

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, July 15, 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.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz 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 approval to allow the Fiscal Officer to stamp all checks through the August 2020. Motion approved.**
- The Trustees discussed resolution language to allow for remote participation by the Trustees.
- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to cancel the August 5 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion approved.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided a brief update on fire contract status based on his attendance at the Plain Township Trustee meeting. He noted that township officials and representatives from all entities handling emergency services for Plain Township will be invited to another meeting in an effort to negotiate future contracts with Plain Township.
- Mr. Vetter made a point to notify the Board that all agreements with Abby Bechstein with regard to the harassment suit were signed, delivered, and accepted by all parties involved. Mrs. Limes confirmed that all payroll checks and payments made to Abby Bechstein and her attorney have cleared at the bank.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve reinstatement of Fire Department Training Officer Tom Fowler to active duty. Motion approved.**

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein submitted a quote of \$985 for drywall repair work to be handled at the EMS building by Schatt.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jason Sisco, Wood County Engineers' Office, addressed the Board. He indicated that the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funds will be made available for 2020 projects.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve awarding the Dunbridge Road Improvement project to Kokosing, based on their bid from the special meeting of \$470,728.45. Motion approved.**
It is noted Jason Sisco reviewed all the bid documents, and indicated that all details were covered in the bid by Kokosing. Mrs. Limes will draw up the final contract and submit same to Kokosing for signature.
- Mr. Vetter indicated that the Dunbridge Road ditch slide project would be handled the following week. This project will fix the ditch 'slide' that is occurring at the base of the road/ditch.
- Conversation revolved around the St. Rt. 25 improvements and the townships desire to have a left-turn lane at the township administration site. The goal is to have the left turn lane project handled while the road improvements are being done by ODOT.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Jeff Ford provided a report for Trustee review.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to update Resolution 20-0701 – Resolution to Proceed – to approve a three (3) year levy cycle. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve Resolution 20-0715, Appointment of Melinda Kale to the Northwestern Water and Sewer District Board. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mrs. Getz seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Penelope S. Getz, Trustee

James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer