

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of January 18, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairperson Moir. Trustee Hollister was also present.

Fire Chief Altman and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

After an amendment to the minutes, a **motion** was made by Trustee Hollister and **seconded** by Trustee Moir to **adopt the minutes** of January 4, 2023, **as amended**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$48,317.68**:

- General Fund – \$2,002.97
- Fire Fund – \$32,370.03
- Cemetery – \$2,023.09
- EMS Billing – \$5,090.84
- Road and Bridge – \$8,187.40
 - 2011 – \$1,070.21
 - 2021 – \$3672.49
 - 2031 – \$344.70

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Trustees received:

- First Energy Utility Bill Assistance Program
- Lee Sloan – Kingwood application for a rehearing, Greene County application for rehearing – **to be discussed under Old Business**
- Multiple Glen Forest Cemetery inquiries – **to receive appropriate responses**
- Little Miami Watershed – invitation to “The River Speaks” event
- MVRPC meeting agenda
- RPCC Executive Committee minutes
- US Census Bureau BAS Survey – **response needed**
- Greene County RPCC request for copy of revised Chapter 13: Planned Development – **with Trustee Mucher and Zoning Inspector Zopf**
- Miami Conservancy District Survey – not our district
- Township Road Grant Application

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

Chief Altman reported **31 EMS runs** and **7 fire runs**. The 2022 annual total of ~1,200 calls is the second highest in the department's history.

The following **department awards** were presented at the January 15th New Year's party:

- Recruit: Brian Burnett
- Firefighter: Justin Turner
- EMT: Georgia Goad
- Member of the Year: Cassady Brewer
- Meritorious Service Award: Lt. Kline, Sgt. Miller-Jacobson, Dave Meister, Payton Cooper, Georgia Goad, and Mark Murphy

Chief Altman presented **Resolution 2023-10 Reclassification of MTR Employee** (Brian Burnett from volunteer to part-time status) effective January 18, 2023. Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** adoption of same. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Hollister shared comments he received during recent medical facility transfers, from an individual hoping to become a **volunteer with MTR**. They said the department has a reputation as a "cool place" to be involved.

Chief Altman reported on his continuing efforts to reactivate the department's **SAM registration with the Federal Processing Registry**. He needs a document verifying the department (township?) start year. Plus, he recommends updating the various ways the township name is listed in other legal entities to a standard "Miami Township, Greene County" to minimize future problems registering.

Chief Altman offered a **staff update** re: medical leave dates.

Trustee Hollister asked if the department had considered re-establishing an **Explorer program**. Chief Altman said they are working on rechartering with the Boy Scouts and hope to be active soon. A few students still participate, with a one-time high of 15. The Explorer program is recognized as a good pipeline for future volunteers.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Dan Gochenouer was absent, assisting the fire department with an equipment delivery.

Roads:

Trustee Moir reported she has driven the township roads, and they all look good.

Fiscal Officer's Report

The following **Resolutions** were presented, with action as noted following brief discussions:

- **Resolution 2023-09 Amendment of Temporary Appropriations** – Trustee Hollister **moved to adopt** and Trustee Moir **seconded**. Resolution **adopted unanimously**.
- **Resolution 2023-07 Advancement of Tax Settlement Money Authorization** – Trustee Hollister **moved to adopt** and Trustee Moir **seconded**. Resolution **adopted unanimously**.

Standing Committee Reports

- MVRPC Executive Committee & Board of Directors – Trustee Moir: “Engaging presentation on aging populations”
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission
- Clifton-Union Cemetery – Trustee Hollister: no meeting
- YS Community Development Corporation – Trustee Hollister: they have accepted funding from Yellow Springs Foundation for an **Encore Fellowship position as interim Executive Director** for 2-3 months until a permanent ED can be hired
- CASP (Climate Action & Sustainability Project) – Trustee Moir: they are interviewing for a **half-time coordinator**; the group has been approached by an engineering firm re: a **formal watershed assessment** that proves helpful for a variety of funding streams – Trustee Hollister directed CASP to Wright State University for information on a similar, possibly ongoing, research project; **collaborative learning sessions** on land use issues are being discussed
- Natural Burial Committee – Trustee Moir: good meeting, “people came back!”

New Business

Trustee Moir presented **Resolution 2023-08 Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys on an Annual Basis for the Year 2023**. After brief discussion, Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to delete paragraph 4. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Trustee Hollister then **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to adopt the Resolution **as amended**. Resolution **adopted unanimously**.

Old Business

Kingwood Solar:

Trustee Hollister reported that Miami Township joined the other townships in supporting the latest OPSB filing by Citizens for Green Acres that challenges the site on tech issues, not just public opposition.

On Saturday, Kingwood appealed the OPSB rejection, opening the 10-day window for comment. Cedarville Township has asked for individual township responses rather than just agreeing with Citizens for Green Acres.

After some discussion, it was decided that **a special meeting will likely be needed** to a) decide on that request; and b) draft an appropriate response, with legal advice, if that is the decision. A date will be set after checking with Trustee Mucher.

Solar in the Township:

Trustee Moir reported that further review of the existing 90-day window for township appeal showed it is a sufficient timeframe.

Xenia Solar held an open house re: a Samsung 120-acre/30MW proposal for east of the City. Xenia Township is reviewing a response.

Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Trustee Hollister and seconded by Trustee Moir to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

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

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

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