

**Miami Township Trustees**  
Minutes of February 6, 2023

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairperson Moir. Trustees Hollister and Mucher were also present.

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

*Yellow Springs News* reporter Lauren Shows and Greene County Prosecutor David Hayes were also present.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **adopt the minutes** of January 18, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Mucher **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded** to **adopt the minutes** of the **special meeting** held January 14, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **adopt the minutes** of the **special meeting** held January 20, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Payment of Accounts**

Trustee Mucher **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$98,124.96**:

- General Fund – \$5,060.79
- Fire Fund – \$10,398.87
- EMS Billing – \$26,219.78
- Cemetery – \$1,450.00
- Road and Bridge – \$54,995.52
  - 2021 – \$50,723.09
  - 2031 – \$4,272.43

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Correspondence**

The Trustees received:

- Dodd's Memorials
- MVRPC Board Meeting
- Ohio Cemetery Association Awards Dinner
- Pipelines-Newsletter Greene County Sanitary Engineering
- Request for Prairie Burn
- OTA Legislative Alert
- National Opioid Settlement Notice – Trustee Mucher asked GC Prosecutor Hayes if this was in reference to the work of the committee formed by Commissioner Gould, to which Mr. Mucher was appointed and then heard nothing further on.

Mr. Hayes said yes, in his understanding it may be. Mr. Mucher will contact Mr. Gould for more information.

- Andrea Rickford cemetery name error
- OPSB deadline for memorandum contra to applications for rehearing
- League of Women Voters- directory of public officials corrections
- MVRPC Project Survey for local projects
- Ohio Connect – newsletter OBM

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comments

### **Fire Department Report**

Chief Altman reported **35 EMS runs** and **8 fire runs** since last meeting.

Thanks to a Department of Homeland Security grant secured by Xenia-Greene Combined Dispatch Center Director Mindy Lane, the Township-owned **tornado siren** from at least the mid-'50s next to the Clifton station will be replaced at a cost of ~\$30,000.

Staff will undergo OSHA-compliant **confined space training** over the next several weeks, at no cost other than staff time due to a PUCO grant.

New **lockers** have arrived and been installed/placed in the station.

A minor issue with **bed bugs** in the station (3?) has been addressed with no further problems. The department has also stocked a spray remedy to use in the ambulance as necessary.

Issues with the **shorelines in the medic bays** have been corrected by Triec Electric.

The station **air compressor** was out of service due to a problem with the dehumidifier. That has been repaired.

The **rear apparatus apron** appears to be experiencing spalling (breakdown of concrete resulting in a chipped surface). An expert will be brought in to evaluate the situation.

Trustee Hollister asked about **cumulative/additional issues with the new building**.

Chief Altman said that other than the bay doors which continue to have some problems, all issues have been addressed. He also said that given the scope of the new building construction, problems have been relatively few, and the contractor has been notified of each one.

Chief Altman presented a list of acceptable documents verifying the Township start year needed to reactivate the department's **SAM registration with the Federal Processing Registry**. He is waiting for a letter from the IRS confirming non-profit status as well. He will also contact other townships to see how they have addressed this issue.

Chief Altman reported on 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.

Trustee Mucher asked about the status of **specs for the ambulance**; Chief Altman is working on it.

Trustee Mucher noted the Township is still being dunned for a **final electric bill** from the old station which was never received, but that no one has been able to provide him with an itemized bill so that it can be paid. The process continues.

### **Executive Session:**

Trustee Mucher moved for an **Executive Session** with the Trustees, Prosecutor Hayes, and Mr. Gochenouer to discuss personnel matters. Recess for same at 5:35, and reconvened at 5:56 with no action being taken at this time.

### **Cemetery and Road Report**

#### **Cemetery:**

Dan Gochenouer reported 2 burials at Glen Forest. Two plots have been sold at Oak Grove and 1 at the Natural site, with 2 more pending.

**Electrical and door repairs** discussed earlier have been delayed by weather, but will be taken care of.

Trustee Moir reported that **prairie seed** was scattered at the Natural site. A brief discussion was held re: **burn schedule** for the area (not this year; every-other or every 4?).

Trustee Mucher asked about requests for **pet burial** with their owners. Mr. Gochenouer said the standard response is, "We don't do pets." After a brief discussion, Trustee Hollister volunteered to research state law on the issue.

Brandon will handle branches at Glen Forest.

#### **Roads:**

**Pothole repair** is scheduled for this week and **crack fill** on Hyde Road next week in conjunction with Xenia Township. There is also a **guardrail** to be repaired.

Mr. Gochenouer responded to several questions from Trustee Mucher:

- **Township Convention**—it was a good event, with information on an excavator bucket and a bush hog.
- The **trench drain** at the Quonset hut is in the works.
- It was decided to **advertise the old dump truck for local bids** at the end of the month, with a \$13,000 reserve.
- **Annual supply stocking** is ongoing.

Trustee Moir asked about the **annual road tour**. The date needs to be confirmed.

**Fiscal Officer's Report**

**Resolution 2023-09 Amendment of Temporary Appropriations** – Trustee Mucher **moved to adopt** and Trustee Hollister **seconded**. Mr. Hollister then asked Prosecutor Hayes for input on the regularity of such appropriation amendments. Mr. Hayes suggested he talk with the County Auditor, which Mr. Hollister will do. **Resolution adopted unanimously.**

**Standing Committee Reports**

- YS Community Development Corporation – Trustee Hollister reported they will hold their annual meeting in the Township building on February 7, 2023.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Old Business**

No old business to review at this time.

**Prosecutor Hayes** reminded the Trustees his office is available to serve Township legal needs, and to let him know if that isn't happening appropriately. He invited them to the **Township Association meeting** on February 14, 2023, to be co-hosted by his office and Common Pleas Court. RSVPs due February 7th.

**Adjournment**

A **motion** was made by Trustee Mucher and seconded by Trustee Hollister to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, February 22, 2023**, at 5 p.m., due to the Presidents Day holiday.

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_ **Attest** \_\_\_\_\_

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