

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2015

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the minutes of the Board's March 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve payment of the March 17, 2015 General Fund bills in the amount of \$158,652.70, and Sewer Revenue Fund bills in the amount of \$868,441.52. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve Resolution 2015-R-4 to amend the VALIC Deferred Compensation Plan for Millcreek Township employees by adding a ROTH IRA option. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve Resolution 2015-R-5, a Resolution to Amend Millcreek Township's Fiscal Year 2014 CDBG Program/Action Plan. Mr. McGrath explained that this amendment will move money originally allocated for the J.O.Y. Center to the Sidewalk Accessibility Budget, which increases the amount from \$142,173 to \$157,173. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve an agreement between Millcreek Township and J.L. Nick Associates, Inc. to assist in searching for a successor to Gerald Wolf, Treasurer, who is retiring this year. The anticipated cost will be 25% of the base compensation for the new employee. No public comment was received. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was recommended by Engineer Morris, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for Waldameer Park & Water World – Waldamer Park & Water World, Developer. Engineer Morris reported that this has been completed under the Township's approval form and the stormwater management will be the responsibility of the owners. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was recommended by Engineer Morris, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for Amendment to Twenty Two Fifteen Powell LLC – Twenty Two Fifteen Powell LLC, Developer. Engineer Morris reported that this has been completed under the Township's approval form and the stormwater management will be the responsibility of the owners. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Groh was excused for an appointment.

It was requested by Ashley Marsteller, Director of Parks and Recreation, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Figaski, to hire Abby Spicher as a lifeguard at MIHS at a rate of \$7.65 per hour for the Spring Session. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was also requested by Ashley Marsteller, Director of Parks and Recreation, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Figaski, to approve Mary Desmone as a volunteer for Qi Gong for the Spring Session. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was requested by Dick Whitbread, Traffic Engineering Head Foreman, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Figaski, to direct Solicitor Adair to draft an Ordinance prohibiting parking on Clifton Drive north of West Lake Road for a distance of 120 feet, as congestion and diminished sight distance have resulted from vehicles parking in that area. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. McGrath announced that quotations were solicited by William Hitchcock, Operations Manager, Township Garage, to purchase paddles for the Drag Conveyor approved at the last meeting: Erie Concrete and Steel for \$2,029.20, Warren Company for \$3,060.13 and Dave's Welding, who did not submit a bid. On recommendation from Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. McGrath moved that the contract be awarded to the low proposer, Erie Concrete and Steel, at a price of \$2,029.20. Mr. Figaski seconded the motion. No public comment was offered. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. McGrath announced that quotations were solicited by William Hitchcock, Operations Manager, Township Garage, to purchase gussets for the Drag Conveyor approved at the last meeting: Erie Concrete and Steel for \$873.60, Warren Company for \$1,706.06 and Dave's Welding, who did not submit a bid. On recommendation from Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. McGrath moved that the contract be awarded to the low proposer, Erie Concrete and Steel, at a price of \$873.60. Mr. Figaski seconded the motion. No public comment was offered. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was requested by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. McGrath to permit West Lake Fire Police Officers to conduct traffic control at the Walk for Parkinson's at Presque Isle State Park on April 4, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. No public comment was offered. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was also requested by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. McGrath, to purchase 60 special shirts for skin protection from Kevlar vests from Eastbay Evapor Compression at a total cost of \$1,079.40, using funds donated by the American Legion Post #773. No public comment was offered. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was requested by Matt Exley, EMA Coordinator/Fire Code Official, moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. McGrath, for permission for Deputy Richard Pietron and Mr. Exley to attend a WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course at the Erie Department of Public Safety from March 27-29, 2015, at no cost to the Township. No public comment was offered. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Figaski presented the February 2015 Building Construction Report as follows:

Total Residential Structures	\$ 4,000.00
Total Non-residential Structures	<u>\$ 2,135,000.00</u>
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Zoning Permits Issued	7
Zoning Permit Fees	\$ 6,250.00

Mr. Figaski announced that the Supervisors have been discussing reducing the amount of meetings from four to two per month, one morning meeting and one evening meeting. He stated that most municipalities meet only once or twice per month, and since the first of this year, meetings have averaged approximately 24 minutes in length. Public input is being solicited in the next few weeks, either through emailing the Township website or by commenting during the meetings.

Gary Behr, 4055 Fiedler Drive, supports a reduction to two meetings per month. He also expressed concern regarding the recent \$2 million cost to Township residents due to the refinancing of the Erie Sewer Authority. He is concerned about future costs to Township residents regarding regional bond issues.

Mr. McGrath responded that he is sympathetic to the issues the Mayor of Erie must deal with due to the amount of non-taxed properties and aging infrastructures. He feels that, in the future, the Board just wants to be consulted before hand regarding these types of issues.

There being no other citizens to be heard, it was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Figaski and duly carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Sheryl A. Williams
Assistant Secretary

APPROVED: March 24, 2015

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