

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

- Bruce Jeffers, candidate for county commissioner, discussed his candidacy with the Trustees and all present.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve moving the start time of the March 4 meeting to 5:00 p.m. Motion approved.** It is planned for the meeting to move into executive session for the purpose of litigation discussions at the start.
- Mrs. Limes shared information about CLOUT membership and it was decided to hold on the decision until the March 4 meeting.
- Inquiries have been made about the use of the township administration building for outside events. In particular, employees of the township are making inquiry. More discussion will need to be held on the matter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus and Mrs. Limes updated the Trustees that paperwork has been received indicating that the fire department personnel were in the process of having an Association created based on ORC 501(c)(3).
- Fire Training Officer Tom Fowler updated the Trustees on a variety of upcoming training sessions for department personnel. He also thanked the Trustees for their supporting sending himself, Eric Featzka, and Tyler Ellis to Fire Officer training.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor inquired about crack/sealing project on Forst and Pargillis Roads.
- Mr. Eckel was notified that the truck ordered last fall is in the process of being built.
- Disc mower and lawn mower trade-in quotes were reviewed. It was decided that Mr. Bostdorff would contact Wood County Implement to negotiate a final quote.
- Mr. Eckel asked about paving roads in the Village of Hull Prairie. Mr. Vetter noted that a quote should be available from last year from Morlock Asphalt.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Jeff Ford noted that the Saddlebrook subdivision has been built to capacity.
- The lights at the Black Swamp Curling Club at Rt. 25 and Devils Hole Road were discussed. It was noted that area residents have voiced concerns about the new lighting. The Trustees encouraged Mr. Ford to look into the situation.
- Mr. Ford indicated that ODOT has requested information with regard to setbacks for installation of a driveway at the Northwestern Water and Sewer District property.
- Residents of Hull Prairie Road have inquired about a zoning appeal with regard to creating a large sound barrier along the railroad tracks for three separate parcels. Mr. Ford and the Trustees agreed that all residents would need to request an appeal hearing.
- The Mansour property review is still on-going by the Health District.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Limes reviewed the courses available to the road department personnel and questioned who would be taking the various classes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fire Chief Steve Asmus provided a recommendation for the Township Policy Handbook.
Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the following change to the Personnel Procedures:
 Strike the paragraph reference to the Fire Fighter 1 required training on page 60. Motion approved.
 Mr. Asmus indicated the requirement was too restrictive and too many personnel who did not hold the certification would be unable to fight fires.
- A quote from Stahl Electric was reviewed for installation of a generator system for the township administration building.

Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mrs. Getz seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:45 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Penelope S. Getz, Trustee

James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer