

## Regular Meeting

January 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman Groh in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. Present were Gerald Wolf, Brian McGrath, John Groh, Evan Adair, Esq., Sheryl Williams and Richard Morris, P.E. Richard Figaski was absent.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Chairman Figaski called for public comment on agenda items other than development or rezoning applications. No comments were received.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Groh and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Board's January 5, 2015 Organizational Meeting.

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It was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Groh and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of the weekly General Fund bills in the amount of \$836,596.96.

It was recommended by Ashley Marsteller, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve the appointment of Nicolina Pierce to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Her term will expire on January 15, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was recommended by Engineer Morris, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve a Storm Sewer Easement for 6257 Cobblestone Drive - Dr. Anthony M. and Gina M. Ruffa, owners. All work has been completed. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was recommended by Engineer Morris, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve a release of Citizen's Bank Letter of Credit #1841 for 2545 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street - Scott's Development, developer, in the amount of \$160,452.00. All requirements have been satisfactorily completed in accordance with Township specifications. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was recommended by Engineer Morris, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to deny a reduction of PNC Bank Restricted Escrow Account Letter of Credit for Glen Meadows Subdivision - Steehler-Tidmore Partnership, developer, from \$61,886.00 to \$20,000.00. All requirements have not been satisfactorily completed in accordance with Township specifications. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve a Resolution authorizing Richard Whitbread, Head Foreman of the Traffic Engineering Department, to submit and sign an application to PennDOT for Traffic Signal Timing and Coordination on behalf of Millcreek Township. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested by Gail Jares, Street Light Clerk, moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for installation of five street lights from 829 Beaumont Avenue to West 10<sup>th</sup> Street. A petition has been circulated and the required number of signatures obtained. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested by Diane Lyons, Human Resource Manager, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve Ms. Lyons, Treasurer Wolf, and Supervisors McGrath and Groh to attend the Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS) Conference on March 18-20, 2015 in State College, PA, at a total cost of \$2,272.00 for lodging and registration. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested by James Sperry, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve the following new employees for the Winter Season 2015:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>HIRE DATE</b>
Kathy Piotrowicz	Bead and Jewelry	Volunteer	Worked Winter 2014
William Brown	Millcreek Community Band	Volunteer	
Jacob Parmeter	Lifeguard	\$7.65/hr.	New Hire

No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested and moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to authorize Mr. McGrath to attend the PSATS quarterly meeting in State College, PA from January 25-27, 2015, with all expenses to be paid by PSATS. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On separate motions by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the following requests from Chief Tesore were approved:

Purchase of four 2015 Ford Interceptor SUVs from Tri Star Motors, to be accessorized by Watchguard Digital In-Car Video systems and further accessorized by Team Force, Inc., for a total cost of \$165,944.72.

Appointment of Marc Lubline as a member of the Millcreek Township Special Fire Police, per recommendation of Chief Tedd Duncan, Kearsarge Fire Department.

Permission for Cpl. Robert Bucko of MPD to attend the SIRCHIE Crime Scene Photography class in Youngsville, NC from March 9-11, 2015, with March 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> being full travel days by Township vehicle, at a total estimated cost of \$1,150.00.

No public comments were received. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

On request of Matthew Exley, EMA Coordinator, Mr. Groh recognized and thanked Target Department Stores for donating five gently used laptop computers to our Emergency Operations Center at no cost to the Township.

Jessica James, Recycling Coordinator, announced that despite the frigid temperatures, the annual Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling event at the Millfair Recycling Center on January 10, 2015, was a success. 155 trees were collected and \$845.00 in donations were accepted, which will be presented to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen in the near future. Ms. James thanked volunteers Judy Zelina, Mark Dietz, Steve Cornelius, Jim Bartlett, Sean Stutzman and the McDowell ROTC Student Volunteers for their service to the community. Judy Zelina, Public Relations Director, thanked the Board for their ongoing support of Recycling Department projects and events, and also thanked Ms. James for coordinating these events.

It was requested by Solicitor Adair, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to permit Treasurer Wolf and Solicitor Adair to take appropriate action to assure that a Township water line lien and taxes are paid on a property on Kuntz Road, which is going up for sheriff sale on January 23, 2015. This may include the purchase and resale of the property, if necessary. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested by Engineer Morris, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to permit Engineer Morris, Supervisor Groh, and Assistant Engineer Sokol to attend the PA Department of Environmental Protection MS4 Permit Training Session in Pittsburgh on February 25, 2015, at no cost to the Township other than use of a Township vehicle. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Larry Dedinsky, 2502 Powell Avenue, #3, voiced his concern regarding the amount of Township money that has been spent on legal fees for the Angela Cres Trust lawsuit, claiming that the Township eagerly engaged in the lawsuit. He also questioned the hiring process of the new Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. McGrath clarified, along with Engineer Morris, that several attempts were made to meet with Ms. Hirt to amicably resolve the flooding problems, and stated that they were led to believe that an easement agreement would proceed. Mr. McGrath reiterated that the Township did not "eagerly engage" in this lawsuit.

Jack Whipple, 940 Ardmore Avenue, expressed frustration in not being notified that he had been removed from the Recycling Education Committee after serving for twenty years, due to a confrontational attitude toward a Supervisor. He also feels that the Angela Cres Trust lawsuit is wrong, stated his opposition to the way the J.O.Y. Center contract was terminated, and feels that the appointment of the new Parks and Recreation Director was illegal.

There being no citizens to be heard or any further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Sheryl A. Williams  
Assistant Secretary

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Approved: January 20, 2015

Brian P. McGrath  
John H. Groh