

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Trustees Bostdorff, Getz and Vetter and Fiscal Officer Limes were in attendance. 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. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the May 15, 2019 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved including checks to be issued to Bostdorff Greenhouse and the Wood County Township Association.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided the March, April and May 2019 bank reconciliations for Trustee review.
- The township Certificates of Deposit were discussed. Mrs. Limes reviewed the CDs that had matured: two (2) at \$245,000 and one at \$180,000.
Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve opening a CD with Farmers & Merchant Bank for a 24-month CD at a rate of 2.75 interest with total redeemed values on the CDs originally valued at \$245,000 and a 12-month CD to be opened with Fifth Third for 2.40 interest with the total redeemed values on a CD originally valued at \$180,000. Motion approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Joe Schroeder, Miller Insurance Agency, provided the township's liability insurance premium packet for review. Details were discussed revolving around coverage on properties as well as a check of equipment to be added and/or deleted. A final review of the equipment package will be held. **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the 2019-20 OTARMA Contribution of \$29,749 as invoiced. Motion approved.** Mr. Schroeder reminded the Trustees of the refund of \$2,154.41 that will be issued from the Capital Distribution Fund.
- A Five Point Road resident discussed a situation with a neighbor that seems to have someone living in an apartment in a detached building. The Trustees assured him that the zoning inspector would be alerted of the situation. It was noted this has been a recurring issue at the property.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Trustees and Fiscal Officer discussed the Fire Levy that should appear on the November ballot.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve Resolution 19-0605(A) – Resolution of Necessity to renew the two (2) mill fire levy. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve Resolution 19-0605(B) – Resolution of Necessity to replace the two (2) mill fire levy. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve Resolution 19-0605(C) – Resolution of Necessity to replace the two (2) mill fire levy with an increase of one-half (.50) mill. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
- A proposal was submitted to the township with regard to a change to mobile service with AT&T. AT&T representatives met recently with Mrs. Limes, Mrs. Getz, Chief Asmus and Chief Bechstein. They offer service at a reduced rate from most plans for first responders as well as elected officials and staff of the township. It was determined the emergency services personnel would be informed of the option and the township will review the benefit to its road personnel's plan and will revisit the proposal at the June 19 meeting.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve street lighting for the following plats:**
 - **Village at Riverbend, Plat 3 – two (2) lights at a cost of \$4,591.77**
 - **Village at Riverbend, Plat 4 – two (2) lights at a cost of \$5,956.89****Motion approved.**

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein provided the May run report for review.
- The new ambulance, truck 680, has been placed in service.
- There is a need for three (3) new pagers for the department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided the May run report.
- Mr. Asmus indicated the township’s application for the AFG grant is still being reviewed.
- The new thermal imaging camera is being programmed and the repeaters for the vehicles are still not installed.
- The MARCS radios have been installed, but the department is waiting for the state to activate.
- A discussion revolved around the KNOX system for vehicles and the costs that could be incurred. The department personnel are looking into options for keying into the vehicles.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula discussed the fire that occurred at a Cross Creek Road residence. Aid was received from multiple entities and it was noted that there was opportunity for conversation with the new Center Township Fire Chief. Mr. Kotula continued to share that the coverage on the fire was handled well and the family was very pleased with the efforts made by all involved.
- A heartfelt ‘thank you’ was given to the Trustees for their support financially of the fire department appreciation dinner.
- Chief Asmus and Mr. Kotula reviewed a conversation held with a fire fighter with regard to posts made on social media.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- The tar and chip project planned for Cross Creek and Asmus Roads is on hold while a decision is made by Plain Township to cover their share of the cost.
- Mr. Vetter shared a request from the county to allow trucks from Strauser to park at the township grounds while they work on Carter Road. They will provide stone for the township’s use as reimbursement.
- A review of the roads with NEXUS was held and they are returning with an updated assessment.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter indicated he had reviewed the status of the COMTE Construction invoices and list of items that have been left incomplete with Linda Holmes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.
- Mrs. Getz reviewed a conversation with regard to the tombstones from the Diocese cemetery that may be unearthed at a local farm building that is being demolished.

Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded adjournment of the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Penelope S. Getz, Vice Chairman

James F. Bostdorff, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer