

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2014**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Medina Township Hall on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, to conduct the business of the Township and interview candidates for the position of Trustee. Chairman DeMichael called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Ken DeMichael and Ray Jarrett. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer DeHoff, Police Chief Arbogast, Fire Chief Crumley, Road Foreman Miller, Zoning Inspector Ridgley and the general public.

**Roll Call and Pledge**

Mr. DeMichael asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett. Mr. DeMichael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Mr. DeMichael asked for a moment of silence for our military personnel here and overseas.

**List of Candidates**

Michael Stopa	James Traynor	Robin Gray
Donald Kuenzer	James Lane	William Ostmann

Mr. DeMichael asked everyone to turn their cell phones off for this process so there is no communication with the candidates and also hold off any discussion until the end. There was still five (5) minutes before the first interview could start so Trustees handled some Township business.

**PURCHASE ORDER/TRAINING REQUEST**

**Ohio Hazardous Materials Team Conference – Fire Department**

Mr. Jarrett motioned to appropriate \$256.00 for Mark Radice to attend the Ohio Hazardous Materials Teams Conference in Solon, Ohio and this is training for the Ohio Hazmat Operations Technicians and Specialties and again all we are doing is paying just the salary only no other materials and nothing else. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett said this is from October 31 to November 1 of this year. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

**AKE Environmental – Remsen Building**

Mr. DeMichael motioned to accept the purchase order request for AKE Environmental. This is for our Admin Department, they would install an elapsed time meter and a dechlorinator on the sewage pump station at Weymouth Building. Total is \$1,512.25. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. This is in regards to the EPA. Mr. Jarrett said this would put them in compliance. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

**Trustee Candidate Interviews**

Mr. DeMichael explained that each candidate would have 20 minutes for their interview. Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett will have five (5) questions each to ask the candidates and they will ask each candidate the same five (5) questions. Mr. DeMichael will have a running clock to keep within the allowed time period. Mr. DeMichael asked the audience to keep their talking to a minimum.

Mr. Jarrett's five (5) questions were as follows:

1. What has been your involvement within the Township as far as any activities?
2. What interests you the most about being a Trustee?
3. What is your availability during the day to address and handle Township issues and also emergencies that occur throughout the calendar year?
4. What work experiences do you have that qualify you to perform the duties of a Trustee.
5. How do you handle conflicts? Tell me about a specific situation where you prevented a problem and how you dealt with it before it occurred?

**Trustee Candidate Interviews Con't**

Mr. DeMichael's five (5) questions were as follows:

1. Give us one idea of something that we can do to make the Township better right now.
2. What are your thoughts about the development of Route 3 and 171?
3. There was an election less than a year ago for two (2) Medina Township Trustees. Why didn't you run then and will you run in the next election after your appointment is up next fall?
4. In regards to the Route 42 widening, how would you feel about a moratorium and enforcement of zoning setback requirements where the non-conformities result from government taking properties, Specifically, should we be flexible in our zoning in order to help these businesses' through the process?
5. What do you think of the Comprehensive Plan as it is proposed?

Mr. Jarrett said he spent time with all the candidates and asked them a series of questions prior to tonight's meeting and they were all the same questions.

- 1) One of them was, are you a qualified registered voter?
- 2) Have you spoken to your spouse or family members regarding this position and do they support you in this particular endeavor?
- 3) Each year the Trustees travel to Columbus for a workshop. It is approximately three (3) days long and it is usually the end of January beginning of February and would they be willing to travel to Columbus for that three (3) day workshop?
- 4) Are you aware, that if you are chosen, you will have to run in November (2015), and all candidates answered yes they are willing and prepared to run in next November's elections.

Mr. Jarrett said it gave him an opportunity to speak to them individually and touch base with them. He also spoke to other elected officials across the State of Ohio and they said it was a bold move and seldom done and they support both of us tonight in our endeavors to bring this as an open and public discussion among ourselves as public officials and good luck because it is always a tough choice.

**Supplemental Appropriation Changes**

Mr. DeMichael motioned for a supplemental appropriation change in the amount of \$22,945.00 to increase funds to cover the police department vehicle from the accident. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

**Reallocation of Funds**

Mr. DeMichael motioned to reallocate funds between Fire Department fund line items to cover expenses on the sheet here titled Appropriation Supplemental dated October 1, 2014. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

Walt Dubyk (3907 Cook Road) asked if any of the questions were on the website. Mr. DeMichael said no. Mr. Jarrett said it was decided that each Trustee would have five (5) questions each and they were confidential until they were asked of the first candidate. No one was to see the questions.

**Recess**

The Trustees interviewed Michael Stopa and James Traynor and then took a recess. Mr. DeMichael motioned to recess for a few minutes at 6:44 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett. Mr. DeMichael motioned to reconvene from recess at 6:52 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

**Trustee Candidate Interviews Con't**

The Trustees continued the interviews with Robin Gray, Don Kuenzer.

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Second Recess

Mr. DeMichael motioned to recess at 7:34 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett. Mr. DeMichael motioned to reconvene at 7:44 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. DeMichael motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

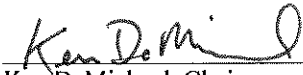
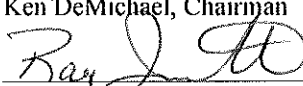
Jim Apana (3993 Dogleg Trail) asked when the Trustees will arrive at a decision regarding Mr. Todd's replacement. Mr. Jarrett said he is prepared to make a decision tonight. Mr. DeMichael said he may have some more questions for the candidates himself so he is not as confident as Ray seems to be but he hopes to have a decision by the next Trustees meeting.

Mr. DeMichael motioned to close the floor for public comment. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

Mr. Jarrett said this is a very arduous decision that we are going to have to make. He said the Township is very lucky to have six (6) candidates step forward. They all have strengths and some have a few weaknesses but overall we have a good pool of candidates, not only for today but farther down the road. He thanked the candidates and said if you are not chosen don't take it personally. We are looking for the best candidate for the Township and hopefully when they run next year they get elected.

Mr. DeMichael motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

  
Linda DeHoff, Fiscal Officer

  
Ken DeMichael, Chairman  
  
Ray Jarrett, Vice-Chairman