

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, Matthew Waldinger and Sheryl Williams. Richard Morris was absent.

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. Groh, seconded by Mr. Figaski and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Board's November 25, 2014 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of the weekly General Fund bills in the amount of \$483,746.84.

Regarding presentation of the 2015 Preliminary Budget, Chairman McGrath reported that this is a balanced budget with no tax increase and a budget surplus of \$6 million dollars.

Chairman McGrath moved that the minutes of this meeting include the following:

1. For approximately the last 60 days and under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, work has been undertaken to prepare a proposed budget for the 2015 calendar year.
2. A draft of the proposed and preliminary budget has now been prepared and is ready and available for public inspection.
3. Public notice of the preparation and availability for inspection of the preliminary 2015 budget has been advertised in the December 2, 2014 issue of the *Erie Times News*.
4. The preliminary and proposed budget shall be available for public inspection for the next 20 days in the Office of the Secretary at the Millcreek Township Municipal Building, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and at the Millcreek Township Police Department on weekends and holidays from December 2, 2014 until December 30, 2014.
5. At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, and after making such revisions as it deems necessary, the Board of Supervisors intends to adopt a budget for the calendar year of 2015.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Groh. Chairman McGrath announced that the proposed 2015 budget will be posted on the website today, and explained that the surplus is due to a number of reasons: \$1.3 million savings in hospitalization, three project delays, the price of oil, using lease-to-buy options instead of outright purchase of vehicles, and an overall concerted effort by all departments and the Board to stay within the budget. Chairman McGrath thanked Treasurer Wolf for his efforts in preparing the 2015 proposed budget. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to award the bid for Professional Auditing Services to Felix & Gloekler, PC for \$9,900.00. Chairman McGrath reported that he researched each firm and spoke with municipalities who have employed their services. There were no negative reports regarding any of the firms. No public comment was received. Motion carried 2-1, with Chairman McGrath voting no, stating that he felt McGill Power Bell & Associates submitted a better proposal.

It was moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. Figaski to approve Ordinance 2014-10, an Ordinance to amend the Millcreek Township Zoning Ordinance, No. 2011-8, as amended, by changing the classification of a certain parcel of land situate in the Township of Millcreek, Erie County, Pennsylvania, described as follow, to-wit: Property at 3303 West 38th Street, now zoned R-1 Residential District, to be rezoned to C-1 Local Commercial District. Chairman

McGrath stated that this is a formalization of an action the Board took two weeks ago. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve Resolution 2014-R-39, a Resolution to approve an Amendment of the By-Laws of the Erie Area Council of Governments dated November 5, 2014. Chairman McGrath explained that this amendment gives the EACOG sufficient notice to plan its budget if one of the participating municipalities would withdraw. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to approve Resolution 2014-R-40, a Resolution to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the calendar year ending December 31, 2015. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On recommendation of Matthew Waldinger, Land Development Coordinator, it was moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. Figaski to approve a reduction of PNC BANK, N.A. Letter of Credit #18119793-00-000 for The Hammocks at Millcreek – Riedman Development Corporation, developers, from \$393,628.20 to \$276,644.85. The reduced security is more than sufficient to defray costs of completing the remaining required public improvements. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested by Mark Wells, Assistant Operations Superintendent, Sewer Department, moved by Chairman McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh, to approve part-time summer employees Max Knight and Rich Turri to return to work from December 15, 2014 through January 16, 2015. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Groh reported on the Erie County Radio System meeting, held last evening, and reiterated the importance of this project for everyone's safety. The County and Township have posted information regarding the proposed radio system on their respective websites.

Mr. Groh stated that the Supervisors are discussing the possibility of allowing an Honorary Student Township Supervisor from McDowell High School to serve on the Board of Supervisors each week sometime next year. The object is to promote student interest in government. A similar program is offered with the Millcreek Township School Board, and the Erie County Association of Township Officials (ECATO) is also considering this idea.

On behalf of Matt Exley, EMA Coordinator/Fire Code Official, Mr. Groh announced that Millcreek Township has been designated as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador.

Mr. Groh reported there are many needy families in the Township, and that citizens and staff can pick anonymous names or families from the Christmas tree in the Township lobby to sponsor for Christmas.

There being no further business to come before the Board or citizens to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Sheryl A. Williams
Assistant Secretary

Approved: December 9, 2014

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