

Monroe Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

September 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Peck at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Jowers-present Mr. Peck-present Mr. Forder-absent Ms. Forder-absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest:

No Guest Speakers

Township Business:

Fiscal Officer-Candace Forder

Ms. Forder mailed all paperwork requested by the Ohio Ethics Commission and they received this on Friday September 17, 2021.

Ms. Forder received an email from Donna Cann stating at the CCTA meeting last week they made a motion to set Trick or Treat for Sunday, October 31, 2021 for 6-8.

Ms. Forder is still working on SAM.GOV problem.

Monroe Township has received the first half of the American Relief Funding in the amount of 433,145.63. These funds did not come through sam.gov.

Ms. Forder is requesting a motion to set up a new fund account number 2274 for American Relief Funds and to also make a supplemental allocation to appropriations in the same amount.

Motion# 153-2021 was made by Ms. Jowers to set up a new fund account number 2274 for American Relief Funds and to also make a supplemental allocation to appropriations in the same amount. Mr. Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

Vote: Ms. Jowers - Yes Mr. Peck - Yes Mr. Forder - Absent

Zoning- Mark Jaehnen

Mr. Jaehnen advised the board he is working on 7 properties inside the township that need to be cleaned up, he has worked with the prosecutor's office on proper steps, 1<sup>st</sup> step was to send each property certified mail to each property, this has been done, next step will be Mediation which will cost \$300.00 for each property to go to Mediation. Board recommends Mr. Jaehnen make a list of the properties and to prioritize the list for the board to review at next regular meeting.

Maintenance-Greg Schrichten

Mr. Schrichten is requesting a motion to purchase a new computer for the maintenance department in the amount of \$665.97.

Motion# 154-2021 was made by Ms. Jowers to purchase a new computer for the maintenance department in the amount of \$665.97. Mr. Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Ms. Jowers - Yes Mr. Peck - Yes Mr. Forder - Absent

Discussion on the purchase of a new mower and trade-in of the Townships old mower.

Trade-in for the old mower at \$12,500.00. No action taken on the purchase due to the absence of Ms. Forder and financing.

Cemetery-Jerry Cramer

On Sept 24<sup>th</sup> a car crashed into the Presbyterian Cemetery on SR 222 and caused damage to the cemetery in the approx. amount of \$1000.00. Car was reported stolen and no driver with the car when the car was found. CCSO and OSP are still investigating.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Downey

Chief Downey is requesting a motion to place Kristopher Walters onto the roster as a part time FF2/EMT-Basic with probation pay rate of \$13.84 p/hr, starting date of 10/3/21.

Motion # 155-2021 made by Ms. Jowers to place Kristopher Walters onto the roster as a part time FF2/EMT-Basic with probation pay rate of \$13.84 p/hr, starting date of 10/3/21. Mr. Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Ms. Jowers - Yes Mr. Peck - Yes Mr. Forder – Absent

Chief Downey is requesting to enter into Executive Session per ORC# 121.22 (G) (1) (c)

Motion# 156-2021 made by Ms. Jowers to enter into Executive Session per ORC# 121.22 (G) (1) (c) at 10:16 a.m. Mr. Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Ms. Jowers - Yes Mr. Peck - Yes Mr. Forder – Absent

Returned to Regular Session at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Jowers-present Mr. Peck-present Mr. Forder-absent Ms. Forder-absent

Motion# 157-2021 was made by Ms. Jowers to terminate Christopher Mitchell from the Fire /EMS roster effective Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Ms. Jowers - Yes Mr. Peck - Yes Mr. Forder – Absent

Open discussion on the future of Monroe Township Fire/EMS Department:

Chief Downey advised the board of possible complications coming to hiring personnel in the future. Complications are coming from several areas. Not enough personnel certified in the area to hire from. Our pay is currently one of the lowest in the county.

A discussion it was decided to cancel Safety Day.

Other discussions:

Mr. Peck advised that Duke Energy has gotten approval to move forward with the new gas line between Batavia and Bethel. ...

Motion# 158-2021 was made by Ms. Jowers to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Ms. Jowers - Yes Mr. Peck - Yes Mr. Forder – Absent

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes taken by Chief Steve Downey

Ms. Jowers \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Peck \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Forder \_\_\_\_\_