

# Middleton Township Trustees

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:30 p.m.*

Prior to the meeting, the Fire and EMS Departments hosted "Pinning of the Brass." The ceremony recognized the promotion of individuals to an officer position within the department. Family and friends of the department personnel were in attendance to witness the event and awarded the individuals with their promotion pins.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Tyler Ellis, Lieutenant | Ben Valis, Lieutenant | Eric Featzka, Captain

#### EMS DEPARTMENT;

Jerry Saunders\*, Deputy Chief | Ron Bogedain, Captain | Tyler Ellis, Captain

\*unable to attend the ceremony

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 Jim Bostdorff was unable to attend. 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 November 20, 2019 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.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve moving the first meeting of January to Thursday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m. Motion approved.**

#### EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein provided the November run report for review.
- Ambulance 685 is still being repaired at Burgess.
- Mr. Bechstein indicated that EMS personnel were provided mandatory training on a variety of topics including intubation with new equipment and the harassment session. Staff were also provided a copy of the township handbook.
- A wage increase proposal was provided to the Trustees for consideration.
- The garage doors on the bay have been repaired and discussion revolved around replacing one of the doors completely. A quote will be obtained for same.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided a monthly run report for review.
- A report with regard to maintenance on the fleet with OhioCat was submitted.
- A demonstration of the new SCBA gear was held and Mr. Asmus indicated all units are 'in service.'
- A quote for rapid intervention equipment to assist a fire fighter in distress.  
**Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve \$4,055 for rapid intervention equipment for Truck 681 from Finley Fire. Motion approved.**
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula said 'thank you' to the Trustees for their support of the ceremony earlier in the evening. This was the first time an event like this was held within the township and it is encouraged to be an on-going effort.
- The pancake breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at the fire station in Haskins.
- The review of the old gear housed at Station 2 is not complete.
- Assistant Chief Chuck Steadman also shared his 'thank you' to the officials.
- The department Dependency Board will meet on December 4.
- The fire truck committee summarized the review that was held of the Rescue Engine proposal from Sutphen.  
**Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a Rescue Engine from Sutphen utilizing Option 2, providing a \$5,362.22 discount. The purchase price of the fleet vehicle would be \$579,606.78. Motion approved.**

The department personnel in attendance all thanked the Trustees for their support of the proposal and an invitation to tour the Sutphen facility where the vehicle will be built was made.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Vetter noted that he has been in discussion with consultants with regard to the slide of the ditch/road on Dunbridge Road at the Getz Road junction.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The Trustees requested the letter to COMTE construction be resent – providing a deadline to contact the township with a response. The letter will be sent certified mail with return receipt to provide confirmation of delivery.

**Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:35 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**