RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held AUGUST 13, 2018 20

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz and Ken Tracy.

Mr. Wright advised each year, at this time is the annual renewal of its Health Insurance Benefits. Mr. Wright noted Anthem, our existing provider, has agreed to a zero percent increase for the health insurance for the new plan year. The dental and optional vision insurance is with Anthem and that part of the plan will have an increase of 9.3% which would be an increase of almost $11,000.00. Our broker sought out a competitive proposal from an additional provider called Ameritas and Ameritas is proposing a dental coverage that would be $6,400.00 less than our current year plan for a savings $17,400.00 cheaper than the new proposal from Anthem for dental. In addition to saving the Township money when we switch dental coverage to Ameritas, they will reimburse members up to $150.00 in out of pocket vision expenses for staying under the annual dental maximum. Ameritas will also reset the $1,000.00 lifetime orthodontia benefit on children. The Employee Health Insurance Committee met twice in July to discuss the options for the dental and optional vision insurance. They have recommended that the Township move the dental and optional vision insurance to the Ameritas option. Mr. Wright is recommending the Board approve the 2018-2019 Anthem Health and Life+-Insurance Benefit Plan and Ameritas dental and vision plan and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the plans on their behalf. The Board asked for clarification of the dental plan and having to switch dentists and how long the plan is good for. Mr. Wright explained when the Township switched from Guardian to Anthem his dentist was not in the network and the same goes for Ameritas. Mr. Wright explained he has not switched dentists and is usually only about $10.00 out of pocket for most procedures and the plan is good for one year.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Anthem Health and Life+-Insurance Benefit Plan and Ameritas dental and vision plan and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the plans on their behalf, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mrs. Flanigan updated the Board regarding street lighting districts advising there are several lighting districts that need to be adjusted by adding or removing parcels and several lighting districts that need the yearly assessments adjusted. Also, Mrs. Flanigan is proposing to add a $2.00 per parcel administrative amount that is permitted pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 515.12B. This would cover costs for staff time reviewing and processing payment, reviewing assessments, supplies and postage. Resolutions will be presented to the Board at the August business meeting for adoption along with a request for the additional administrative fees. The Board asked if the current $0.50 administrative fee goes to the County or the Township and Mrs. Flanigan stated it goes to the Township's lighting district fund. The Board asked if the additional $2.00 per parcel would include the parcels that have lighting taken care of through the homeowners association and Mrs. Flanigan stated they will not be assessed the $2.00 and will only be assessed to the property owners who are assessed a lighting district on their property taxes.

Mr. Wright advised at the April 9, 2018 work session Gary Knepp and Bill Knepp presented the board with a proposal for an arboretum of trees to be planted on the vacant knoll at the Spirit of '76 Park. The design was proposed at a discount by a local landscape company and the Board agreed that the proposed plantings and passive use are appropriate for that location of the park. It was also agreed that 100% of the funds necessary for the work would be raised by the Knepps and the work would be phased as donations were received. Mr. Wright advised that Bill Knepp has been successful in receiving donations that will enable at least one and one half of the phases to be installed this fall. The donations have been made to the Township and placed within the specific fund for improvements to the Spirit of '76 Park. The Township will need to approve the proposal for the work with LTD Landscapes before the plantings can begin this fall. This will be an agenda item for approval at the August 21st business meeting.

Mr. Elliff advised there will be a resolution for the Board to adopt, at the August 21st business meeting, declaring two properties a public nuisance.

Assistant Police Chief, Mike Mills, advised the Board that July 1st 2018 began the 50th Anniversary of the Miami Township Police Department. Assistant Chief Mills is proposing to retire and replace the current police badges that have been used over the last three decades. He proposes to retire the badges with the old uniforms. As discussed at previous meetings, the Police Department received a grant, for nearly half of the cost from BWC for new uniforms. This proposal will allow the Police Department to commemorate the 50th Anniversary by completing the uniform change over with a new badge. The new badges will last for many decades and signify the start of the next 50 years. Assistant Chief Mills presented three proposals for the new badges along with picture examples of the new proposed badges. This will be an action item at the August 21st business meeting.

Mr. Musselman presented two proposals for the Service Department headquarters floor replacement which was in the 2018 budget. The two proposals were from Carpetland and McSwain Flooring. McSwain Flooring offered a low bid of $16,150.00. This will be an action item at the August business meeting.

Mr. Musselman advised the Service Department conducted a bid opening for the Klondyke Road project. Two bids were received. Andy Argo Construction bid $245,133.60 and W.E. Smith Construction bid $239,272.00. Bids are being reviewed and have been sent to Mr. Braun for review and approval. Mr. Wright noted we did receive an OPWC grant for this project to receive 79% of the cost making the Township's part 21%. This will be brought back to the Board at the August business meeting. The Board asked what the plan is for repairs to Klondyke and Mr. Musselman stated there will be reinforcing piers and steel I beams put in.

Mr. Wright advised that ODOT had determined that the happy Hollow Road Overpass over Bypass 28 is nearing the end of its useful life and ODOT has hired a transportation engineering firm to complete the design of a replacement. The timeline is for the design to be completed this fall. ODOT will bid the project in 2019 and the construction is anticipated to occur in 2020. Mr. Wright reached out to ODOT to seek options for the Township to utilize this opportunity to increase our presence on the overpass since so many vehicles, including visitors, use it daily. ODOT's policy is to use vandal proof fencing that includes vinyl coated mesh and if a community wants to include lettering or alternative fencing materials, they community's design is bid as an alternate and the community is responsible for paying for the difference after the base bid is subtracted from the alternate bid. We would be responsible for paying for the expenses of the consulting engineering firm to design and revise the bid specs to include our alternate. Mr. Wright presented four options for signage that range from decorative fence with letters on the fence on each side of the bridge that say "Miami Township", ODOT vandal proof fence with black powder coating and letters on the fencing on each side of the bridge, ODOT vandal proof fencing with black powder coating with "Miami Township" designed as an imprint and paint color into the concrete parapet wall on both sides of the bridge and ODOT standard vandal proof fence vinyl coated with the letters "Miami Township" designed as an imprint and paint color into the concrete parapet wall on both sides of the bridge. The costs range from $162,000.00 to $5,800.00. Mr. Wright stated if the Township chooses to make one of these investments in the project, sufficient funds exist in the adjacent Lowe's TIF since it satisfies the needs of a rational nexus and is for transportation infrastructure. The Board asked if there are any plans to replace any other overpass bridges and Mr. Wright stated not soon enough that ODOT could give him a specific year. The Board asked if Option 2 could be retro-fitted to existing overpass bridges and Mr. Wright said they could. The Board stated the highest traffic is on I-275 and what is the availability or options that we have to look at the 275

overpasses. Mr. Wright advised if we wanted to pay 100% of the cost ODOT would let us do that at any time. It takes months of design and ODOT has a very specific permitting process, so if we had a year or two to plan, ODOT would do that but we would be responsible for 100% of the cost. This opportunity allows us to get a little bit of a discount. Information will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Elliff reminded the Board of their special zoning meeting for Thursday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Uckotter will be handling the meeting for Mr. Elliff as he will be out of town.

Mr. Musselman updated the Board regarding the projects noting the Romar lighting work order for removal of old street lights has been sent to Duke and the work should be done this week. The Gateway fountain has been working fine since we started the chemical treatment to control the algae and with regard to the 2018 resurfacing, the rejuvenation treatment is being scheduled. The Board asked about the status of the Pickle Ball for Community Park and Mr. Musselman stated when they first got the request to paint the tennis courts for Pickle Ball, they did paint the stripes, they left the tennis net to see how much use it got and if there was significant use they could adjust the net and make a permanent Pickle Ball court but Mr. Musselman does not know if they have gotten much use. Mrs. Thibodeau stated there is a device, at a cost of $49.95, that can adjust the existing tennis net for Pickle Ball and then it could be advertised that Pickle Ball is available at Community Park. Mr. Wright stated they will purchase the device and have it installed for the court.

Mr. Wright noted that a resident of another Township posted comments about the Township repaving budget that contains some misleading items. Mr. Wright stated so that our residents can have accurate information he would like to mention some facts regarding our budget. Mr. Wright advised the Township is restricted in how we can use funds. The Township's total budget is comprised of restrictive funds. This means that funds generated for Fire/EMS or Parks Levy cannot be used to repave streets, the funds can only be used for restrictive purposes for which they were levied. That is why it is misleading for someone to say the Miami Township's budget exceeds $20,000,000.00 and they should spend more to repave streets. Approximately 82% of the Township's budget is levied for our various Safety Services none of that money is permitted to be spent on streets. It should also be clarified that between 61% and 62% of each dollar paid in property taxes goes to one of our local school districts. Then approximately 12.4% goes to the county, 2.7% goes to Great Oaks Joint Vocational School a little over 1% goes to the county library system and the remaining 22% of each dollar is sent to Miami Township. Of our 22.3% of each dollar that a resident pays about 7 ½ % is spent on various road repair, road salt and other road improvements. Of the total dollar paid by a homeowner, since it is divided among school districts and other county agencies, only 1.7% of the gross dollar is received by Miami Township for road purposes. While there's a modest increase in property valuations, that was done last year by the Clermont County Auditor's office, only 1/7% of that increase is legally permitted to be spent by Miami Township on street repair needs.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session: Mr. Tracy made a motion to go into Executive Session To consider the sale or purchase of property pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

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Mr. Tracy made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

Eric C Ferry

Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson