

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Trustees Getz and Vetter and Fiscal Officer Limes were in attendance, as well as Attorney Teresa Grigsby and Fire Chief Steve Asmus. Trustee Bostdorff joined at 5:30 pm. 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.

Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to move into executive session at 5:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on pending litigation with the attorney representing the township. 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 6:47 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

It was noted that no action was taken in executive session nor anticipated in regular session.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the February 19, 2020 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- The January bank reconciliation was provided for review.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the township running a quarter page advertisement in support of the Wood County Bicentennial with Welch Publishing. Motion approved.**
- Mrs. Limes requested assistance from the zoning inspector to handle a Census Boundary request. The Trustees indicated they would handle with Jeff Ford.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided run report and data for the month of February.
- A used SCBA fill station is available for sale through the City of Ottawa Hills. Chief Asmus is working with its Fire Chief on bidding information and more.
- Five to six township personnel are anticipated to take a Fire Responder EMR 48-hour course.
- The hose tester that was donated to the township is not being utilized. Chief Asmus indicated they are going to try and find another local subdivision to take it.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula reviewed the status of the old gear located at Station 2. Mr. Kotula also shared information on entities to take the gear and the options for same.
Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to dispose of used gear through the Terry Farell Firefighters' Fund. Motion approved. The equipment in question includes pants, coats, masks, gloves and the balance of SCBA gear not sold to other townships.
- Discussion revolved around the tornado sirens in the township. It was noted that the county does not maintain the sirens. The need for a tornado siren in the Riverbend subdivision was discussed.
- Tyler Ellis indicated that a committee is being formed for a Fire/EMS station building.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein provided the February run report for review.
- Mr. Bechstein indicated that ambulance 685 was still under repair with Burgess.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve hiring Cathy Royal as a Paramedic for a one-year probation period in the EMS Department. Motion approved.**
- A township resident requested a 'ride along' with department personnel for a student interested in becoming a paramedic. It was suggested that the student obtain Volunteer Fire Fighter status when they turn 18.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Vetter indicated that Morlock Asphalt would retain their original bid for road repairs and improvements in the village of Hull Prairie off King Road.
- Discussion revolved around a proposal from the City of Perrysburg for the township’s participation in funding its road improvement project on Five Points Road. The township share of \$99,000 was reviewed and Mr. Vetter was directed to revisit the request with the City.
- Mr. Bostdorff reported on conversation with Wood County Implement for trade in of the disc mower and lawn mower. **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve the following prices quoted for trade-in: John Deere disc mower \$4,500; Grasshopper lawn mower \$3,700. Motion approved.**

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- The Trustees agreed a letter needs to be sent to the Black Swamp Curling Center with regard to its upgraded parking lot lighting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter indicated that he has been given verbal approval for a left turn lane at the township property on St. Rt. 25. An initial quote from Poggemeyer Design Group was reviewed. A list of surveyors was provided by the county engineer.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve membership in Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT) through the Ohio Township Association (OTA) with annual dues of \$200. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will handle the membership application with the OTA.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a generator for the township administration building from Stahl Electric at a quoted price of \$18,750.39. Motion approved.**

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Common Pleas Court Judge Candidate Romaker addressed all in attendance, providing a summary of his experience in regard to his candidacy.

Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Penelope S. Getz, Trustee

James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer