

**Regular Meeting**

**March 11, 2014**

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Board's March 4, 2014 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Figaski and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of the weekly General Fund bills in the amount of \$543,678.99.

Mr. Groh presented the February Building Construction Report as follows, which is available for review in the Zoning Office:

Total Residential Structures	\$ 613,300.00
Total Non-residential Structures	<u>\$1,888,000.00</u>
	<b>\$2,501,300.00</b>
Zoning Permits Issued	7
Zoning Permit Fees	\$ 5,150.00

It was requested by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote to approve the use of Fire Police from West Lake Fire Department for traffic control at the Mercy for Women Walk on April 6, 2014 at Presque Isle State Park.

It was recommended by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote, to authorize permission for Patrolmen Brandon Heynes and Michael Panighetti to attend the SWAT Tactical Precision Long Rifle I Course in Pittsburgh from April 14-18, 2014. Total cost is \$2693.00 and is a budgeted expense.

It was recommended by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote, to authorize permission for Patrolmen Mark Keinath, David Parmeter, Kyle Caldwell, Cpl. Wayne Forcier and Sgt. Richard Skonieczka to attend the Western Pennsylvania Negotiators Association training session in California, PA on April 30, 2014. Total cost is \$1200.00 and is a budgeted expense.

It was recommended by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote, to authorize permission for Patrolman Ryan Bolash to attend Basic SWAT training in Cambridge Springs, PA from May 5-9, 2014. No costs are associated with this training.

It was recommended by Chief Tesore, moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote, to authorize permission for Cpl. Timothy Fallon and Cpl. Mark Irwin to attend the SWAT Command Decision-Making and Leadership Course in Upper Chichester, PA from May 5-9, 2014. Total cost is \$2547.00, and is a budgeted expense, which may be partially reimbursed by an upcoming grant through the Northwest PA ERG.

Mr. Figaski reported that the Board of Supervisors met on March 10, 2014 with Erie Water Works to discuss ongoing litigation and the potential sale of Millcreek Township Water Authority. No decisions were made and no vote will need to be taken by the Supervisors at this time.

Chairman McGrath read the following bid quotations that were received from Bill Hitchcock, Operations-Garage, for purchase of a Wheel Loader:

Five Star Equip.	AR Beatty	Walsh Equip	Highway Equip.
John Deere 524K Hi-Lift	CASE 621F XR	JCB 426EZ	Hyundai HL 740-9
\$ 96,000.00	\$ 97,234.00	\$111,010.79	\$ 100,180.00

It was recommended by Bill Hitchcock, moved by Chairman McGrath, seconded by Mr. Figaski and approved by unanimous vote to purchase a John Deere 524K Hi-Lift Wheel Loader from Five Star Equipment for \$96,000.00. This is a budgeted expense.

It was also recommended by Bill Hitchcock, moved by Chairman McGrath, seconded by Mr. Figaski and approved by unanimous vote to purchase a Ford Diagnostics Interface Kit from Champion Ford for \$1,149.00, with a Software subscription for annual updates for \$699.00 for one year. This is a budgeted expense.

It was recommended by James Sperry, Parks and Recreation Director, moved by Chairman McGrath, seconded by Mr. Groh, and approved by unanimous vote to advertise for bids for construction of a picnic shelter pavilion at Veteran's Park. This is a budgeted expense.

The following bid quotations were received from Bill Perry, Maintenance Head Foreman for the purchase of an under-cabinet refrigerator for the Erie Golf Course:

Aaron Caplan Co.	Andy's Equipment Exchange	Ice Machine Plus
\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,749.00 – no installation

It was recommended by Bill Perry, Maintenance Head Foreman, moved by Chairman McGrath, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote to purchase an under-cabinet refrigerator from Aaron Caplan Company for \$ 2,750.00. This is a budgeted expense.

The following bid quotations were received from Bill Perry, Maintenance Head Foreman for the purchase of installed ceramic tile for the Erie Golf Course:

Gary Oblywanik	John Lander Ceramic Tile	Stone Mountain
\$ 6,484.19	\$ 8,412.00	\$ 10,028.71

It was recommended by Bill Perry, Maintenance Head Foreman, moved by Chairman McGrath, seconded by Mr. Groh and approved by unanimous vote to approve the purchase and installation of ceramic tile for the Erie Golf Course from Gary Oblywanik for \$ 6,484.19. This is a budgeted expense.

It was moved by Mr. Groh, seconded by Mr. Figaski, and carried by unanimous vote to authorize permission for Engineering Department staff Matt Waldinger, Anne Sokol and Richard Morris to attend a Municipal Permit Workshop at the Oil City Campus of Clarion University on March 18, 2014. Cost is \$10.00 per person and will involve the use of a township vehicle.

Dean Swanson, Chairman of Millcreek Township Water Authority, expressed his disappointment in the Board's vote on March 4, 2014 to not delay fact finding on the possible sale of the Millcreek Township Water Authority, but was pleased to see that the Board favors having a valuation study done. Mr. Swanson then presented a Request for Qualifications for Valuation Services document on behalf of the Millcreek Township Water Authority. Chairman McGrath stated that the Board has discussed the valuation process, and would be grateful if anyone could provide a list of publications, associations or consultants who perform this type of work.

David Sterrett, Executive Director, Millcreek Township Water Authority, asked for the Board's assistance in ensuring that there will truly be regional representation of qualified members on the Erie City Water Authority in the future. He feels that a 30% representation from Millcreek Township on the Erie City Water Authority would more truly represent their customer base. Mr. Sterrett encouraged the Board, through the negotiation process, to ask Erie City Water Authority to amend their Articles of Incorporation, and then to ask Erie City Council to use a regional approach when appointing Water Authority members. Chairman McGrath responded that this was discussed in yesterday's meeting with Erie City Water Authority, and the plan is for the Board to submit five names for recommendation.

Keith Malone, Operations Superintendent, Millcreek Water Authority, addressed the Board stating that the Millcreek Township Water Authority has maintained an average yearly surplus of \$200,000. He feels that the Water Authority has been profitable in the past several years, even after allowing for depreciation and other factors.

Ed Musser, 5992 Boxwood Drive, expressed that he feels that taxpayers have been overcharged for water in the past and should receive a rebate if Millcreek Township Water Authority is sold. Mr. Musser would also like to see lighting installed on the Peninsula Drive Bridge.

There being no citizens to be heard or any further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Sheryl A. Williams  
Assistant Secretary

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Approved: March 18, 2014

Richard Figaski  
John Groh