

Regular Meeting

February 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Figaski in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. Present were Gerald Wolf, Richard Figaski, Brian McGrath, John Groh, Evan Adair, Esq., Gail Jares and Richard Morris, P.E. Ms. Williams 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. Groh and seconded by Mr. Figaski to approve the minutes of the Board's January 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0. Mr. McGrath did not participate as he did not attend the January 27 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve payment of the February 3, 2015 General Fund bills in the amount of \$83,864.21 and the February 2, 2015 Sewer Revenue Fund bills in the amount of \$190,886.68. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On the recommendation of Chief Michael Tesore, Mr. Groh moved and Mr. McGrath seconded that Joseph A. Gross be employed as a probationary officer in the Police Department effective February 2, 2015. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Officer Gross then took the oath of office.

Mr. Morris reported that National Organization of the New Apostolic Church had requested a reduction in amount to \$1,000.00 of the financial security tendered for completion of required improvements in the development, the financial security being in the form of PNC Bank Check No. 1003. Mr. Morris recommended a reduction, but to \$3,000.00, to ensure that the required 85% vegetative cover be established. Mr. McGrath moved and Mr. Groh seconded that the amount of security be reduced to \$3,000. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Groh advised that the Township's annual report of building construction during calendar year 2014 had been issued and soon will be included on the web site. Mr. Groh reported that, in 2014, permits were issued for 139 residential units having an estimated construction cost of \$13,743,366 and for 68 commercial projects having an estimated cost of \$25,100,301.

Mr. McGrath stated that with all the recent snow, it has been noted that some plowing contractors are piling snow at street intersections so as to interfere with the required sight distance clearance. Mr. McGrath asked that property owners ask their contractors not to do this, and encouraged residents to report any incidents so that protective measures can be taken.

On recommendation by William Hitchcock, Garage Foreman, Mr. McGrath moved that the Board approve purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicle per Township specifications from Whitmoyer Buick-Chevrolet for a price of \$21,101.80 under CoStars Contract No. 4400013677. On second by Mr. Groh, and there being no public comment, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On recommendation by William Hitchcock, Mr. McGrath moved that the Board approve purchase of a 2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptor (Ford Explorer) AWD per Township specifications under CWCOG cooperative purchasing Contract No. 13-MV-013-014 for a price of \$25,590. This price includes a \$1,000 trade-in credit for the vehicle the Township's Emergency Management coordinator is now using. Mr. McGrath added that a recent grant of \$13,500 from Erie Insurance Exchange will assist funding the purchase. Mr. Groh seconded the motion and there was no public comment. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On recommendation by Chief Tesore, Mr. Figaski moved that the Board authorized Ptlmn. Mark Keinath and Ptlmn. Brian Henderson to participate in Applied Suicide Intervention training at Crisis Services, 2560 West 12th Street in Millcreek on February 5 and 6, 2015. This class is designed to educate individuals in communication skills in attempting intervention and there are no costs involved. Mr. Groh seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Chief Tesore recommended that the Board promote Sgt. Michael Little to the rank of Lieutenant in the Juvenile Aid Section of MPD effective February 13, 2015. Sgt. Little currently is a firearms and taser instructor, the JNET coordinator and Neighborhood Watch coordinator and serves with the MPD Honor Guard. Mr. Groh moved that the Board approve the promotion and Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Chief Tesore recommended that the Board promote Cpl. Timothy Fallon to the rank of Sergeant in the Juvenile Aid Section of MPD effective February 13, 2015, succeeding now Lieut. Little. Cpl. Fallon is now team leader of the SWAT Team, a fire investigator and the Diversion Program Coordinator. Mr. Groh moved that the Board approve the promotion. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. There being no public comment, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Figaski noted that these promotions are prompted by the retirement on February 12, 2015 of Lieutenant William Detisch, who has served the Township with honor for 33 years.

Mr. Groh announced that the Millcreek Township School District has asked that consideration of its request for rezoning and subdivision of the Ridgefield School property be postponed and not heard by the Planning Commission at its February 10 meeting. This request has been granted.

Mr. Groh reported on a report submitted by Matthew Exley concerning the activities of the Township's Fire Code official.

Mr. Groh noted that West Ridge Fire Department will commemorate its 75th anniversary of service with a social event at the Ambassador Hotel on February 7, 2015.

Mr. McGrath asked the public to please clean out the snow around the fire hydrants in their neighborhood.

Mr. Morris reported that Furniture Row USA, LLC, has requested that its financial security to ensure completion of required improvements at the Furniture Row development on Peach Street be released. Mr. Morris confirmed that all required improvements have been completed and recommended release of the financial security, now held as U.S. Bank, N.A. Letter of Credit no. SLCPDX000319. Mr. Groh moved that the Board release the financial security. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. There was no public comment, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Suzanne Weber, residing at 5338 Norris Drive, expressed the opinions that the employment of an individual in the Streets Department in approximately 2012 may have violated the Township's nepotism policy and that as its proposal had provided for only three days of weekly operations, MECA's proposal for operation of a senior center was the higher of the two proposals received by the Township.

No other citizens wishing to be heard, on motion by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. McGrath and duly carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Gail Jares
Assistant to the Assistant Secretary

APPROVED: February 10, 2015

Richard P. Figaski
John H. Groh
Brian P. McGrath