as the Woodvill Pike leg often backs up past the Baptist Church and School property with ten-minute waits occurring for motorists. We have seen an increase in the number of accidents and accidents with injuries. Due to the traffic patterns being heavier for two legs of the intersection and the geometry of the intersection, installing a roundabout would be the optimal improvement.

The Clermont County TID has added this project to its Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The total cost estimate for engineering design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction is \$2.7 million. Fortunately, the TID has been approved for a competitive grant from the Federal government that will pay for 80% of the construction costs. The other 20% of the construction costs and the design and right-of-way costs will need to be matched locally. We believe that the County can apply for an OPWC grant to pay for 79% of the balance of the construction costs, with construction estimated to occur in 2028. The engineering costs of \$271,311 are proposed to be shared by \$50,000 each from Miami and Goshen Townships and the County Engineer or TID picking up the balance of \$171,311.

The request for us to fund \$50,000 towards a \$2.7 million project is a great investment so that this does not linger any further and our residents can start to benefit in five years from improved response times, a safer intersection and a reduction from the daily backups. We have ample funds for the \$50,000 contribution as the adjacent Deerfield Pointe neighborhood is in a TIF district that is budgeted to have a carryover at the end of this year of \$350,000.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to commit \$50,000 to the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District for engineering expenses of the Woodville Pike/Deerfield Road Intersection Improvement Project, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright noted the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 authorizes the Township Board of Trustees to provide for the abatement, control or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from land within the Township if the Board determines that the conditions constitute a nuisance. The Township's Property Maintenance Code also requires that properties be kept to minimum standards to avoid nuisances such as tall vegetation and accumulation of garbage or rubbish. The Community Development Department is authorized to enforce the requirements to encourage property owners to bring conditions into compliance.

Staff investigates properties for nuisance conditions and provides notification to owners describing violations in detail. Unfortunately, properties can remain in violation even after having been notified. To provide for the abatement of the violations, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring the properties as a nuisance before a contractor can be hired. Prior to the contractor abating the nuisance, the Township will notify the property owners and any lien holders of the proposed action, giving them an opportunity to remedy the problem.

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Under Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87(F), if the Township must proceed and after the nuisance conditions are abated, the Township may in cooperation with the Clermont County Auditor's office place a lien on each of the properties so that the costs are eventually recouped when the property taxes are collected.

At the August 14, 2023, Board of Trustees Work Session meeting, information was provided to the Board demonstrating the nuisance conditions at the following Location:

- 5498 Sugar Camp Road, Parcel No. 182405E023.

On May 11, 2023, Notice of Violation was provided to the property owner. No appeal was taken of that notification.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-33, a resolution authorizing the abatement, control or removal of garbage, rubbish or debris from the property located at 5498 Sugar Camp Road and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright noted that we have budgeted in the 2023 General Fund Capital Improvements, \$32,000 for electronic sign upgrades. The sign at Trailside (6750 Branch Hill Guinea Pike) is one of our oldest, being installed in 2016 and is out of warranty. The signs have proved to be a valuable tool to connect with our residents and broadcast important information.

An upgrade would consist of a new Samsung 8mm 120 x 270 Matrix Display. This would give us a bit more than 4.5 times the pixels that the current 16 mm sign has (6,912 in current display compared to 32,400 in new display). The smaller the pixel number means less space between the pixels for a much higher resolution image. This upgrade would also give us the ability to display videos up to 60 frames per second. The new display would also be about 6 inches taller, so the estimate includes the necessary modifications to the exiting cabinet.

We received two quotes from Signarama – one from the Cincinnati location and one from Lawrenceburg. Triumph Signs did not respond to our request for a quote. Signarama of Lawrenceburg came in slightly lower at a cost of \$31,582.35. We have utilized Signarama of Lawrenceburg for service repairs, and they have installed all of the signs located in the Township.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to contract with Signarama of Lawrenceburg to upgrade the electric sign at Trailside Park in the amount of \$31,582.35, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

There were no public comments.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Schulte made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.