

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 23RD, 2017
8:15 PM**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Medina Township Hall on October 23rd, 2017, to conduct the business of the Township. Chairman Ostmann called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Bill Ostmann, Ken DeMichael and Ray Jarrett. Also in attendance were the Fiscal Officer, Law Director and the general public.

Roll Call

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

Pledge

Mr. Ostmann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Ostmann asked for a moment of silence for our service members both here and abroad and for our first responders who risk their lives every day to keep us safe.

Discussion of Remsen Property Drainage Issue

Mr. Jarrett inspected the drainage issue several times and since we did not appropriate the money in the budget for this year I feel we should take it into consideration for next year's budget. He said he thinks what we need to do is go out for three (3) bids so we make sure we are getting something of value and not an over inflation of a price that we only have from one contractor. Mr. Jarrett said that in the meantime we can actually block off that portion of the parking lot until we get those bids in and approve them and also appropriate that portion in our budget. Mr. Ostmann said okay and asked Mr. DeMichael for his comments. Mr. DeMichael said he doesn't disagree, we shouldn't do the work but for a different reason, he thinks we should sell the building. The offer is on the table. He said the roof needs repair and he was told it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. Ostmann asked Mr. DeMichael who asked for the estimate and Mr. DeMichael said he wasn't sure if anyone asked for it, that maybe the potential buyers did. Mr. DeMichael said this came from a company who has done work in Columbus, they happen to be local so they did it for this building here and it is an aerial view. Mr. Ostmann said they never discussed doing anything about the roof you are just brining this up now. Mr. DeMichael said right but it is potential problems. Mr. Jarrett asked what roof he was referring to. Mr. DeMichael showed Mr. Jarrett the aerial view. Mr. Jarrett asked what the yellow area was and Mr. DeMichael said dampness of varying degrees. Mr. Jarrett asked what the pink was and Mr. DeMichael said he didn't remember. Mr. Ostmann asked Mr. Thorne if anything has been done regarding this lawsuit. Mr. Thorne said not that he is aware of. Mr. DeMichael agreed with Mr. Jarrett about not going ahead with the expenditure. Mr. DeMichael motioned to go ahead and sell the building. Mr. DeMichael asked for a second and Mr. Ostmann stated to let the record reflect that the motion dies for the lack of a second. Mr. Jarrett asked that Denny barricade that section off so traffic does not go through there.

Teresa Davidson (3718 Cook Road and 3507 S. Weymouth Road) asked who was going to pay for the repairs if they don't want to sell the building. Mr. Ostmann said the lawsuit prevents us from discussing this and it depends on the outcome of the lawsuit and who buys the building.

Discussion of Safety Services Levy Mailer

Mr. Thorne said the safety services levy mailer is not the Trustees issue. Mr. Ostmann said the Trustees did not put the mailer out. Mr. Thorne said you cannot use Township money to support or oppose a levy. You can put factual information on your webpage or in a newsletter. Mr. Thorne said the mailer was put out by a private citizens group and you would no more clarify this then you would clarify anything anyone else put out. Mr. Thorne asked if you are going to go out checking everything everybody put out and try to clarify it based on what you think. If this is wrong it should be clarified by the Citizens for a Safer Community, they should be the ones correcting it. He said if you look at the four (4) corrections they have to put in a press release he's not sure how those are going to correct anything. He said looking at the top part of the mailer with the corrections he doesn't see how it relates to it all.

Discussion of Safety Services Mailer Con't

Mr. Thorne gave his opinion on the four (4) corrections.

- 1) If approved, the 1.4 mil levy will provide funds for the Police Department and provide money for Fire and EMS should they have a shortfall in funds.

Mr. Thorne said this not even a true statement of the law. The levy if passed can be used for any of those departments not just for a shortfall.

- 2) The levy is for five (5) years and will be re-evaluated at the time of renewal.

Mr. Thorne said the re-evaluation is always done and he doesn't see how that adds anything.

- 3) If the levy fails it will have an immediate effect on the service level of the Police Department.

Mr. Thorne said it his understanding that the Police Department has enough money to pay for this year. Mrs. Ventura said yes this year.

- 4) The levy will not have an immediate effect on Fire or EMS.

Mr. Thorne said number four (4) is probably true because Fire and EMS have enough money as well.

Mr. Thorne said he is not sure how those clarify anything and the big problem is this is not the Trustees document. Mr. Jarrett said if this was our document that would be one thing but since it's not.... Mr. Thorne said if this would have been on the Township website and it was wrong you would have to correct it. Mr. Ostmann asked if this document could be put on the website as it is with the corrections on it. Mr. DeMichael said Mr. Thorne stated you could put on facts and isn't this factual, that's the problem. Mr. DeMichael said the Board asked for the levy so he thinks it's imperative that we give the residents the facts and not mislead them. Mr. Thorne asked Mr. DeMichael how these four (4) issues relate to anything that's up there (on the mailer) and correct anything that's up there, they don't. Mr. Thorne said if he is a citizen reading this it doesn't help at all to understand what's wrong up here (top of original mailer). Mr. DeMichael asked Mr. Radice if that is what he and Chief Arbogast came up with. Mr. Thorne said you can put facts on your website like the levy is going to be re-evaluated after five (5) years but you can't put this mailer on with the corrections because the mailer says vote yes for the levy.

Mark Radice (4036 Stonegate Drive) asked Mr. Thorne if he can help them phrase this in the right way because it is a bunch of malarkey and they are stewards of our Township they should be leading our Township in the right direction because this is scaring old people who think they are going to lose their fire. Mr. Thorne asked Mr. Radice to tell him what is wrong and needs to be clarified so he can help him. Mr. Radice said the piece of propaganda was put out through the Township, it's a scam. Mr. Ostmann said how about when you have a Fire Captain go on TV and say people are going to die. Mr. Radice said we are talking about this mailer. Mr. Thorne said no, you are talking about this but; the legal issue is that the Trustees cannot do it either way. He told Mr. Radice that If they can do what you want then they could have done the same thing and gone on TV and said what the Captain said is wrong. Mr. Radice said this has nothing to do with the Fire Department. Mr. DeMichael said it does not because the mailer says voting no will increase your taxes by \$115 and that is not true. Mr. Radice said you took away the 2mil levy so passing this levy will increase the taxes. Mr. Ostmann said the Township Trustees did not put out this mailer it was put out by a private group. Mr. Thorne said if the Trustees want to put on their website what the levy will bring in they can do that. Mr. Thorne said this was done by a private citizens group and had nothing to do with the Township. *Numerous people were talking at once.* Mr. Ostmann said they cannot put this on the website because it says vote yes. Mrs. Ventura said this should not be on the website anyways. Mr. Thorne told Mr. Radice if he wants to add things to help his cause one way or the other..... Mr. Radice said it is not his cause. Mr. Ostmann said he received an e-mail from Mr. Radice saying he wanted to add something else to the four (4) corrections. Mr. Radice said they are done and thank you for helping his cause.

Laura Kasiovo (3535 Cook Road) asked who the organization was. Mr. Ostmann said the Board of Elections would know.

Mr. Thorne said if the Trustees wanted to put it on the website about what the levy will bring in, what the discontinued levy will eliminate. Mr. Jarrett asked if something that the police chief put out could be used. Mr. Ostmann said there was information on Cleveland.com. Mr. Radice said that was inaccurate because it was said it would be used for LST. Mr. DeMichael said we have an abundance of LST money. Mr. Ostmann said it could provide for that. *Numerous voices.*

Discussion of Safety Services Levy Con't

Mr. Radice is saying there is no savings because the 2 mil levy has been rescinded. Mr. DeMichael said the mailer states voting yes will reduce your taxes. Mrs. Ventura said the mailer was created before the 2 mil levy was rescinded and then mailed out after the 2 mil levy was rescinded so that was the issue. Mr. Thorne said the committee that put it out should now send out a clarification as a result of the Trustee action of 10/5/17 ceasing collection of the 2 mil fire levy. Mrs. Ventura asked if the Board of Elections has any ruling on this kind of stuff because we do have that contract with a certain amount of hours and a certain type of coverage and that the mailer looks like it will change if the levy does not pass. Mr. Thorne said this document does not help those four (4) points. Mr. Radice said there are several elderly people who got that in their mailbox. Mr. Ostmann said he has talked to a lot of elderly people who said former firefighters came up to their door and said you're going to dial 911 and no one is going to show. Mr. Radice said through his campaign he has not has one firefighter go door to door. Mr. Ostmann said that is when they were circulating their petitions. Mr. Radice said he did not know what was being said during the petition seeking. Mr. Radice said wouldn't it be nice to straighten them out once and for all and Mr. Ostmann said could we straighten them out on what was being said when they were having petitions signed.

Laura Kasiovo (3535 Cook Road) asked that the Trustees send out the correct information before the election. Mr. Jarrett said putting the factual information on the website would be conducive..... She said this was circulated in the mail and should be recanted through the mail. Mr. Ostmann said we're not going to spend Township money on that. She said what if Medina Township Medina Citizens for Change pays for it. Mr. Thorne said if they create it and somebody else wants to take it off the website and put it out that's fine. Mr. Ostmann said they will have to put a disclaimer on it if they just put out their own corrections. Ms. Kasiovo said we did not do that's not our organization. Mr. Thorne asked if the Citizens for a Safer Community are acknowledging that this is wrong. Mr. Ostmann said he has no idea and he hasn't talked to anybody. Mr. Thorne said they are no part of this discussion. Mrs. Ventura said they have not been here. Mr. DeMichael said not that he is aware of. Mr. Thorne said you can put something factual on your website and if some group wants to take it off and mail it out they can do that but you need to agree on what the facts are or not before it goes on your website otherwise you're going to have one person saying one thing and another person saying something else.

**SAFETY SRVICES LEVY
THESE ARE THE FACTS**

- 1) If approved, the 1.4 mill levy will provide funds for the Police Department and provide money for Fire and EMS.
- 2) The levy is for five (5) years and will be re-evaluated at the time of renewal.
- 3) The levy will not have an immediate effect on Fire and EMS.
- 4) An additional tax for the benefit of Medina Township for the purpose of providing Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services at a rate not exceeding one and four tenths (1.4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fourteen-cents (\$0.14) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5), commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.
- 5) Fire or EMS service will not be affected.

Mrs. Ventura said Chief Arbogast did a five (5) year plan when they put their levy on and they have to go out for another levy so instead of putting out a Police levy, because we do have enough in the fire fund to pay the contract fee and miscellaneous with utilities and such, we would have the flexibility with a safety services levy. Mr. Thorne said the way it stands now and if they keep the budget and service at the same level they would be alright. Mrs. Ventura said they are good for this year but next year the Police will be in a deficit. Mr. Jarrett said it would be a shortfall of about \$200,000.00. Mr. Thorne asked if that was because of an increase to the budget and could they keep the budget the way it is now. Mrs. Ventura said we didn't have the two (2) new officers then. Mr. DeMichael said that might be true but we haven't had a discussion whether or not we would take the money out of the general fund or if we would cut back on services. He said those facts have never been established. Mr. Ostmann said that is true. Mr. Thorne said he didn't know if that was factual one way or the other. Mr. DeMichael said right. Mr. Thorne said if the levy fails it doesn't mean they are not going to get the same level of service they have now. Mr. Ostmann said they haven't really discussed it. Mrs. Ventura said it's a shame because Chief Arbogast is going to be gone until next week. Mr. Ostmann said it may affect them next year, it's possible, we never discussed whether we were going to supplement them out of the general fund and we don't know if this levy is going to pass or fail.

Discussion of Safety Services Levy Con't

Mr. Thorne said if it is an improper statement take it out but again the failure of the levy at this point doesn't look like it is going to immediately affect anything. The five (5) points were reviewed. Mr. Thorne said you could indicate that with the termination of the other levy it would still result in a net increase of whatever if you want to go that far, it's up to you (Trustees). Mr. DeMichael said he didn't think they had to spell out for the Fire Department or any other department what's going to change, nothing's going to change. Mr. Ostmann said right. Mr. DeMichael said to elaborate and say.... Mr. Ostmann said that Mr. Radice just said that there are people that are worried that they are not going to have anybody show up so it will not have the immediate effect on fire or EMS and Mr. DeMichael said or Police. Mr. Ostmann said we can do that. Mrs. Ventura asked if the Trustees wanted to reference the fact that a post card went out that needed some... just something to do with as the Board of Trustees even though you guys didn't create the postcard or have anything to do with the mailing you did want to make the residents were aware of the inconsistencies and make it right. Mr. DeMichael said that was a good suggestion because Mrs. Ventura said that way you are not saying hey we want you to vote this or we don't we just want you guys to know what the real facts are. Mr. Jarrett said that's what was stated and put the facts on our website.

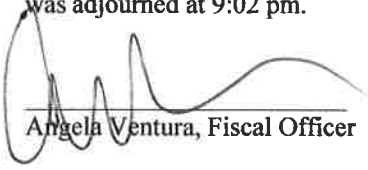
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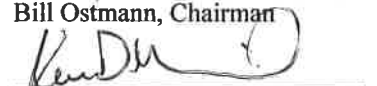
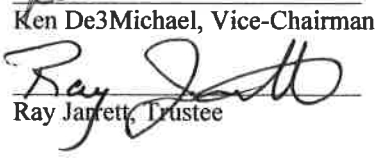
Mr. Ostmann motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

Laura Kasiopo (3535 Cook Road) said they donate to WPS and asked what the Weymouth Preservation Society pays to use the Remsen building. Mr. Ostmann said they don't pay anything. She asked who owns the building and who funds the improvements and repairs to the building. Mr. Ostmann said Medina Township owns the building and it depends, some of it is paid for by WPS and some is paid by us. She asked how much WPS has paid and Mr. Ostmann said he would have to get a breakdown. She questioned who put the banner up at Weymouth and Remsen stating Save Township History Vote for Ostmann and Traynor. Susan McKiernan said she ordered, paid for and put up the banner. Ms. Kasiopo asked if they were being endorsed by them and Mrs. McKiernan said she is endorsing them personally. Ms. Kasiopo asked the Ferons what Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Traynor would be saving and Mrs. Feron said as it was brought up in previous meetings and in their opinion if the building is sold to the highest bidder they would take over part of the WPS space which WPS already occupies and needs. Mrs. Feron said when the WPS met with them it was not agreed to. Mr. DeMichael asked what the offer was. Ms. Kasiopo asked what is for sale a room or the whole building. Mr. Ostmann said technically we never offered it for sale. The discussions were started by a previous Trustee with the Medina Soccer Association.

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

Mr. Ostmann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett. There being no further meeting to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.


Angela Ventura, Fiscal Officer


Bill Ostmann, Chairman

Ken DeMichael, Vice-Chairman

Ray Jarrett, Trustee

Appropriation Supplemental
 October 2017

Post Date	Transaction Date	Account Code	Amount	Resolution Number	Type	Purpose	Budgetary Correction
10/19/2017	10/23/2017	1000-760-730-0001	\$38,290.00		Permanent	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER EXPENSES FOR	No

APPROVED BY MEDINA TWP. TRUSTEES
 Date 10-5-17
 Trustee Chm [Signature]
 Trustee [Signature]
 Trustee [Signature]

PRESS RELEASE

From the Medina Township Board of Trustees

October 23, 2017

CLARIFICATION OF POSTCARD SENT BY CITIZENS FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

KEEP YOU AND YOUR WALLET SAFE!

WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE FOR MEDINA TOWNSHIP?

VOTING YES

- ✓ REDUCE TAXES BY \$7.33/\$100,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE
- ✓ MAINTAIN INCREASED POLICE PATROLS
- ✓ CONTINUE THE 90% REDUCTION IN BURGLARIES
- ✓ FIREFIGHTER STAFFING OF 520 HOURS PER WEEK
- ✓ FIRE COVERAGE 8:00 AM TO MIDNIGHT 5 DAYS/WEEK
- ✓ DIRECT ACCESS TO 7 ENGINES, 3 AERIAL, AND 2 RESCUE
- ✓ CONTINUE TO BE DEBT FREE
- ✓ PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE FOR LESS MONEY

VOTING NO

- ✗ INCREASE YOUR TAXES BY \$115.50/\$100,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE
- ✗ REDUCED PATROLS / COMMUNITY POLICING
- ✗ INCREASE THE CHANCES OF BURGLARIES
- ✗ FIREFIGHTER STAFFING OF 224 HOURS / WEEK
- ✗ FIRE COVERAGE 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM 7 DAYS/WK
- ✗ ONLY 3 ENGINES AND 1 RESCUE TRUCK
- ✗ INCUR \$3 MILLION IN DEBT
- ✗ PROVIDE LESS SERVICE MORE MONEY

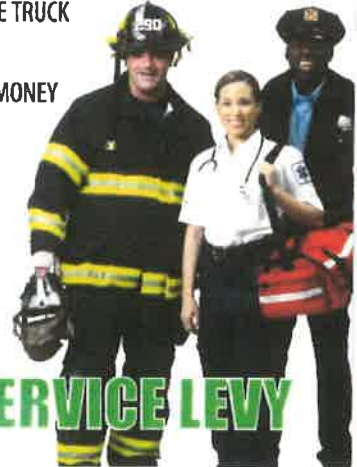
"WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?"

KEEP YOU AND YOUR WALLET SAFE!
NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE!



VOTE YES!

FOR MEDINA TOWNSHIP'S SAFETY SERVICE LEVY



SAFETY SERVICE LEVY

If approved, the 1.4 mill levy will provide funds for the police department and provide money for fire and EMS should they have a shortfall in funds.

The levy is for 5 years and will be re-evaluated at the time of renewal.

If the levy fails it will have an immediate effect on the service level of the police department.

The levy will not have an immediate effect on fire or EMS.