

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, September 8, 2014 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Vice 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 and Karl Schultz.

Ms. Thibodeau presented proposals for a car show and baseball tournament to be held at Miami Meadows Park in 2015. Ms. Thibodeau explained the process of assigning baseball fields to teams. Ms. Thibodeau introduced Mitch Sacks and Tom VanWert from Sandlot Tournaments and noted she and Allen Leab had met with Mr. Sacks and Mr. VanWert regarding tournaments at Miami Meadows Park. Mr. VanWert explained they have the skills and most of the means to run a tournament and explained how it would be run, their ability to drag the fields and to donate concession funds to charity. The Board discussed a private enterprise coming in and profiting from a government funded infrastructure, tournaments bringing in a lot of traffic and people and Miami Meadows is probably the only park we have that could accommodate some of what they are asking for. The proposed tournament would run at the same time as soccer and the Township has a very active, long history with our soccer groups and this could create a problem with the fields. Also noted was the cost of maintaining the fields. Ms. Wolff asked if they were willing to pay the extra money for Township staff. Mr. VanWert stated they talked about field maintenance. Mr. Sacks came forward to state they would work the tournament time to when there is nothing else going on in the park and to show off the Township. The Board felt they needed more time to think about this.

Ms. Thibodeau advised the Board that a local man is requesting to use the front field at Miami Meadows Park to do a charity car show where the money raised will go the Shriners Hospital. The show is mostly owners of the cars being shown and would be a two day event. The Board stated they have no problem as long as there is some kind of Contract or Memorandum of Understanding.

Chief Kelly updated the Board, with a Power Point presentation, on the build-out of temporary Station 29 noting the build out is progressing with drywall and plumbing going in. This temporary station will be able to have an area for three people to sleep. Chief Kelly also gave information on two year's worth of calls for that new carved out district and run/response times for all of the districts.

Mr. Fronk went over the 2014 revenues and expenses and provided the estimated year end balances. He also provided an overview and timeline for the 2015 budget.

Chief Madsen led a discussion on proposed revisions to job descriptions for all Police Department positions. The Board asked Mr. Braun about the job descriptions and he said he would look them over and agreed with the Board that all departments need to have job descriptions for all positions.

The Indigent Burial Policy issue was taken off the agenda so more research could be done.

Mr. Fronk updated the Board on the sewer line extension project for the AIM Corporation in Miamiville with a Power Point presentation. Mr. Fronk noted he has had some feedback from residents in the area regarding extending the sewer even further onto two additional streets. It was explained that the funds from the AIM TIF would be available.

Mr. Fronk advised the Board the Mr. Mantel has done an excellent job in finding available road salt through a private landscape company. Mr. Mantel advised the Board of the shortage of salt by the suppliers. Currently Miami Township has approximately 2,000 tons and we are only committed for 280 tons which is about 1/10th of what we need on an average winter. Mr. Mantel looked for alternative sources and found some Moroccan salt that is on its way to our area and he was able to secure 3798 tons from a local supplier and that is almost what they used last year with a cutback. Mr. Mantel stated of the 3700 they are committed to receiving 750 tons between now and December and the remainder of that when the barge comes in, which will be between late December and late January. This will give us 2700 tons to start the winter. Mr. Mantel stated we are currently locked in at a price of \$115 per ton. Mr. Braun advised the Board they need to ratify the salt contract that is current and adopt a resolution declaring an emergency which will allow Mr. Mantel to move forward with securing salt from the private landscape company.

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Mr. Schultz moved to adopt Resolution 2014-42 a resolution authorizing the Township Service Director to enter into a contract to purchase salt for the 2014 – 2015 winter season dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff with all voting “AYE”.

The Board asked Mr. Mantel about the timing of the paving and Mr. Mantel stated he has a meeting today with Eric Ely of the County Engineer’s Office to go over the scheduling.

Mr. Fronk advised of two additional topics both to be discussed by Mr. Mantel. Mr. Mantel advised the Board of a request by a resident who would like permission to put a “Little Library” in one of our parks. Two sites discussed were Riverview and Community Park. An agreement would have to be drawn up as to responsibilities of maintenance of the “Little Library”. Mr. Mantel asked the Board for their thoughts on the request. The Board agreed that if the resident wanted to put the library at Riverview then that is where they should start and see how the project works.

Mr. Mantel advised that he met with a representative of Duke Energy regarding putting electricity near the Korean War Memorial area and was given a number of just under \$10,000.00 to get the electric there. This does not include additional outlets, extras or usage. The Board agreed for Mr. Mantel to go ahead with looking into future expansion so the correct transformer can be installed.

Mr. Fronk advised the need for an Executive Session. Mr. Schultz made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, to consider the sale or purchase 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 to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Ms. Wolff with all voting “AYE”.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Wolff with all voting “AYE”.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff, Vice Chairperson