

Meeting Minutes of the Miami Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee President John Morris. called the Miami Township Board of Trustees Regular meeting to order on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 6:00PM and led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was as follows:

Elected Officials:		Present	Absent
John Morris	Trustee President	X	
Terry Posey, Jr.	Trustee Vice-President	X	
Don Culp	Trustee	X	
Greg Clingerman	Fiscal Officer	X	
Township Staff:			
Chris Snyder	Township Administrator	X	
Alex Carlson	Community Development Director	X	
Clay McCord	Finance Director	X	
John Schweickart	Public Works Director	X	
Charles Stieglmeyer	Police Chief	X	

RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDER CASUALTIES

Chief Stieglmeyer read the First Responders Casualties for July 19 – August 23, 2023.

- **Sergeant Edwin Maldonado-Garcia** – Puerto Rico Police Dept, PR
- **Deputy Sheriff David Bosecker** – Eastland County Sheriff’s Office, TX
- **Lieutenant Michael Wood** – Newberry Police Dept, SC
- **Deputy Sheriff Alejandro Martinez** – Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept, CA
- **Sergeant William Cherry** – Macon County Sheriff’s Office, TN
- **Deputy Marshal Barry Giglio** – Ville Platte Marshal’s Office, LA
- **Sergeant Pedro Torres-Santos** – Trujillo Alto Municipal Police Dept, PR
- **Police Officer Matthew Hare** – Easley Police Dept, SC
- **K9 Sir** – San Diego Police Dept, CA
- **Police Officer Jonah Oswald** – Fairway Police Dept, KS
- **Officer Bill Sapolu** – Honolulu Police Dept, HI

In recognition of these individuals, Trustee Morris asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Trustee Morris stated there were no scheduled guests or presentations.

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CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request, and a second is not required to remove an item. Removed items will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2023
- B. Purchase Orders through #2023000633
- C. Payments totaling \$1,067,535.49 consisting of:
 - Checks: #77341 – #77442, and
 - Electronic Transfers: #2023000512 – #2023000535
- D. Payroll #17, Check Date: 8/25/2023 totaling \$210,755.59

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

NEW BUSINESS

- Township Administrator Chris Snyder presented the following:
 - **Resolution 065-2023** to appoint Austin Center Joint Economic Development District board member. Recommending Alex Carlson to the board.
 - **Resolution 066-2023** to declare surplus property and authorize the sale of said property. Older computers and phones in EOC (Emergency Operations Center).
- Community Development Director Alex Carlson presented the following:
 - **Resolution 067-2023** to appoint a Zoning Commission alternative member, Jake Fryman.
- Finance Director Clay McCord presented the following:
 - **Resolution 068-2023** to authorize the Township Administrator to execute an agreement with the shared resource center to provide temporary staffing.

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- Public Works Director John Schweickart presented the following:
 - **Resolution 069-2023** to approve an amended appropriation of road and bridge funds for 2023.
 - **Resolution 070-2023** to purchase salt rock for the 2023-2024 winter season.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trustee Morris opened the floor for public comments and reminded those who wish to speak that the public comment period is an opportunity for the public to address the Board rather than dialogue.

Lil Schulze, 5472 Dunmore Dr.

Ms. Schulze expressed concerns about the weeds within her condominium complex, Shadow Creek Condominiums, and that she has heard differing answers on whose responsibility it is for weed removal. She also requested more policing due to people soliciting the condos.

Michael Phibbs, 5426 Dunmore Dr.

Mr. Phibbs echoed Lil's comments on the weeds and stated that areas of the neighborhood are in poor condition. Mr. Phibbs also stated that dogs being let off leash in the neighborhood is a problem. He stated that he has had multiple run-ins with unleashed animals with one resulting in an attack.

Cheryl Turton, 6600 Jamaica Rd.

Mrs. Turton updated the board on the wedding venue and stated that the weddings had slowed down along with the fireworks but are ongoing. She also stated that the same property has issues with weeds, but someone came out to cut them down and that a lot of them were pushed into their yard. The weeds continue to be a problem and requests that they do not get another extension. Mrs. Turton also noted an issue with a new neighbor. She stated the neighbor is butchering sheep and Mr. and Mrs. Turton found a carcass on their property.

Matthew Turton, 6600 Jamaica Rd.

Mr. Turton reiterated what his wife stated regarding the wedding venue, weeds, and the slaughtering. Mr. Turton also stated that a commercial vehicle, not agricultural, on another neighbor's property is still there along with noxious weeds.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution 065-2023

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve Resolution 065-2023 to appoint Austin Center Joint Economic Development District board member.

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Trustee Morris called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. Clingerman called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

Resolution 066-2023

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve Resolution 066-2023 to declare surplus property and authorize the sale of said property.

Trustee Morris called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. Clingerman called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

Resolution 067-2023

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve Resolution 067-2023 to appoint a Zoning Commission alternative member.

Trustee Morris called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. Clingerman called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

Resolution 068-2023

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve Resolution 068-2023 to authorize the Township Administrator to execute an agreement with the shared resource center to provide temporary staffing.

Trustee Morris called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. Clingerman called the roll and recorded the vote.

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Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

Resolution 069-2023

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve Resolution 069-2023 to approve an amended appropriation of road and bridge funds for 2023.

Trustee Morris called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. Clingerman called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

Resolution 070-2023

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion to approve Resolution 070-2023 to purchase salt rock for the 2023-2024 winter season.

Trustee Morris called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. Clingerman called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Township Administrator Chris Snyder thanked the Police Department for a successful National Night Out. Mr. Snyder passed along from the Fire Chief that there is a new medic vehicle at station #55 and a second medic vehicle will arrive in October. Mr. Snyder noted there is a Montgomery County Township Association meeting Thursday, August 24 at 4pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee John Morris built on Administrator Snyder's comments and would like to see outreach efforts to get more neighborhood block parties back for National Night Out.

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Trustee Terry Posey, Jr. reiterated that any perceived pushback from the Board related to public comments is intended to ensure the concerns are directed effectively. Mr. Posey, Jr. highlighted a news article regarding a Township Business, Cornerstone Research Group, and their tortoise saving research that is helping these animals from going extinct.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion at 6:39PM to go into Executive Session:

- To prepare for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G)(4).
- For conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G)(3).

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION


Trustee Morris motioned, and Trustee Posey, Jr. seconded the motion at 7:40PM to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Morris	X			
Trustee Posey, Jr.	X			
Trustee Culp	X			

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ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:41PM.



Trustee President John Morris

Attested:



Fiscal Officer Greg Clingerman
September 5, 2023