

Held

JUNE 25, 2018

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The Miami Township Board of Trustees met at the Miami Township Civic Center on Monday, June 25, 2018 for the purpose of requesting Certification of Current Tax Valuation from the Clermont County Auditor, OPWC Grant Authorization, Cell Tower lease extension, and any other business to come before the Board. Ms. Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz and Ken Tracy were in attendance.

Mr. Wright advised they have been discussing the condition of the Township roads and the funds available for maintenance. The Township is responsible for the maintenance of over 156 miles of streets and the volume increases every year. The funds available allows the Township to resurface a little more than four miles annually. This means that we are on pace to resurface each street approximately every 39 years. The standard in this part of the country, depending on the volume of traffic, is to resurface every 12 to 20 years. We have been reminded by residents of several neighborhoods constructed over 30 years ago and have the original homeowners that their streets have never been repaved and are in poor condition. As discussed at the February work session, the Township commissioned an engineering company to record and evaluate the condition of every street and curb and gutter for which we are responsible. The study last fall concluded that on a scale of 1-100, the average Pavement Quality Index of a Township street is 52 and 52% of the township's roads provide acceptable performance (fair or good) and 48% of the roads are in need of rehabilitation (failed or poor). Of the property taxes paid in Miami Township only 1.7% goes to the road maintenance fund which also pays for snow removal, storm water improvements and other items. Over 60% goes to the respective school districts, 17% goes to the county and library and JVS, 19% goes to police and Fire/EMS.

With a growing sense of urgency to improve the situation, the Township commissioned a public opinion research company to determine resident attitude towards road conditions and possible support for potential road levies. The survey reached 400 registered voters. 85.7% of those surveyed responded that they somewhat agree or strongly agree that the township Trustees should devote more money to pay for road maintenance and improvement. When asked if they were voting on a ballot measure that would increase property taxes slightly if they knew that it would go directly to fund road improvements, 44.7% responded they would support up to \$35 additional taxes, 17.9% stated they would support paying \$35-\$75 more and 8.5% responded they would support paying an additional \$75-\$125 more. Thus, 71% stated they would support paying slightly higher property taxes if used specifically for this purpose. To provide further matters of fact for this discussion, based on the Township's current valuation one mil raises approximately \$1,173,000. One mill levied on property valuation increases taxes by approximately \$35 for each \$100,000 of valuation. Therefore, 1.25 mils raises an additional \$1,466,250 and an additional 1.5 mils would raise \$1,759,500.

There are currently 77 miles of Miami Township road in Miami Township that are designated as having a Pavement Quality Index score of 50 or worse on a scale of 1-100. A portion of the associated concrete curb and gutters are also in need of replacement. The current estimate to resurface the asphalt and replace curb and gutters is approximately \$12,592,000. At the current year's funding of \$463,000 for our road resurfacing program it would take a little more than 27 years to repave those streets and replace curb and gutters. An additional 1 mil would generate an additional \$1,173,000 annually. Combining the current funding with the proposed additional funding would allow us to rehab those 77 miles of streets in approximately 8 years rather than 27 years. This is the basis for a recommendation for the voters to consider a 1 mil levy.

If the Board is inclined to place on the November ballot the option for the voters to decide if they support a modest tax increase to fund the road improvements that we constantly hear requested, then two required resolutions would have to be adopted and delivered to Clermont County prior to the State imposed deadline of August 8, 2018. Before a local government may submit a proposed ballot measure to the County, it first has to adopt a resolution to request the County Auditor to provide certification of funds for a potential levy.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

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At a future meeting, adopt a resolution declaring a necessity and proceed to request to levy additional millage for the purpose of street repairs and resurfacing and other transportation infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to request the Clermont County Auditor provide a certification of the current tax valuation of Miami Township and the amount of revenue that would be generated by a proposed 1 mil road levy pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 and 5705.19(g) and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised the Board is aware landslides occurred on the creek side of upper Lewis Road that have resulted in extreme degradation of the road. The damage is severe enough that we are concerned that at some point the road will be compromised enough that it will have to be closed entirely. Staff has contracted with a local civil engineering firm to conduct field survey work and hire a geotechnical firm that analyzed core samples of the subgrade of the road. The solution is to have a contractor build a pier wall along the creek side of the road and rebuild some sections of the roadway. Since this is an emergency repair that involves much more than simply resurfacing the road, we are applying for Emergency Funds through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). We had to have an engineer's estimate and a design for the construction work completed before we could complete an application. Now that we have those items, we are preparing the application for grant funds to the OPWC. One item that we want to supply to the OPWC is a resolution from the Board authorizing the Township Administrator to file the grant application. If we are successful in having our emergency grant application approved, we would still likely need to supply at least 20% of the cost of the contract. Resolution 2018-21 was presented to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-21 authorizing the Township Administrator to file an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance for emergency repairs to Lewis Road, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Wright advised we received a proposed First Amendment to the existing cell tower lease at Miami Meadows Park. There was a merger a couple of months ago in which T-Mobile acquired Sprint. Our cell tower tenant is Sprint. Rather than buying permanent extensions since they may already have redundant coverage, T-Mobile is offering to purchase lease extensions. The proposed lease extension agreement would extend the lease beyond 2023 to as long as 2043 using additional 5-year extensions. In turn for amending the lease, Miami Township would receive a payment of \$15,000 within two (2) months of signing the agreement. Our rent will also be a minimum of \$18,000 per year. The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Mr. Braun and reviewed by Mrs. Flanigan in our Fiscal Office. Mr. Wright is recommending the Board adopt Resolution 2018-22. The Board asked if the rent was a competitive rate and Mr. Braun stated it is.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-22 authorizing the approval of the First Amendment to the PCS site Agreement and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

There were no other agenda items to discuss.

At this time Ms. Wolff announced she would have to leave and turned the meeting over to Mr. Schultz.

Public Comment: Resident Mr. John Becker came forward to thank everyone for the work they have done to help with getting the roads fixed. Mr. Becker asked about the timing of the process for a possible levy. Mr. Braun explained the process and that everything must be complete and to the County Board of Elections in early August.

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Mr. Ferry, Township Fiscal Officer, asked if there will be language in the resolution that will stated the funds from the road levy will be used for road improvements only. Mr. Braun stated he has the draft which reads the funds will be used for the repair, replacement, resurfacing, reconstruction of any street, road or bridge in the Township, and that language comes from the ORC. It was noted this will not be a sunset levy.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

ATTEST:

Eric C. Ferry

Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson