

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of March 6, 2023

Call to Order

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

Zoning Commissioner Richard Zopf, Road Department employee Dan Gochenouer, and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were in attendance.

Greene County Assistant Prosecutor Ashley Caldwell and Ilona Seaman of iPanda Designs LLC were also present.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **adopt the minutes** of February 22, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Mucher **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$64,787.31 (corrected total):**

- General Fund – \$12,614.12
- Fire Fund – \$42,053.89
- EMS Billing – \$937.86
- Cemetery – \$5,415.90
- Road and Bridge – \$3,765.54 (**corrected total**)
 - 2021 – \$945.96
 - 2031 – \$2,819.58

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Trustees received:

- Greene County Public Health – annual meeting
- Village of Yellow Springs Notice of Public Hearing for Home, Inc. PUD – next door: **March 28, 2023**
- Lacey Fox – recommendation of camera to improve audio in Township recordings: **Trustee Mucher has ordered a new mic**
- OTA – Legislative Alert
- OTA – HB23 Transportation Bill
- Chris Mucher letter to The Honorable Pete Buttigieg re: support for Yellow Springs connector (Connect Ohio)
- MVRPC – invitation to annual dinner on April 14, 2023
- Greene County National Day of Unplugging – March 3, 2023
- OTARMA risk management coverage outline and invoice
- Don Hollister – ad hoc regional solar planning task force suggested

- Chris Mucher/Fred Fox re: cement apron at the fire station, front and back bays: **to be discussed further with Ms. Caldwell**
- Hope Taft – welcome aboard to signage grant; review stream/road crossings: **grant will pay for the signs, Township handles installation. Mr. Zopf and Mr. Gochenouer will review the crossing list and possibly add more locations**
- Stephanie Goff, Greene County – \$50,000 grant opportunity available for road signage, with multiple workshop dates available to assist townships in applying (March 28-June 6): applied, never received in the past; **Trustee Moir will look into attending one of the sessions**
- Greene County Prosecutor’s Office – Public Safety Information Sharing Network (PSISN) program billing at \$3,000?: **Ms. Caldwell will investigate and report back**

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

No report due to Chief Altman’s vacation absence.

Mr. Zopf reported a **voice mail** at the Zoning Department re: a downtown restaurant inspection needed that was waiting for a Fire Department call-back.

Trustee Moir presented **Resolution 2023-16 Appointment of MTRF Volunteer Personnel** (Sven Meister). Trustee Mucher **moved** to approve the Resolution; Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The **Resolution was approved unanimously**.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Dan Gochenouer reported **1 burial** at Glen Forest. He has several pending sales inquiries for Oak Grove tree lots.

The department is working on **brush removal/clean-up** at Oak Grove.

Electrical service to the pump discussed earlier will be taken care of tomorrow (Tuesday).

Roads:

Trustee Mucher **moved** to pay Greene County for the **road repairs bid** discussed at last meeting (total: \$96,265.33) and Trustee Hollister **seconded**. **Motion carried unanimously**.

After the last windstorm, Trustee Mucher discovered **downed limbs on South River Road** and moved them out of traffic. Mr. Gochenouer will arrange to collect them as needed.

A brief discussion was held re: the lesser amount of **standing water** after a heavy rain than in the past, thanks to improved drainage. Troughs for drainage at the Quonset hut have been received and will be installed soon.

Mr. Gochenouer has requested and is waiting for a quote for a **new bush hog**. The current one has been in use 30+ years.

No bids were received on the advertised **dump truck sale**. Mr. Gochenouer will check with the County on their online bid/auction system.

Trustee Mucher asked about **spring equipment servicing**. Mr. Gochenouer said the mowers have been done, and tractors will be done next week.

Trustee Mucher reiterated his earlier suggestion that shelves be installed in the garage to store a substantial **inventory of regularly needed equipment** (batteries, wipers, etc.), and a bulk order be placed to create that stock. He wants to see all batteries replaced now so no crew is stranded mid-job, with regular replacement every 3 years. Mr. Gochenouer will begin the process.

Fiscal Officer's Report

The **draft budget** for 2023 has been made available for review and later discussion before the vote on March 20th. Trustee Moir noted that funds from the new fire levy for personnel need to be in separate account from the fire department general fund.

Resolution 2023-17 Amendment of Temporary Appropriations as enumerated. Trustee Mucher **moved to adopt** and Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The **Resolution was adopted unanimously**.

Zoning Inspectors Report

Mr. Zopf reported **2 permits** have been issued so far this year.

The recent Zoning Committee meeting discussed **temporary use permits and variances**; research continues.

A Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will be held March 16, 2023, re: a **request for variance** at the Chappelle residence on Hyde Road. A brief discussion was held on the issues raised by the request, specifically the appropriateness for a residential area. Mr. Zopf noted the character of the Township is changing, and we need to be prepared for that.

A proposal is being considered for development at the Welch Farm.

A brief discussion reaffirmed the need for further review and planning re: **solar installations**. The Zoning Commission was encouraged to review the Township's aging Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Hollister reported an ad hoc regional solar planning task force is under discussion as well.

New Business

Iлона Seaman of iPanda Designs LLC presented a proposal to **update/upgrade and maintain the Township website** (document on file). Following her presentation and a pointed discussion, Trustee Mucher **moved to accept the proposal** and to enter into a contract with iPanda Designs; Trustee Moir **seconded**. The **motion was approved unanimously**.

Old Business

Trustee Hollister will share his findings on **pet burials** at a future meeting.

Executive Session:

Trustee Mucher **moved** for an **Executive Session** with Greene County Assistant Prosecutor Caldwell to “consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.” Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The meeting recessed at 6:30, and reconvened at 7:26 p.m. with **no action being taken at this time**.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 20, 2023**, at 5 p.m.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

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