

# Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Trustees Getz and Vetter and Fiscal Officer Limes were in attendance. Trustee Bostdorff was absent due to a health issue. 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

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the January 3, 2018 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- It is noted the January 17 meeting was not held due to lack of quorum.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes encouraged the Trustees to consider amounts to move into investment accounts.
- Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve paying 2018 salaries and medical insurance premiums for township officials in the following manner:
  - Mr. Bostdorff and Mrs. Getz – General Fund
  - Mr. Vetter and Mrs. Limes – split evenly between General, Fire, Road, and EMS funds.Motion approved.
- Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Resolution 18-0207, Temporary Appropriations. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – absent; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.
- Mrs. Limes provided a request from Paul Thornton, First Energy, for the use of the township building on April 26, 2018 for a substation review community forum. Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve the use of the building for a community forum hosted by First Energy with regard to the Brim Road Substation. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Limes reminded the Trustees of the EMA meeting to be held at the township building on February 27.

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Deputy Chief Scott Honsberger provided the January run report.
- The department is waiting on more specifications on a few of the demo ambulances that were reviewed.
- Mr. Honsberger thanked the Trustees for the new cabinets recently purchased and installed.
- No update was available on the ambulance accident from last fall.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided a January 2018 run report for the fire department.
- The Press Release suspending fire fighters Sarah and Schaffen Frederick was provided for Trustee review.
- Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve swift water rescue training for Matt Beakus at the Indiana River Rescue School in June. Motion approved.
- Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve paying a portion of Fire Fighter Tom Miller's attendance at the FDIC training. Motion approved.
- Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve sending Chief Steve Asmus to Fire Officer Training at the State Fire School. Motion approved.
- Chief Asmus indicated a review of a current policy with regard to wearing township fire department attire in an establishment that serves alcohol is under review.
- A review of an option for purchasing gear at a lower price was held. Mr. Asmus indicated there are 1-2 department personnel in need of gear and a source could provide gear at a cost \$580 less than prices for the standard gear.
- Mr. Vetter and Mr. Asmus reported on a meeting with the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association personnel. Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve a location analysis by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association at a cost between \$12,000-\$18,000. Motion approved. Members of the team will be attended the township's April 4, 2018 meeting.
- Chief Asmus was in possession of the latest ISO maps. A review of hydrant locations will be held.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula indicated the Dance hosted by the department was a success. He noted rental of the Jr. Fair Building was raised to \$450.
- Training officer Tom Fowler noted Wood County Weekend fire department training will be held in April in Columbus.

- Mrs. Getz questioned the status of the paid daytime fire fighter plan. Chief Asmus said a plan is on-going.
- Mr. Fowler noted State Fire School will be held in May and October.
- Mr. Fowler will be attending a training in Maryland for training officers.
- Fire Fighter Don Cromley noted his appreciation for hiring Chief Asmus full-time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve moving the start time of the April 4, 2018 meeting to 5:30 p.m. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Don Cromley as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term. Motion approved.
- Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve a raise for part-time personnel to \$14.50. Motion approved.

**Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion approved.**

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**Fred E. Vetter, Chairman**

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**Penelope S. Getz, Vice Chairman**

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**James F. Bostdorff, Trustee**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**