

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, February 21, 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. Fiscal Officer Limes was not in attendance. Stephanie Morris served as Clerk for the meeting.

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 February 7, 2024 meeting minutes as provided with edits noted. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes submitted a renewal option for the CD with Farmers & Merchant bank.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve renewal of the Farmers & Merchant CD at a rate of 4.98% for eight months. Motion approved.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor noted they were done with salt for the year.
- Tires have been collected throughout the township, specifically in Dowling and Dunbridge. They will be taken to the landfill in March when tire disposal is offered for free for local governments.
- Quotes were reviewed for a Polaris Ranger for the road department.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a Polaris Ranger from American Powersports in Findlay at a quoted price of \$17,914. Motion approved.
- Mr. Greulich indicated the power washer is not working properly. Discussion revolved around repairs and cost for same.
Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the road department purchase a new power washer at a price not to exceed \$5,500. Motion approved. The old power washer will be placed on GovDeals for sale.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell indicated Midway Animal Hospital is looking into a fence at the north side of the property.
- Property owners on St. Rt. 25 will be receiving legal notification regarding cleanup. Verbal warnings have not been heeded.
- Site plan work has begun for the Accordion project and 2D plans will be forthcoming.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a hearing on February 28.
- Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes and attorney Peter Griggs will cofacilitate a zoning training for local township boards at the Middleton Township hall. Date TBD.
- The lighting timers at the curling center may have been affected due to a power outage. Mr. Moulton contacted the manager.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Cromley indicated the Mansour property is scheduled for demolition the week of February 19. In addition, Mr. Cromley noted he would like Mr. McDowell and the Wood County Sheriff go through the house prior to demolition.
- Neighbor complaints regarding lighting at the USF Holland facility will be forwarded to Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Vetter provided an update on the sewer project in Dunbridge.
- Mr. Cromley attended a meeting with regard to the new Abbott facility in Bowling Green, noting that facilitators indicated traffic will not be moving directly on to St. Rte. 25. Discussion also indicated that a light will be installed at Nims Road., and an exit may be planned off I-75 at Nims Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter will be gathering quotes for road improvement projects on Reitz Road, Ovitt Road and a tar and chip project on Cross Creek Road.

- Mr. Moulton shared that he communicated with ODOT about berming Rte. 25 northbound in front of a residential property. ODOT denied the request, stating that the issue is due to height difference between the road and the affected resident's driveway, and the homeowner is responsible for resolving the issue.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to move into executive session at 7:03 pm for the purpose of discussion on a township legal matter. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:37 pm.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:38 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Trustee

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer