

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in special session on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to conduct the business of the Township. Mr. Todd called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Michael D. Todd, Ray Jarrett and Ken DeMichael. Also in attendance were the Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief, Road Foreman and the general public.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Todd asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. Todd, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

**Pledge**

Mr. Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Rollback of Levies**

Mr. Todd discussed the possibility of rolling back levies for all departments. This would be for a year or two and then they would be put back up to their original amounts as they are continuous levies. The Trustees agreed it would be a thank you to residents for supporting the levies. It can be done year by year Mr. Jarrett said. The Trustees have been fiscally sound with the budget in the last few years and have run under budget. It would not take effect until 2014. Mr. Todd said this also helps Trustees stay accountable in what they spend their money on. Chief Crumley said his carryover is capital for vehicles. Sally Gardner (3333 Foskett Road) said it is going to create a problem having her taxes change and that the Trustees are doing it in an election year. The Trustees received a letter from the County Budget Commission regarding large carryover amounts and the Commission discourages them. Mrs. DeHoff, Fiscal Officer, said if the Township doesn't do something with the large carryover amount the County Budget Commission will. The Trustees said this is not for political reasons and Mr. Todd and Mr. Jarrett have done many things to keep the Township solvent. Celia Goe (3523 Marks Road) said that no matter what the three (3) Trustees say or do they will still be accused of doing it for political reasons, just ignore it and do what is right for the Township. Mr. Jarrett said he will not use any of the levy rollback issue as part of his campaign. Sally Gardner objected to the comment made at the Steering Committee Meeting regarding the entrance to Strongsville signs.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Fire Department Budget**

The Trustees gave Chief Crumley permission to put together an RFQ for architects to design the renovation of the old Fire/Police Department building in back. Mr. Todd asked Chief Crumley if he has the policy Trustees requested regarding the minimum number of training hours for Firefighters. Chief Crumley said he is working on it. After discussing the payroll budget it was stated that a policy on Firefighter training payback must be in place. Mr. Todd said the Township pays for training of the Firefighters and he does not want to be the State's training ground; they want the people committed to the Township. Pay raises for the Firemen was discussed. The Trustees discussed the Fire Department budget line by line. The Trustees prefer to wait until after the Police Union negotiations before raises are given out. The Trustees agreed to allow the Chief to go ahead with the additional staffing hours.

**Administration/Zoning**

The Trustees went over the budget numbers for Administration and Zoning and discussed projects they would like to get done like tearing down the old salt shed, replacing the back stairs at townhall and repairing the roof at the Remsen building.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Contracts at Prosecutor's Office**

Mr. Jarrett asked Celia to contact the Prosecutor's Office regarding the status of the contracts he has.

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**OTHER BUSINESS CON'T**

**Survey – Fracking Question**

Mr. Todd said to contact Ms. Rosselli and ask if the question regarding fracking can be made shorter. Trustees said there are really two (2) questions in that one (1) question. Mr. Jarrett gave the secretary the wording to make it two (2) questions. The secretary said the deadline for changes to the survey has passed but she will contact Brandi and see if it can be changed. Also, an e-mail will be sent to the Steering Committee Members to let them know they cannot advocate for any question on the survey. They can ask people to be sure to fill out the survey and return it because it is very important.

Mr. Todd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

  
Linda DeHoff, Fiscal Officer

  
Michael D. Todd, Chairman

  
Ray Jarrett, Vice Chairman

  
Ken DeMichael, Trustee