

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 22nd, 2011**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Medina Township Hall on December 22nd, 2011, to conduct the business of the Township. President Todd called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Michel D. Todd, Sarah (Sally) Gardner and Ray Jarrett. Also in attendance was Linda DeHoff, Fiscal Officer, David Arbogast, Police Chief, Mark Crumley Fire Chief, Denny Miller, Road Foreman, Elaine Ridgley, Zoning Inspector and the general public.

Roll Call

Mr. Todd asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Todd asked for a moment of silence for our military personnel at home and overseas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Todd motioned to approve warrant #22536 to #22626 totaling \$64,338.74. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

Approval of Payroll

Mr. Todd motioned to approve payroll checks #15577 thru #15597, with check #15594 being voided, in the amount of \$22,381.87 with \$4,243.44 going to union dues, post tax health, OPERS, garnishment and 457. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. Todd motioned to approve payroll check #15598 for \$1,078.90 with \$139.29 going to OPERS and post tax health. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2011, meeting. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.

OLD BUSINESS

LST Contract

Mr. Todd asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Thorne regarding the status of the LST contract.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Todd said the Trustees will wait until after the first of the year when the new Trustee takes office to appoint the Steering Committee members. Mr. Jarrett asked Mrs. Gardner if she was interested in being on the Steering Committee and she said it depended on the makeup of the Committee. A letter will be sent to Paul Culter informing him of the necessity to reactivate the Steering Committee.

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OLD BUSINESS CON'T

Resolution Supporting the Medina County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Todd tabled the resolution supporting the Medina County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The document should be finalized by the end of January 2012.

Lawn Maintenance – Lamphears

Mr. Todd said the contract has not been received from Lamphears and it will be tabled until contract is received.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Bank Reconciliation's for May and June 2011

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the bank reconciliation for the month of May 2011, and incorporate the document dated 12/16/11 at 5:52 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the bank reconciliation for the month of June 2011, and incorporate the document dated 12/16/2011, at 7:18 pm. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

AT&T Quit Claim Deed

Resolution No. 12222011-032

Mr. Todd motioned to put forth a resolution from the Medina Township Board of Trustees to sign and execute a Quit Claim Deed with the Ohio Telephone and Telegraph Company for property that is defined in its legal definition as exhibit A of the Quit Claim Deed and incorporate the deed by reference and put it into the record. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

Inventory

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the Medina Township Inventory for 2011. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.

Turn Arrow Request for Shady Brooke Run and Route 18

Mr. Todd received a letter from Carlson Funeral Homes regarding the increased traffic both on and off of Shady Brooke Run onto Route 18 and the necessity for a turn arrow for traffic exiting Shady Brooke Run onto Route 18. There is a turn arrow on the traffic signal for traffic exiting River Styx onto 18. A letter will be sent to ODOT requesting a turn arrow.

SPCA Invoice

Mr. Todd said the invoice from the SPCA was received and documentation of animals picked up in Medina Township will be reviewed so an amount can be considered at budget time.

OTARMA

The Department Heads will review the insurance packet received from Ohio Plan Risk Management, Incorporated represented by Whittaker-Myer Insurance Company that offers the type of coverage the Township now receives from OTARMA. Mr. Todd said if there is no significant difference between OTARMA and OPRMI then there is no need to change. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS CON'T

Police Personnel

Mr. Todd stated that after an approximately 2 month process and the review of 110 candidates' applications, they were able to bring the number down to 10 applicants. Those applicants then had psychological testing and 5 were chosen from that group. The Trustees and Chief Arbogast interviewed the remaining 5 and have made a decision.

Mr. Todd motioned to hire Hallie Beardsworth and Justin Harvey as full-time Police Officers effective January 1, 2012, and Jeffrey Linsker part-time Police Officer effective January 1, 2012, for Medina Township. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett asked if the hire date should be separated by one day and Chief Arbogast said no there is a methodology to this. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

Organizational Meeting

The Trustees will hold their Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Todd motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.

Jim Traynor (4004 Remsen Road) thanked Sally Gardner for her service to the Township and said feels the Township is better off for her service.

Dianna Huffinan (4025 Remsen Road) thanked Sally Gardner and agreed with Mrs. Gardner's statement that someone who sues the Township should not sit on a Board.

Nick Kaplack (3351 Huffinan Road) asked if the speed limit on Huffinan Road near Remsen Road could be lowered. Chief Arbogast will do a speed study.

Robin Gray (4074 Remsen Road) discussed the hydro-fracking issue and asked if the Shale Initiative meeting could be posted on the Township website. The Trustees said it could be posted. She also asked who bought the 47 acres on Huffinan Road and was told that the real estate said there is a sale pending and they are not at liberty to say.

Sandra Bilek (3414 Hamlin Road) discussed the hydro-fracking issue and suggested residents go on the Concerned Citizens regarding fracking website, www.fracking.legally.com. She also asked about home rule and Mr. Todd explained home rule authority. Mr. Todd said to deal with the fracking issue it would have to go through a home rule County.

Chief Crumley attended a meeting regarding who repairs the roads damaged from fracking and said no one is protecting the township roads. He also stated that there is nothing in the State or Fire Codes to regulate maintaining Gas/Oil wells.

Mr. Todd motioned to close the floor for public comment. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.

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Executive Session

Mr. Todd motioned to enter into Executive Session with the Medina Township Board of Trustees, Township Fiscal Officer and Township Zoning Inspector Elaine Ridgley to discuss potential litigation at 8:31 pm. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Jarrett.

Mr. Todd motioned for the Township Board of Trustees to reconvene from Executive Session where we discussed potential litigation, zoning issues with the Township Zoning Inspector, Township Board of Trustees and the Township Fiscal Officer. The Board reconvened at 8:51 pm. No decisions were made during that Executive Session.

OTARMA

Chief Crumley and Chief Arbogast reviewed the OTARMA information and both said to stay with OTARMA because there is no significant difference and we have no problems with OTARMA.

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the 2012 contract with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority in the total amount of \$52,806.00 for township liability insurance. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Todd aye, Mr. Jarrett aye, Mrs. Gardner Abstain.

Chief Crumley thanked this Board of Trustees and the past Boards of Trustees for all they do for the employees.

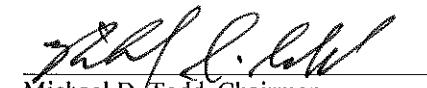
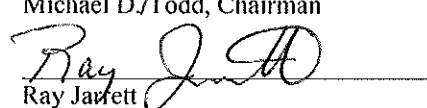
No More Purchasing Edict

Mrs. DeHoff told the department heads there will be no more purchasing until after January 19, 2012. She also said she wants all the department heads to sign invoices on purchases that come in. This does not include utility bills, fuel bills, etc. If an employee purchases something then they need to have the department head sign off on the invoice before she will pay the bill.

Mr. Todd and Mr. Jarrett thanked Mrs. Gardner for her service to the township. Mrs. Gardner said it has been a good 2 years.

Mr. Todd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mrs. Gardner.


Linda DeHoff, Fiscal Officer


Michael D. Todd, Chairman

Ray Jarrett