

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, August 7, 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.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Phil Dysard, Representative from Palmer Energy addressed the Trustees and visitors. Mr. Dysard represents a program to secure energy purchasing power. Palmer Energy has been approved by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and he shared that the Wood County Commissioners and six townships in the county are committed to the program. He indicated that in order for the township to participate, the matter must go before the voters.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the July 17, 2019 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided CD rates provided by Farmers & Merchant.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion for an invoice to be sent to Michels Inc. for repair work on Dunbridge Road between Getz and Dowling Roads in the amount of \$25,000. Motion approved.** The invoice covers costs for repairs to the road due to NEXUS pipeline traffic.
- Mrs. Limes provided an update to Safety Day preparations stemming from a meeting with the department chiefs and township volunteers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided the June and July run report.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve hiring Kelly Chovan and Jennifer Harrison as fire fighters for one-year probationary periods. Motion approved.**
- Mr. Asmus indicated Ms. Chovan will be taking the Fire Fighter 1 course through Four County. Sarah Frederick will be taking the EMT-B training at Four County.
- Station 1 improvements will be on-going and include replacing the floor in the kitchen and new paint.
- Chief Asmus indicated they are watching for information on the railroad closings that are pending.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein provided the July run report.
- The Captain position with the EMS department was reviewed.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve two (2) Captain positions within the EMS Department and awarded to Ron Bogedain and Tyler Ellis effective the current pay cycle. Motion approved.
- The emitter is now operating properly and it was determined the problem existed with the new ambulance wiring.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Vetter brought up the need for road work in the following subdivision streets: Thistledown, Fox Hunt, Prairie Lake Drive and Lake Meadows Drive.
- Bids for new pickup truck for the road department were received: \$32,500 – Thayer; \$32,900 – Perrysburg Automall.

OLD BUSINESS

- A review was held of a quote for monitors and carts for the township administration meeting room. **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) sets of carts and monitors per the quote from Sound Solutions with the addition of a tray for placement of laptop on one set. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will discuss the quote and deadline for installation with the company.
- Due to the Verizon Wireless invoices being reduced, it was determined the township employee phones will not be switched to the AT&T program.
- Pager repairs are on-going at Bender Communication.

- New gear has been ordered for fire department personnel.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula noted the new representative from United Fire Apparatus is Ted Fransisco.
- An update was provided from the department's attendance at the Wood County Fair and its upcoming efforts at the National Tractor Pull. The department will be attending the Tontogany Festival Parade.
- The truck committee is preparing for a presentation to the Board in the near future.
- A question was raised with regard to personnel receiving their Hepatitis B boosters or series.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve Resolution 19-0807 – Resolution to Apply for Ohio Public Works Grant for a section of Dunbridge Road. In addition, authorization for the Trustee Fred Vetter to serve as the township representative. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter - YES**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to move to executive session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussions. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES**
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to return to regular session at 9:30 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter - YES**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve hiring an outside investigator to handle a personnel matter, per the recommendation of the County Prosecutor. Motion approved. Mrs. Getz will follow up with the employees involved and Mr. Vetter will confirm the details with the investigator recommended.**

Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded adjournment of the meeting at 9:40 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Penelope S. Getz, Vice Chairman

James F. Bostdorff, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer