

**Regular Meeting**

**April 10, 2012**

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, Joseph Kujawa, Richard Figaski, Brian McGrath, Evan Adair, Esq., Phyllis Vollbrecht, Richard Morris, P.E. and Chief Thomas Carlotti.

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. Kujawa and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the minutes of the Board's April 3, 2012 meeting. Voting yes: Kujawa, McGrath. Mr. Figaski was on vacation.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kujawa, to approve payment of the weekly General Fund bills in the amount of \$664,013.73 and the Sewer Revenue Fund bills in the amount of \$1,502,627.06. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Figaski announced the following bids received for the Highland Park Neighborhood Improvement Project - Phase 2:

Russell Standard Corporation	\$ 84,495.00
Mayer Brothers Construction Company	\$107,586.00
Joseph McCormick Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 95,208.24

This CDBG funded project involves the reclaiming and resurfacing of approximately 2,885 square yards of tar and chip pavement on West 21st Street from Evanston Avenue to Lowell Avenue and both Evanston and Lowell Avenues from West 21st Street to West 22nd Street. The bids are being reviewed and an award will be made at next week's meeting.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Kujawa to approve Resolution 2012-R-14; a Resolution of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act (*Act 442 of 1961*). Mr. McGrath explained that PSATS is asking municipalities to adopt resolutions that would urge the General Assembly to adopt common sense reforms to the Prevailing Wage Act including increasing the threshold to \$185,000.00, establishing clearer guidelines in the determination of wage rates, providing for a local option, or the complete repeal of the law. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On the recommendation of Streets Foreman Mark Dietz, it was moved by Mr. Kujawa that Robert Balko be authorized to attend a Bituminous Plant Technician course on April 20, 2012 at the Penn State Conference Center, State College, PA at the cost of \$55.00 plus lodging, meals, and use of a Township vehicle. This course is a PennDOT mandatory certification to operate our asphalt plant. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion and with no public comment offered, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Kujawa stated that Traffic Engineer Dick Whitbread received the following quotations for various traffic signs, primarily 25 mph signs with u-channel posts:

U. S. Municipal Supply, Inc.	\$8,464.80
Garden State Highway Products	\$8,614.75
Hall Signs, Inc.	\$8,806.18
Newman Signs	\$7,912.45

It was moved by Mr. Kujawa and seconded by Mr. McGrath to order signs from Newman Signs at \$7,912.45. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Kujawa and seconded by Mr. McGrath that Corey Walters be authorized to attend recycling classes in Harrisburg, PA on April 24 and 25, 2012, plus lodging, meals and use of a Township vehicle for transportation. The courses are necessary for Mr. Walters' recycling certification. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Kujawa reported that on February 28, 2012, a contract was awarded to Clearspan Fabric Structures for the salt storage structure. The contract specified that Township crews would install the foundation and block walls, requiring approximate 300 cubic yards of concrete. A price of \$98.00/cubic yard from Baycrete, Inc. has been reserved through COSTARS Contract 4600013915. It was moved by Mr. Kujawa and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve this contract. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Figaski reminded residents that the April public meeting of the Millcreek Township Government Study Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

On the recommendation of Garage Manager Bill Hitchcock, it was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Kujawa accept the following terms of a trade with Champion Ford:

1. No payment (cash or otherwise) will take place.
2. The Township will receive a 2005 Ford F150 4WD extended cab pickup for the Police Department's arson investigation team.
3. In exchange, Champion Ford will receive a 1999 Dodge Ram 2500 (Streets), a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria (Streets), a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (Emergency Management), a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (Police), a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (Police), and a 2001 Ford Taurus (Police).
4. The value of the 2005 pickup has been set at \$10,700.00 including the cost of the necessary documentation.
5. The cumulative value of the trade vehicles listed above has also been set at \$10,700.00.

No public comment was offered. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was recommended by Chief Carlotti, moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Kujawa to authorize Sgt. Michael Little, Cpl. David Parmeter and Dispatcher Timothy Stevenson to attend a JNET certification update in Monroeville, PA on April 11, 2012 at no cost. Travel will be by Township vehicle. These employees are the Department's JNET administrators and are required to attend a two-hour certification course two times a year. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Kujawa to approve the posting of temporary "No Parking" signs by the Building Maintenance Department on the north berm of West 6th Street from Waldameer's entrance to Peninsula Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to authorize the donation of the services of four Millcreek Police Officers; three for traffic control and one for security inside Rainbow Gardens. This is being done for the March of Dimes annual "March of Babies" fundraiser on Sunday, April 29. No public comment was offered. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Jack Whipple, 940 Ardmore Avenue, asked the Board to reconsider the construction of a cul-de-sac at West 11th Street and Marshall Drive. He suggested three different options so residents in northwest Millcreek can drive south after Powell Avenue is closed. Mr. Kujawa explained that the Airport Authority wanted to cut Powell Avenue off completely. Many public hearings were held resulting in the current Powell Avenue design. Mr. McGrath said he and Mr. Kujawa had the living daylight beat out of them while trying to preserve Powell Avenue or a north/south artery when the Airport, the media, and others wanted Powell Avenue eliminated. If it hadn't been for their efforts, the only north/south roadways would be Asbury Road and Peninsula Drive. As far as West 11th and Marshall is concerned, most all comments from residents at the public meeting at West Lake Fire Department, centered on stopping traffic from being able to access Marshall Drive north of West 12th Street once the new Powell Avenue was extended. The extension of West 14th Street off Powell Avenue to Marshall Drive is impossible because a detention basin exists at the end of the current West 14th Street.

Lou Aliota, 538 Margo Court, told the Board that the Erie Tea Party has been denied participation in the annual Fourth of July Parade in Millcreek Township. He asked the Supervisors and Atty. Adair questions regarding the Parade Committee's fairness and disbursement of taxpayer funds, separation of church and state, expenditures of two golf courses, and pending litigation including two individuals who have direct impact and association with Millcreek Township.

Jim McCall, 652 Gold Avenue, said the Fourth of July Parade is a birthday party for our country. Bob McIsaac and the entire committee are "unsung volunteers" and should be thanked for the fine job they do.

There being no further business to come before the Board or citizens to be heard, it was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kujawa, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Phyllis A. Vollbrecht  
Assistant Secretary

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APPROVED: April 17, 2012

Joseph S. Kujawa  
Brian P. McGrath