

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 16, 2024

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive, Miami Township, Ohio 45150. Trustee Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Special Presentation: Police Chief Mills conducted the swearing-in of new Police Officer Alan Van Pelt. Law Director Joe Braun administered the oath of office. Officer Van Pelt's family was present in the audience and his wife Victoria assisted with the badge pinning.

Department Reports: A representative of each department presented a report of activities during the month of December 2023.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mr. Schulte made a motion to pay the bills of the Township: with 138 checks numbered 145887 to 146024, 51 electronic checks numbered 153 to 203, and 63 electronic payments 3518 to 3582 for the total amount of \$1,987,973.91, plus payroll and payroll taxes for the checks dated 12/15/2023 in the amount of \$329,628.61, 12/22/2023 leave payouts of \$359,053.93, 12/19/2023 payment of \$331,906.62 and 1/12/24 \$380,495.24, seconded by Mr. Tracy and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly advised there were two departments with personnel actions. He recommended accepting the resignation of Lori Pegg as executive assistant effective January 12, 2024. The police department recommended removing Officer Nick Mills and Officer Andrew Ryan from probation effective February 16, 2024, as they both successfully completed the probationary period.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations as stated, Mr. Tracy seconded, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly advised that as discussed at the work session there is a need to replace all the fire department's ballistic equipment that they use for any kind of domestic incident or active assailant incident. He mentioned this was an approved 2024 capital project expense.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to purchase replacement ballistic equipment in the amount of \$42,615.00, seconded by Mr. Tracy, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly advised that there is a great need to replace radios in both the police and fire departments to comply with the 2025 rebranding of FCC and Clermont County Communication Center Requirements. Mobilcomm is the required vendor and they quoted \$85,428.97 to replace some radios in each of the departments.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to purchase radios in the amount to not exceed \$85,428.97, seconded by Mr. Schulte, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly mentioned the annual contract with the Loveland Symmes Fire Department is set to be renewed. The contract provides service and mutual aid to Miami Township residents along O'Bannonville Road.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to authorize the Township Administrator to execute a renewal contract with Loveland-Symmes Fire Department to facilitate automatic aid coverage along O'Bannonville Road, seconded by Mr. Tracy, and the motion carried.

Chief Mills mentioned as discussed in the work session and approved in the police department's 2024 budget, the department is requesting to purchase two new solar-powered speed boards from TrafficLogix at a cost not to exceed \$6,686.00 which includes freight.

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The department is also requesting the purchase of two solar adapters from All Traffic Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$2,868.49 which includes freight.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to approve the purchase of two new solar powered speed boards from Traffic Logix that integrate with existing software at a cost not to exceed \$6,686.00 and two solar adapters from All Traffic Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$2,868.49, Mr. Schulte seconded, and the motion carried.

Chief Mills requested the ability to enter into a five-year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc for Axon Air capabilities, as discussed in the work session and approved in the 2024 budget. The agreement for a term of five years with an annual cost of \$7,930.24 for the first year and \$7,680.24 for an additional four years. Over the five-year period at a cost not to exceed \$38,651.20.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to approve a five-year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc for the Axon Air Capabilities in the amount of \$7,390.24 for the first year and \$7,680.24 for an additional four years, with a cost over five years not to exceed \$38,651.20, seconded by Mr. Tracy, and the motion carried.

Chief Mills requested a motion to approve out of township travel for Officer Wahlert, Officer Dold, and himself to attend the CALEA conference, reaccreditation hearing and banquet in Montgomery, Alabama at a cost to not exceed \$5,060.00.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to approve the out of township travel to send Officer Wahlert, Officer Dold and Chief Mills to Montgomery, Alabama for the CALEA conference in March 2024 for a cost not to exceed \$5,060, seconded by Mr. Schulte, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly advised a zoning case was received that involved a property in Miamiville and some redevelopment that will occur due to a new coffee shop in the building. A request had been made to look at the traffic on Roscoe Alley and Drake Alley, and it was recommended to reclassify them both as one-way streets. The Clermont County Engineer's office sees no issue with the proposal if the necessary notifications and warnings are made. Turning them both one-way streets allows traffic to move adequately and provides safety for the new business and potential drive-through at the coffee shop.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to authorize an agreement with MessCo for engineering services to convert Roscoe Alley (to Drake Alley) and Drake Alley from Roscoe Alley to Center Street, to one way traffic, seconded by Mr. Schulte, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly mentioned Mr. Musselman had presented an opportunity to purchase a replacement salt truck in keeping with their 5-year replacement plan. The service department had budgeted \$225,000.00 for a new salt truck to supplement their primary salt vehicles with a new salt route to cut down the time it takes to clear the roadways. A new single cab and chassis through state purchasing is \$100,071, which is an increase of \$5,000 from last year.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to authorize the purchase of a single cab and chassis through State Purchasing in the amount of \$100,071, seconded by Mr. Schulte, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly next mentioned that Mr. Musselman presented the 2024 pavement resurfacing plan and was requesting approval as presented.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to approve the 2024 pavement resurfacing plan, seconded by Mr. Tracy, and the motion carried.

Chief Kelly asked for approval to pass resolution 2024-001 that allows the Townships' membership renewal with the Coalition of Large Ohio Townships. CLOUT gives the Township a voice at the state level to be able to represent residents and businesses of Miami Township. CLOUT allows the Township to be involved in things legislatively that affect large townships.

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Mr. Tracy made a motion to authorize Resolution 2024-001, a resolution authorizing membership to the Coalition of Large Urban Townships and dispensing with the second reading, seconded by Mr. Schulte, and the motion carried.

Ms. Wolff stated the business portion of the meeting has concluded.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session:

Mark Schulte made a motion to go into executive session. Ken Tracy seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all voted “aye”.

Mark Schulte made a motion to come out of executive session. Ken Tracy seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all voted “aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM on January 16, 2024.

ATTEST:

Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson