

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of June 21, 2023

Call to Order

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

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

Yellow Springs News reporter Lauren Shows was also present.

Adoption of Minutes

After Trustee Hollister requested **clarification of two acronyms** in the draft minutes, Trustee Mucher **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded to adopt the minutes** of June 5, 2023, as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Mucher **seconded to pay bills** in the amount of **\$50,497.64:**

- General Fund – \$4,490.68
- Fire Fund – \$37,166.91
- EMS Billing – \$1,730.72
- Cemetery – \$1,455.37
- Road and Bridge – \$5,653.96
 - 2011 – \$450.73
 - 2021 – \$1,587.29
 - 2031 – \$160.74
 - 2231 – \$3,455.20
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Correspondence

The Trustees received correspondence as follows:

- Pontem: Change to terms of Pontem subscription
- Greene RPCC: Request for comments on final draft of Perspectives 2040 (**see comments under Standing Committee Reports**)
- Friends of Bear Mill: Membership update for Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM)
- OTA Legislative Alert
- Kevin Heath (Kyle Road): Inquiry requesting zoning guidance for a tiny house
- Chris Mucher/Jason Funderburg: Regarding concrete apron issue
- Marilan Moir/Richard Zopf: Discussion on bed and breakfast vs AirBnB in the Township
- Marilan Moir/Kathleen Garrison: Discussion re: large solar
- Mike Harding, Servelet: Website domain renewed – Trustee Mucher asked Assistant Fire Chief Denny Powell to comment on the issue. He explained the

domain registration company had changed hands, and the previous 10-year renewal subscription had expired. After a brief website and email outage, it has been renewed.

- OPERS retirement workshop
- Greater Dayton Partnership for Environment: Fall Awards Celebration sponsorship at \$250 (**see discussion under New Business**)
- Green Energy Ohio: Invitation to Zoom information meeting June 22, 2023, on agrivoltaics

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Note: A number of issues and queries regarding zoning procedures and commissions have been received in recent weeks. The Trustees are taking this opportunity to fully investigate claims and consider policy changes. They are not prepared to speak about these until their inquiry is complete.

Fire Department Report

In Chief Altman's vacation absence, Assistant Fire Chief Denny Powell reported **58 EMS runs** and **12 fire calls** since last meeting. Eleven of the EMS calls were at Yellow Springs Street Fair, largely for heat-related issues. Three people were transported.

In response to a question from Trustee Mucher, Assistant Chief Powell reported **Engine 82 now has two new tires**, with additional service scheduled for it and for #2 Medic.

Congratulations were extended to **TJ Fries** for completing all requirements to become a **state-certified paramedic**.

Four department members took part in **grain bin rescue training** offered at Pitchin Fire Department, bringing the number of MTFR staff trained in this important discipline to 10.

Assistant Chief Powell reported on the **department's service at Street Fair**. Seventeen members including 2 volunteers were on duty throughout the event. A drone provided a crowd total of just over 23,000.

Trustee Hollister asked about the **cost to the Township for supporting Street Fair**. Asst. Chief Powell explained the MTFR responsibilities, staffing (5 additional), and the remuneration from the Chamber of Commerce (CofC): \$1,500 plus fees from each vendor for required inspection. Given the added duty of staffing the first aid booth, the CofC fee may increase for future Street Fairs.

A discussion was held re: the **actual cost to the department versus the monies received**. Trustee Mucher noted Chief Altman reported earlier discussions with CofC about the fee. Trustee Moir asked if the YS Police Department provides in-kind services, but no one knew. Asst. Chief Powell said the CofC is agreeable to increasing the fee if needed.

Additional **overtime scheduling** will be needed over the next four weeks to cover a supervisor on family medical leave.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Dan Gochenouer reported **2 burials** at Glen Forest, one scheduled for Friday at Clifton, and one on July 1st at Glen Forest.

Trimming and mowing continue as needed. Trustee Moir asked about the recent **honeysuckle trimming on the south side of Glen Forest** using the boom mower (*correct term?*). Debate occurred over the machinery use versus other methods there and planned on the row of birch trees at the edge of the cemetery. Mr. Gochenouer will explore less invasive methods.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer reported **road trimming** will be finished on Snypp Road tomorrow, with other roads including Husted, East Hyde, Grinnell Circle, and Larkins, being trimmed/mowed as needed.

Clifton has requested additional **wedging**, which will be done soon under the current billing contract.

A **missing sign for Kyle Road** is on order.

Fiscal Officer's Report

No financial data reported.

Trustee Mucher asked Trustee Hollister for history/clarification re: a **Clifton Cemetery Endowment Fund** currently on the Township's books. Trustee Hollister explained the funds came from a gift to Clifton Fire Department in the early '90s for a new fire truck/medic that morphed into cemetery funds. Further discussion was held under the Standing Committee Reports.

Trustee Mucher said he will speak to Auditor David Graham for **further clarification on the 4901 account**. He also noted **remaining ARPA funds may be needed for the recently-ordered medic and/or the anticipated new fire truck**. Further review of those expenditures will take place after the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA) assessment of MTRF is completed.

Standing Committee Reports

- MVRPC – General meeting: Trustee Moir noted further reporting on traffic projects and aging grants.
- MVRPC – Transportation and Advisory Committee: no notice
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission: Trustee Mucher reported the **2040 Comprehensive Plan** draft will go out for public review after next week's meeting.

- Clifton-Union Cemetery: The committee met June 20th, and Trustee Hollister reported they discussed **consolidating and storing recently produce records**, some of which may be redundant.

A house deeded to the Cemetery in 2005, to be turned over upon the death of its resident, is now available and will be sold. The tax-appraisal value is ~\$100,000 which will go into **an endowment, with earnings used for cemetery operations**. The **Township-held account discussed earlier** may be able to transfer to this fund.

- YS Community Development Corporation: Trustee Hollister was unable to attend. Trustee Moir was in the office when they met, and she sat in on part of the meeting. Discussions focused on providing **training and looking to housing, etc., for anticipated employees of the new Honda plant**. She indicated an interest in following the YSDC work, and plans to attend future meetings as a member of the public, not in her capacity as Trustee.
- CASP (Climate Action & Sustainability Project): Trustee Moir reported that at the June 19th retreat, the group voted to disband. Remaining funds will be transferred to the Environmental Committee of Yellow Springs. Trustee Moir will now serve a Township liaison with that group instead.
- Natural Burial Committee: No report

New Business

Trustee Mucher **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded** to **transfer email services** from Servelet to Microsoft Office 365 in order to have all official business stored on the Township server. The **motion carried unanimously**. The Township email account will also forward to each individual Trustee account. Specific account requirements for Zoning Commission and BZA are still being considered; a decision will be made later. Assistant Chief Powell and Jeremy Rea will handle the migration of previous email files from Servelet.

Trustee Mucher **moved** to **sponsor the Fall Awards celebration of the Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment in the amount of \$250**. Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Old Business

Trustee Moir has met with the new **Channel 5 contact, Ben Gunther**. He agreed new procedures need to be established for Township video upload. For now, Trustee Hollister will deliver the camera to the YSPD dispatch office for transfer to the Channel 5 office this evening.

Trustee Moir noted **Vesper/Kingwood Solar has hired a new community liaison**. She will meet with that representative soon.

Trustee Mucher asked if the **solar moratorium Resolution had been delivered to the Greene County Board of Commissioners (GCBOC)**. Trustee Moir said yes, it had, with

a map of the area specified, per GCBOC request. Trustee Hollister said it would be at least 30 days (possibly longer) before a vote, given their need to advertise, etc.

Executive Session:

Trustee Mucher **moved** for an **Executive Session** to “consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.” Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The meeting recessed at 6:05 p.m., and reconvened at 7:25 p.m. with **no action being taken at this time**.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, July 5, 2023**, at 5 p.m.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

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