

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of February 22, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chairperson Moir, with Trustee Hollister present.

Fire Chief Altman, Road Department employee Dan Gochenouer, and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were also in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

After clarification from Ms. Pauwels on two minor points, Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **adopt the minutes** of February 6, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$18,521.11:**

- General Fund – \$1,573.41
- Fire Fund – \$9,125.26
- EMS Billing – \$405.76
- Cemetery – \$197.00
- Road and Bridge – \$7,219.68
 - 2011 – \$281.75
 - 2021 – \$3,058.42
 - 2031 – \$424.56
 - 2231 – \$3,454.95

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Trustees received:

- Medicount Annual Report
- OPSB Application for rehearing accepted into record
- OTA Legislative Alert
- RPCC Exec Committee Agenda 2/21/2023
- Auditor of State Local Gov't Officials conference
- TLT Cover Crop Symposium 3/8/23
- Auditor of State Hinkle System Filing 60 days overdue
- Dept of Commerce Cemetery data and Grant Opportunity
- TLT Director Michele Burns regarding Priority Property
- Office of Budget Management
- County Auditor Real Estate tax advance
- Little Miami Watershed Network – invitation to participate in signage grant.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

Chief Altman reported **33 EMS runs** and **10 fire runs** since last meeting.

Chief Altman updated the efforts at the state level to correct a problem with **HB 509**, due to take effect in April, that erroneously changed the departments' **CEU-site status** requirement from "approved" to "accredited," which makes that status untenable. HB 52 correcting the word is expected to pass by the end of March.

Chief Altman will be on vacation from March 2-6, 2023, with Assistant Chief Powell covering.

Executive Session:

Chief Altman requested an **Executive Session** with the Trustees to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Hollister moved to recess as requested; Trustee Moir seconded. The meeting recessed at 5:08, and reconvened at 5:25 with no action being taken at this time.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Dan Gochenouer reported 1 burial at Glen Forest and 1 at Clifton, with 2 more scheduled for Saturday in Glen Forest.

Electrical repairs discussed earlier will be taken care of Friday.

Trustee Moir read a note received from a family who has a member buried in the **Natural Cemetery** with **concerns** re: dog waste and a proliferation of non-natural items such as plastic flowers. The matter will be taken up by the Natural Burial Committee to determine the best way to address the problems.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer reported the Township requests for collective bids through the county have been submitted:

- **Fog seal** – \$56,032.00
 - Snynn Road
 - Golden Willow Court
 - Larkins Road
 - Kyle Road
 - Tanyard Road
 - William & Mary Court
- **Overlay** – \$40,233.33
 - Brannum Lane

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Resolution 2023-15 Amendment of Temporary Appropriations as enumerated. Trustee Hollister **moved to adopt** and Trustee Moir **seconded**. Resolution **adopted unanimously**.

Trustee Moir has requested Fiscal Officer Silliman provide the **draft budget** by the March 6th meeting for review before the vote on March 20th.

Standing Committee Reports

- MVRPC – Executive Committee & Board of Directors
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission
- Clifton-Union Cemetery
- YS Community Development Corporation – Trustee Hollister reported an **interim director** made possible by the Yellow Springs Community Foundation will be responsible for organizing the job search for a permanent director, as well as short-term strategic planning.
- CASP (Climate Action & Sustainability Project)
- Natural Burial Committee

New Business

Trustee Moir reported on the request by **Little Miami Watershed** for the Township to participate in their **grant application for watershed signage** throughout the area (three different townships). After a short discussion, Trustee Hollister **moved to endorse** the application, and Trustee Moir **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**. Placement of the signs will be discussed with Zoning Inspector Richard Zopf.

Trustee Moir noted the listed agenda item on the **website update** will be addressed next meeting.

Old Business

Trustee Hollister reported there will an update next meeting on **solar project issues**.

Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Trustee Hollister and **seconded** by Trustee Moir to adjourn. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 6, 2023**, at 5 p.m.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

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