

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

MARCH 10, 2014

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Ken Tracy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Mr. Tracy, Mrs. Wolff and Mr. Schultz.

Police Chief, Sue Madsen, made a presentation to the Board about the Police Department. Chief Madsen discussed staffing, daily operations and community outreach.

Mr. Fronk advised the Board of department vehicle purchases that were budgeted for 2014. Fire/EMS Chief Kelly, advised the department would like to purchase a new Braun ambulance for the fleet, giving them five ambulances and is advising to re-chassis one of the four current ambulances per year for four years. By re-chassis, this would save the department approximately \$45,000.00 to \$90,000.00 per vehicle over buying a new ambulance. Chief Kelly is requesting approval from the Board on getting pricing for the new ambulance and coming back to the Board with that information. Mr. Fronk added that the new ambulance will come out of the TIF funds not the operating funds.

Police Chief, Sue Madsen, advised the Board of the four new Interceptor cruisers for the department. Chief Madsen noted the cost of maintaining some of the current older cruisers is quite costly and major issues with the vehicles could get to the point where it would be cost prohibited to repair. Chief Madsen noted it takes approximately six to seven months to get this vehicle in and a month to equip and prepare the vehicle. Chief Madsen is requesting permission to start implementing replacing the fleet and then annually continuing to replace vehicles as needed. Mr. Fronk explained he has asked if the Police Department has a SUV they can hand down to Administration for use by the Multi Media Coordinator and other staff. This SUV would need to be replaced for the Police Department and is asking the Board to replace it with a fifth Interceptor. The Board discussed keeping the vehicles in a garage to help prolong the life of the vehicle.

Mr. Mantel, Service Director, explained they have been using the trickle down method with their trucks, so when a salt truck is no longer useable for that purpose it can be used for something else in the department. He advised that using the trickle down method they are getting approximately 13 to 15 years out of each truck. Mr. Mantel noted he would like to purchase two cab and chassis dump trucks and have them outfitted with a dump body and winter operations equipment to be built and ready for the winter season of 2014 – 2015. Mr. Mantel recommended in the 2015 budget year restarting the every other year program where the Township would purchase two cab and chassis trucks at the end of the year and having them outfitted. This plan would provide the Township with one new dump truck per year and insure their ability to maintain a 13 to 15 year life cycle of their winter operations fleet. The expected cost for this type of vehicle in 2014 dollars would be between \$65,000.00 to \$80,000.00 each depending on the type and size of vehicle selected. Mr. Mantel also discussed purchasing a second compact excavator as their current one is 10 years old with 3,200 hours of service on it. A new compact excavator would cost approximately \$51,248.84. Mr. Mantel also recommended the department purchase a new Jacobsen R-11T Turbo Diesel Wide-Area mower at a cost of \$52,242.56. This price reflects a trade in of \$4,500.00 for 2000 Jacobsen 5111. The current older Jacobsen mowers are losing power and struggling to keep up in thicker grass. Mr. Mantel also recommended the department purchase a new John Deere bunker rake, used for maintaining ball fields, at a cost of \$9,881.04. This price reflects a trade in of \$2,200.00 for one of the department's current bunker rakes. The Board asked Mr. Mantel to look at other brands of equipment to help cut costs.

Mr. Fronk summarized the department's vehicle/equipment requests by asking the Board to allow the department heads to move forward with the bidding and purchasing process for the vehicles and equipment, with the exception of the Jacobson mower. Mr. Fronk also noted the funds for the ambulance and police vehicles will be coming out of TIF funds, the salt trucks will be coming out of the Service Department funds and the mower and rake would be coming out of the parks fund.

Mr. Fronk explained with the resignation of the Recreation Department's playgroup/preschool activity leader, the department has an immediate need to fill that position. The department would like to hire Ms. Pam Conner who has successfully completed all the background checks. Mr. Fronk is recommending the Board grant final employment to Pam Connor for position as part-time Recreation Leader at \$15.00 per hour and at \$10 per hour for Assistant.

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Mr. Schultz made a motion to grant final employment to Pam Connor for position as part-time Recreation Leader at \$15.00/Assistant at \$10.00 per hour, seconded by Mrs. Wolff with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised the Board of the need for a public hearing on a major modification to an already approved site plan. The Board will need to hold a special public hearing for this.

Mr. Schultz moved to hold a Public Hearing on Case #533 on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Wolff with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Fronk advised that there will be a need to move the April work session meeting and that will be an action item on the March business meeting agenda.

Mr. Tracy advised that he will not be able to attend the March 18th business meeting and that Mrs. Wolff will be chairing the meeting.

Mrs. Wolff made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code and to discuss pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

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

Mr. Schultz moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Mike Mills as Assistant Police Chief, seconded by Mrs. Wolff with all voting "AYE".

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Ken Tracy, Chairperson