

**Millcreek Township Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2011**

The Millcreek Township Trustees of Union County, Ohio convened in regular session from 7:00 p.m. until 9:55 p.m. at the Millcreek Township Community Building for the monthly meeting. Mr. Lynch called the meeting to order with the following members present:

**MEMBERS:** Keith Conroy, Bill Lynch, Bill Jordan and Joyce Beaver.

**ATTENDEES:** Zoning Administrator - Joe Clase, Robert Barker, Carol Barker, Robert Whitmore, Darran Pittman, Debby Morrison, Joe Johnson, Tom Kugel, Gary Hill, Bob Paice, Marla Wright, Astrid Linck, James Smith, Jason Comstock, Jim McDermott, Mary Berchak, Ken Berchak, Tim Asliner, John Sheppard, Rick Hauer, Ben Hauer, Bill Schrader, John Davisson, Eugene Neds, Liz Neds, Chief Skeldon – Jerome Township Fire Department, and Chief Deputy Morgan – Union County Sheriff’s Department.

**Receipts**

Receipts for the month: Union County Auditor Monthly Distribution: Gasoline Tax \$7,465.10; Motor Vehicle License Tax \$88.02; Local Government Distribution \$1,786.51. Union County Treasurer \$14,179.52 estate tax settlement. Marysville Municipal Court \$139.00 traffic fines. Cheryl Byers \$75.00 rental of township building. Steven Peck \$100.00 building permit. Tracy Nelson \$300.00 cemetery lots. Terry Boutet \$50.00 building rental. Star Ohio: \$13.50.

**Business Session**

Mr. Lynch asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 7, 2011.

- **Resolution #1047:** motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 regular meeting by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Conroy.
- Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Lynch asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 21, 2011.

- **Resolution #1048:** motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2011 special meeting by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Jordan.
- Motion unanimously approved.

**PSO Levy**

The expiration of the 2 mill levy for police protection used to fund the Public Safety Officer’s (PSO) contract with the Union County Sheriff’s Office was discussed.

- The levy funds the three PSO’s that patrol Jerome/Millcreek Townships offering coverage to the townships 24/7. Contract costs for three PSO’s are shared between Millcreek Township at 25 percent and Jerome Township at 75 percent.
- The PSO’s not only provide police protection but are also cross trained first responders for EMS/fire. There have been many instances when the PSO’s have provided emergency medical service to residents prior to the emergency squad arriving.
- Resolution #1043 to proceed with the levy was passed at the November 21, 2011 special meeting, however due to an advertising error the resolution must be rescinded.
- **Resolution #1049:** motion to rescind resolution #1043 by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Jordan.
- Motion unanimously approved.
- **Resolution #1050:** motion to proceed with a replacement levy of 2 mills for police protection from the Union County Sheriff’s Department for calendar years 2012 through 2016 to be placed on the March, 2012 primary ballot by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Conroy.
- Motion unanimously approved.

**Fire Contract with Jerome Township Division of Fire/EMS**

The fire contract between the Jerome Township Division of Fire/EMS expires December 31, 2011. Mr. Conroy has been negotiating with representatives from Jerome Township on a new contract.

- Chief Skeldon explained that approximately 17 percent of the fire departments fire/ems runs are in Millcreek Township.
- Chief Skeldon presented the trustees with a three year contract that includes a 3 percent increase per contract year.
- **Resolution #1051:** motion to accept the contract for fire/ems service provided by the Jerome Township Division of Fire/EMS beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 at a rate of \$169,325.37 per year by Mr. Conroy, seconded by Mr. Jordan.
- Motion unanimously approved.

### Sheriff's Report

Mr. Jordan inquired about the recent car break-ins on Bellepoint Road and Watkins Road.

- Chief Deputy Morgan responded there was no new information to report.
- Some concerned citizens asked about the process to establish a "block watch". Deputy Zacharias of the Sheriff's Department is in charge of the "block watch" program. Chief Deputy Morgan will request Deputy Zacharias attend the January 2, 2012 trustee meeting.

### Citizen Comments

- Most citizens in attendance were interested in discussing the proposed noise ordinance.

### Zoning

#### Zoning Administrator

Mr. Clase presented the monthly call and activity log for November.

- **Resolution #1052:** motion to approve the Zoning Administrator's report as submitted for November, 2011 by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Conroy.
- Motion unanimously approved.

#### Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission did not hold a meeting in November.

### Noise Ordinance

The trustees are trying to determine the most effective way to deal with noise complaints within the township.

- A proposed noise ordinance for the township has been posted on the township web site and a survey was mailed to residents. Mr. Clase compiled the results of the survey and the trustees have received many calls regarding the noise ordinance. Concerned citizens were asked to attend the trustee meeting.
- Chief Deputy Morgan invited Tim Aslaner, the City of Marysville Law Director, to attend the meeting to inform attendees on how Marysville resolves noise complaints and to answer questions. The City uses the disorderly conduct statute in the ORC which law enforcement to issue warnings or citations for noise complaints.
- The majority of noise complaints within Millcreek Township are related to gun shots and loud music.
- Residents in attendance were given time to voice concerns about the proposed noise ordinance as well as individual noise complaints. Some residents who had previously contacted the Sheriff's Department with noise complaints felt the Sheriff's Department had not done enough to resolve their complaints.
- After a discussion, the consensus of most citizens in attendance was they would like to achieve balance without enacting a noise ordinance and work with the Sheriff's Department using the disorderly conduct statute.

### Trustees

#### Mr. Lynch

- Mr. Lynch will meet with a representative from the Upper Scioto Watershed Planning Committee on December 6 to obtain maps to review.
- The Jerome Village sewer line has been installed to the wastewater treatment plant.
- The soccer field sign is on hold until spring.

Mr. Conroy

The rates for rental of the township ball field have been in review. The township is expending approximately \$3000.00 per year in maintaining the field and electric for the ball field lights is an additional expense not factored into the maintenance cost.

- Mr. Conroy reported that the internet provider, Solarity, has not completed their study for providing high speed internet within the township.

Mr. Jordan

- Bunsold Plumbing/Heating has been awarded the contract for replacing the heating/cooling system in the township community building. They have not established a date for installation.
- The roofing contractor has not inspected the roof at the building due to the weather conditions.

Other

The trustees thoroughly reviewed the bank statement/bank reconciliation and confirmed the bank statement and cancelled checks had not been modified in any way. The trustees duly noted the check sequence from the previous month ending with check #3297 and checks presented for approval at the current meeting beginning with check #3298. The trustees compared the accuracy of the expenditures/electronic fund withdrawals and receipts to those listed in the minutes.

The trustees thoroughly reviewed the Fund Ledger Report and the Cash Summary Fund Report and found all transactions valid.

The trustees attested to the payment of the bills. The fiscal officer certified funds are available for the payment of the bills which were presented and approved by the trustees.

- **Resolution #1053:** motion to pay bills by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Jordan.
- Motion unanimously approved.

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| P 6-11 | 3298 | Ohio Edison           | 1000-120-351 | 184.85    |
|        | 3299 | Joyce Beaver          | 1000-110-121 | 1,117.59  |
|        | 3300 | Joe Clase             | 1000-130-330 | 827.39    |
|        | 3301 | Keith Conroy          | 1000-110-111 | 261.63    |
|        | 3301 | Keith Conroy          | 2021-330-111 | 261.65    |
|        | 3302 | William Jordan        | 1000-110-111 | 409.47    |
|        | 3302 | William Jordan        | 2021-330-111 | 409.49    |
|        | 3303 | William Lynch         | 1000-110-111 | 370.74    |
|        | 3303 | William Lynch         | 2021-330-111 | 410.74    |
|        | Vouc | IRS                   | 1000-110-111 | 20.52     |
|        | Vouc | IRS                   | 1000-110-121 | 270.73    |
|        | Vouc | IRS                   | 1000-110-213 | 58.23     |
|        | Vouc | RS                    | 1000-130-150 | 13.78     |
|        | Vouc | IRS                   | 2021-330-111 | 20.52     |
|        | Vouc | IRS                   | 2021-330-213 | 20.52     |
|        | 3304 | OPERS                 | 1000-110-111 | 141.48    |
|        | 3304 | OPERS                 | 1000-110-121 | 165.05    |
|        | 3304 | OPERS                 | 1000-130-150 | 95.00     |
|        | 3304 | OPERS                 | 1000-110-211 | 562.13    |
|        | 3304 | OPERS                 | 2021-330-111 | 141.48    |
|        | 3304 | OPERS                 | 2021-330-211 | 198.06    |
|        | 3305 | Ohio Public Emp. Def. | 1000-110-111 | 300.00    |
| B69-11 | 3306 | Tonya Jordan          | 1000-120-329 | 275.00    |
| B66-11 | 3307 | Joe Clase             | 1000-110-410 | 338.56    |
| B67-11 | 3308 | Burnham & Flower Ins. | 1000110-599  | 741.00    |
| P 3-11 | 3309 | Union County Sheriff  | 2192-210-360 | 14,978.93 |
| P 2-11 | 3310 | Union County Engineer | 2021-330-420 | 539.17    |
| B65-11 | 3311 | Marysville JT         | 1000-130-345 | 23.25     |
| B72-11 | 3312 | Verizon Wireless      | 1000-130-330 | 42.78     |
| B70-11 | 3313 | Bill Jordan           | 1000-120-420 | 83.25     |
| B69-11 | 3314 | Barker Lawn Service   | 1000-120-329 | 40.00     |

Interest for the month is: \$255.12.  
Interest for the year is: \$3,162.28.

All formal actions of the Millcreek Township Trustees of Union County concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion to Adjourn

- **Resolution #1054:** motion to adjourn by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Conroy.
- Motion unanimously approved.