

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. In attendance were Trustees Cromley, Moulton, and Vetter as well as Fiscal Officer Limes.

The sign-in sheet for employees and visitors is attached with the approved minutes.

Noted on the sign in sheet is a statement indicating the meeting may be recorded or streamed live to the internet by a visitor - not at the authority of the township trustees.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the January 3, 2024 special zoning text amendment meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the January 3, 2024 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the December 20, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided the December bank reconciliation for Trustee review.
- Mrs. Limes requested input from the Board with regard to payment of the siren electricity invoices from Toledo Edison.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the payment of the siren electricity invoices from Toledo Edison from the EMS fund. Motion approved. The invoices in question are for service to the sirens on Forst Road and Hull Prairie Road.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve Resolution 24-0117, Temporary Appropriations for 2024 as provided by Fiscal Officer Limes. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
- Mrs. Limes has requested a meeting for Permanent Appropriations with the department heads/Chiefs and members of the Board. The topic was tabled until the February 7 meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- The transmission was repaired on fleet vehicle 683 (grass rig).

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor noted that plowing was successful in response to the January 12 snowfall and they are prepared for the upcoming weather system.
- Mr. Eckel is continuing to gather pricing into a four-wheel all terrain vehicle.
- A large brush pile will be addressed with the homeowner along Dowling Road.
- Mrs. Limes shared concerns about the light poles laying in the field on Asmus Road and potential hazards.
- Mr. Eckel indicated he would be reviewing the light poles in the subdivisions once more as more outages are being noticed. A list will be gathered and send to the township's representative at Toledo Edison, Victor Coleman.
- Road maintenance employee Chase Greulich will be attending the Ohio Township Association conference in February.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- The owner of the curling center inquired about his facility being the site of a party during the evening of the eclipse (April 8). The board noted they cannot limit a private property owner from hosting an event.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals has a hearing set for January 24 to review a request to place solar panels in a resident's front yard.
- The Zoning Commission is continuing to meet and is looking into new topics for review/discussion within the existing zoning resolution.
- Mr. McDowell indicated that he is giving a deadline for cleanup of January 31 to a property owner on St. Rt. 25.
- Mr. McDowell noted he plans to address the township zoning resolution update with Attorney Peter Griggs at the Ohio Township Association conference in February.
- The proposal for demolition of the Mansour property in Dunbridge was signed and will be submitted to Jim Palmer Excavating by Mr. Cromley.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Ross Fought requested use of the township complex for parking of a few fifth wheel trucks/trailers during the eclipse event in April.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Limes provided the revised contract with Webster Township. She indicated that Trustee Isaac Bailey had reached out requesting input on what revisions were needed for the future. Mr. Vetter indicated they would contact Webster to begin discussions.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve a one-year contract (Jan 1, 2024-December 31, 2024) with Webster Township for fire department coverage at a cost of \$5,000. Motion approved.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to move into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES

The Board returned to regular session at 7:53 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (cont'd)

- Mrs. Limes and Mr. McDowell discussed the network needs at the fire station in Dunbridge. They met recently with Chief Asmus and Dave Johnston. Mr. Johnston’s recommendation is to look into Spectrum or Amplex for its internet service and eliminate the hot spot currently being used on a phone owned by the township. The station needs network services that are not currently available.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve an additional one (1) percent raise for the following township staff members: Jeff Eckel, Chase Greulich, Kip McDowell, and Susan Cordonnier, effective the current pay cycle. Motion approved.**

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Michael Moulton, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer