

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, Esq., Matthew Waldinger and Sheryl Williams. Richard Morris, P.E. 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. Figaski, seconded by Mr. Groh and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Board’s December 2, 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 \$120,601.60, and Sewer Revenue Fund bills in the amount of \$1,413,014.51.

It was requested by Matthew Exley, EMA Coordinator/Fire Code Official, moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to authorize the addition of Mike Wunch, Township Garage, to the 929 Team. Mike is a Firefighter at Kearsarge Fire Department and a member of the Erie County Haz-Mat Team. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Mr. Groh to authorize the solicitation of bids for the rental and cleaning of uniforms and garage materials. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested by Gary Walters, Head Foreman, Streets Department, moved by Chairman McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to send Kirk McCaslin, Joe Talarico, Frank Malena and Rob Fitzpatrick to a “Bituminous Field Tech Class” in State College, PA from April 8-10, 2015, at a cost of \$530.00 per person, plus lodging and meals. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman McGrath reported that the Giving Tree in the lobby of the Township Building initially contained 55 sponsorship envelopes, and to date there are 3 envelopes left. Gift donations are due on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Chairman McGrath announced that the annual Christmas TreeCycling Event will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the Millfair Compost and Recycling Center. This event is open to any resident of Erie County, and monetary donations will be accepted on behalf of the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.

Mr. Groh presented the November Building Construction Report as follows:

Total Residential Structures	\$ 546,000.00
Total Non-residential Structures	<u>\$1,132,600.00</u>
	<b>\$1,678,600.00</b>
Zoning Permits Issued	11
Zoning Permit Fees	<b>\$ 6,250.00</b>

It was requested by Mr. Groh, moved by Mr. Figaski and seconded by Chairman McGrath to authorize Mr. Groh, in his capacity as Administrator of Administrative Services, to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry Accessibility Advisory Board meeting in Harrisburg on December 18, 2014, at no cost to the Township. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Groh encouraged the media to ask for corporate sponsorship of the remaining families on the Giving Tree, each of which have several children.

Carl Anderson, 2709 Legion Road, speaking on behalf of the J.O.Y Center members and the MECA Board of Directors, feels that the citizens were not being given truthful information regarding the Township’s plan for

another senior center, the J.O.Y. Center property investigation, and the Township's finances, given that there is a \$6 million dollar surplus. He called for Mr. Groh and Mr. Figaski to resign, and for the firing of Chief Tesore.

Barbara Gorney, 3535 Sterrettania Road, feels that money is being wasted by closing the J.O.Y Center while the Township continues to lease the facility, and feels that the seniors should be allowed to keep their equipment, regardless of their lack of a facility.

Dee Hartle, 5024 LaRae Drive, disagrees with how some of the Supervisors are running the Township and feels they should resign. She also reported that the seniors now have a certified name, The Millcreek J.O.Y. Senior Center, and requested that they receive the balance of the brick fund money, which is just over \$500.00.

Larry Dedinsky, 2502 Powell Avenue, Apt. #3, feels that the hiring of Ashley Marsteller as Director of Parks and Recreation violated the anti-nepotism policy, and would like the Board to gather all of the facts and revisit this issue.

Tim Kunkle, 4621 McCreary Road, proposed that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position at Erie Water Works be eliminated after the sale of Millcreek Township Water Authority to the Erie Water Authority is finalized, stating that it would save \$80,000 annually. He also noted that the television recording of the November 18, 2014 meeting was incomplete, due to technical difficulties, and did not include Mr. Groh's apology regarding the hiring of Ms. Marsteller. Chairman McGrath will ask WQLN staff to look into this.

Tom Osiecki, 2912 Loveland Avenue, stated that the events in Millcreek during the past year have led the citizens of Millcreek to become more actively involved in CCOM (Concerned Citizens of Millcreek), and feels that the tension between the citizens and government is at an all-time high, while confidence is at an all-time low. He feels that the closing of the J.O.Y. Center has hurt the senior residents and disagrees with paying for a leased building that is not being used.

There being no further business to come before the Board or citizens to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. Figaski to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sheryl A. Williams  
Assistant Secretary

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Approved: December 16, 2014

Richard P. Figaski  
John H. Groh