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BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

July 18, 2023

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The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in their monthly Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Tracy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ferry called the roll. Attending were Mark Schulte, Ken Tracy, and Mary Makley Wolff.

Chief Mills presented a 911 Award to Ethan Moore for calling for help when his mother was injured.

Andy Dickerson of the Cardinal Land Conservancy presented information on an application for a Clean Ohio grant funding request. He is asking for support for the purchase of the remaining Grailville property.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-26 expressing the support of the Trustees of Miami Township, Clermont County, for the Application for a Grant from the 2023 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 10, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy on behalf of The Grail for the purchase of approximately 89 acres in fee title, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy from The Grail, in order to create permanent green space within Miami Township and the City of Loveland and dispensing with the second reading, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Ferry presented correspondence from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, a hearing was not requested.

Department heads presented their monthly reports for June.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to pay the bills of the Township. including 184 checks numbered 144726 through 144910 and 52 electronic payments numbered 3138 to 3189 for the total amount of \$1,615,408.50. In addition, approve the following net payroll expenses, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Direct Deposit Date	Amount
6/21/23	\$ 424.57
6/30/23	\$ 369,543.60

Mr. Wright presented the need for a Then and Now Certificate in the amount of \$20,846.64. Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-27 authorizing the Township Fiscal Officer to issue and certify a Then and Now Certificate for payment of various expenditures, totaling \$20,846.64 and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright noted that some Township funds require supplemental appropriations to provide additional budget for various reasons. Added appropriations are necessary in several tax increment financing (TIF) funds, should the Board exercise their option to purchase the Donohoo property. The second half special assessments will be received in the coming months and supplemental appropriations are anticipated to allow for the revenue sharing payments to Milford Exempted Village School District, Loveland City School District and Great Oaks. Revaluation and additional development in TIF Districts result in an increase of payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) received from the County, which in turn results in additional distributions to the local schools. Receipt of prior year delinquent amounts by the property owners also result in payments to the schools above initial estimates.

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Receipt of additional ARPA grants for wellness, retention and violence reduction require adjustment, as well as other grant funds and routine operating expenses outlined below. Overall is a net increase to the budget of \$1,925,328 and most is offset by additional revenue streams.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-28 a Resolution to Amend Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of Miami Township, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and dispensing with the second reading, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright recommended the following actions for personnel:

Fire Department

Remove Nicholas Flerlage from probation effective July 12, 2023, and adjust his pay to \$32.73 per hour (Year 5) in accordance with the CBA.

Accept the retirement notice from Carol Jordan effective July 10, 2023, and thank her for her dedicated service to our community for the last 22 years.

Accept the retirement notice from Rita Burroughs effective August 5, 2023, and thank her for her dedicated service to our community for over 40 years.

Make a final offer of employment to Maddie Peltier for part-time Firefighter/EMT at \$16.07 per hour effective July 23, 2023.

Make a final offer of employment to Keilin Hall for part-time Firefighter/EMT at \$16.07 per hour effective July 23, 2023.

Make a final offer of employment to Tyler Schmidt for part-time Firefighter/EMT at \$16.07 per hour effective July 23, 2023.

Make a final offer of employment to April Tate for part-time Firefighter/EMT at \$16.07 per hour effective July 23, 2023.

Make a final offer of employment to Molly Novak for part-time Firefighter/EMT at \$16.07 per hour effective July 23, 2023.

Terminate employment of Paul Tieman effective June 30, 2023.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations as stated, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright shared an updated analysis and recommendation from our natural gas aggregation broker, Energy Alliances. Company COO Rich Surace informed him that as we head into the second half of 2023, the natural gas pricing for winter is slowly taking shape. As you are aware, last winter was very volatile. The program performed well, but Energy Alliances believes there is a possibility to extend the term and lower the cost to our residents ahead of this winter. The strategy is called "Blend and Extend" where we blend the contract rate with current market rates while extending the term. Rich compares it to refinancing a home.

Energy Alliances projection is that they believe Duke Energy's November to March pricing will range from \$0.70 to \$0.80 cents per ccf. While our current rate of \$0.839 served us well last winter, they believe an adjustment can be made. They are anticipating that we can find a price lower than \$0.70 per ccf and would jump at the opportunity to close on something in the \$0.60 per ccf range.

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Ms. Wolff made a motion to authorize the Township Administrator to sign a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with a natural gas supplier recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., provided that the accepted aggregation rate is below the current rate of \$0.839 per ccf, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright reminded the Board that the health insurance benefit year is from September 1 through August 31. Our medical and dental plans are all currently with Anthem, our dental with Aetna and our life insurance plans are covered through Mutual of Omaha.

Last year's renewal was at only 2.5% since we had a very low loss ratio. Our current loss ratio for the last 12 months has increased to 117%. That, coupled with higher inflation nationally, means we expected a higher increase. When Anthem originally proposed a 29.4% increase for the medical component, Brendan Murray with our broker Marsh McLennan Agency went back to Anthem and several other providers to have competitive bids. Anthem has lowered their proposal for medical down to a 21% increase for the identical plan. It should be noted that the aggregate increase averaged for the last six years is only 4%. Anthem also is proposing a newer three tier health plan option that would bring the increase down to only 5.4%. This option with Anthem would decrease deductibles for Tiers 1 and 2 and keep current Tier 3 deductibles. While it encourages users to utilize in-network providers, it is not mandatory and all deductibles, including non-network providers, cross-accumulate towards each other. The bottom line is that if a member reaches out of pocket maximum, Anthem pays 100% for the rest of the calendar year for covered services – no more pharmacy copays, no more coinsurance.

Our dental plan is still locked in with Aetna and is in the second year of a three-year rate guarantee. Our vision plan with Anthem is expiring but they are offering to renew the same plan at a 0% increase. Our basic and voluntary life insurance plans are also being offered for renewal by current carrier Mutual of Omaha at the same rates they currently charge. They are also offering some new, voluntary short-term disability, long-term disability and accident and illness plans, but those are completely voluntary for employees and employees pay 100% of the cost of those plans.

The Employee Health Insurance Committee met recently with Marsh to discuss the renewal options. The committee recommends that the Township stay with Anthem for health insurance and appreciates the savings option for the Township with the tiered network since it would not result in a difference in out-of-pocket expenses.

Brendan Murray gave an overview of the bids and the services available.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to renew health insurance with Anthem with the three-tier program and to renew with Anthem for vision insurance, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright advised that the preliminary design for the Branch Hill Miamiville Bridge will be completed in the first quarter of 2024. Construction on this project will take place in 2025-2026.

When ODOT makes structural improvements to overpasses, they design the finished product to have basic concrete parapet walls and chain link fence unless the local jurisdiction wants to partner and pay for the difference in design and construction costs to upgraded materials for improved aesthetics and to advertise the local community. ODOT agreed with our request, and they will include a sidewalk on one side of the overpass at their expense.

Per ODOT's protocol, the next step required is for the Township, as a Local Public Agency, and ODOT to enter a cooperation statement whereby we request ODOT to

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proceed with the project and we agree to pay for the difference between their basic fence and form liner and the decorative ones the Board selected and that we will maintain the aesthetic additions that will be made to the overpass. This is the same process we entered into with ODOT three years ago for the SR 28 bridge over I-275.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-29 agreeing to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding participation and obligations related to portions of the ODOT Branch Hill Miamiville I-275 bridge rehabilitation project and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright shared a request from the Fire Department to purchase the new inflatable Fire Safety House (FSH) that was planned as a replacement for the aging Life Safety Education Trailer (LSEC). You will recall that we previously had the LSEC marked for disposal so that we could post it for sale on GovDeals. We are happy to present the modern replacement option that will give us additional flexibility and portability that the LSEC did not have.

The new Fire Safety House is a more current product for fire safety education than what the LSEC offered. Inflatables are a favorite of children and will aid in our ability to deliver fire safety messaging to children at an age where they are very impressionable. The FSH is portable, stored in a container that can fit into the back of a pick-up truck, and can be easily transported from one location to another. It is also low-maintenance and is constructed of material that is resistant to damage but can be repaired easily if needed. The house can be set up in a gymnasium and is powered by a 110 circuit which is widely available at any venue.

Like the LSEC, the house offers the following safety topics: exit drills, fire hazards related to the kitchen, living room, and bedroom, the use of 911, fireplace safety, candle safety, the importance of smoke detectors. Additionally, we can add our own safety messages throughout the unit as deemed necessary by Community Risk Reduction. We are requesting to purchase this unit from Inflatable Images at a cost of \$6,566.00, which includes shipping and handling. This project was budgeted as part of our capital projects for this year.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Fire Safety House from Inflatable Images in the amount of \$6,566 which includes shipping and handling, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright identified surplus items that are no longer of use for the township.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-30, a resolution authorizing the sale or destruction of surplus, unneeded, or obsolescent personal property no longer necessary for Township use, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright presented information from the parks department regarding a refresh of the tennis and pickleball courts at Community Park. This will include crack sealing, low spot repairs, two coats of surface coloring, followed by restriping of all the courts. He reached out to multiple tennis courts companies with the following results. These companies have had at least two months to respond.

Tennis Technology: No response
 Southwestern Ohio Services: No response
 Schubert Tennis: \$36,311.00

Ms. Wolff made a motion to contract with Schubert Tennis to crack seal, clean, repair low spots (bird baths), apply multiple color coats, and restripe the tennis and multi-use courts at

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Miami Township Community Park in the amount of \$36,311.00, seconded by Mr. Schulte and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Wright noted that the existing 6' high shadow box privacy fence that separates Paxton Ramsey park from the private residences that are on the eastern and southern parks boundaries needs replacement. This project will utilize treated fencing boards on a treated framework, with posts set in concrete. We received two quotes to replace only the existing fence with this project:

Trent Combs Fence: \$25,000.00
Mills Fence: \$22,650.00

Mr. Schulte made a motion to contract with Mills Fence Company to remove the existing shadow box privacy fence and replace with 755 lineal feet of 6' high dog eared, shadow box privacy fence at Miami Township Paxton Ramsey Park in the amount of \$22,650, seconded by Ms. Wolff and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Tracy asked for public comments.

Mark Hardin, 6110 2nd Street, Miamiville asked questions regarding the vision of the Trustees for Miamiville. Mr. Tracy noted that their participation in the Township Land Use Plan meetings were very helpful, and the Board encouraged him to maintain open lines of communication with Brian Elliff.

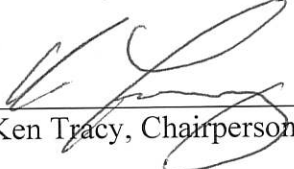
Doug Scott, 324 West Poplar, Miamiville commented on the zoning in the area and asked if we could consider any changes. Mr. Schulte encouraged the residents to contact Brian to discuss ideas they have.

Marty Brunk, 319 Center Street, Miamiville asked if the Township can put more controls on the business zoning in the area. Again, the Board directed them to start with Mr. Elliff.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

ATTEST:


Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer


Ken Tracy, Chairperson