

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, September 2, 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

- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve the August 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.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that additional CARESACT funding was made available and on behalf of the township she informed the county auditor they would accept.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus reviewed the fire reports with the Board.
- A new gas meter is needed for the department and they are gathering quotes.
- Three fire fighters, M. Wulff, E. Featzka, and M. Ziegler will be attending the EMT course being offered at Pemberville-Freedom beginning in October.
- Three (3) sessions of training are complete for courses offered through the Cleveland State virtual training.
- Extinguisher training will occur at Principle Business on September 31 and October 1.
- Discussion revolved around improved lighting for Truck 682. It was also shared with the Board that the truck committee plans to take Engine 662 out of service when the new truck is put into service. The Trustees questioned why the change was made, when it was the committee's intent to take 682 out of service. Lieutenant Tyler Ellis indicated that a more thorough review of the trucks 'side by side' was held and with that comparison the committee felt 682 would better serve the department needs.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Getz seconded a motion to approve the purchase to upgrade lights and strobes and beacons for Engine 682. Motion approved.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the purchase of Chevron reflective striping at a cost of \$594. Motion approved.**
- Chief Asmus reminded the Trustees that they were asked to a meeting with the Plain Township Trustees on September 14. The Plain Township Coverage area departments will be meeting on September 9.
- The Board questioned the number of runs into Plain Township to date. It was noted the numbers were lower this year, but runs have decreased across the board.
- Chief Asmus shared with the Board that Fire Fighter Matt Ziegler wanted to report that the new truck was 'in paint' and that they would like to travel to the factory in September to see the progress for themselves and tour the facility at Sutphen.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula discussed the Class A uniforms and indicated that he was looking into dark blue hats at a cost of \$89 / hat. These would be provided as part of a Class A uniform package. There was also discussion of female fire fighters being issued male uniforms, and that some of the female staff members would be ordering uniforms to fit.
- Mr. Kotula questioned the status of the Abby Bechstein agreement and the township's role in providing information. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer shared the monetary obligations that were met by the township and liability insurance company, as well as timelines on decisions that were made. Mr. Vetter stated that the mediation was settled in the best interest of the township.
- There is a potential property line issue at Station 2 with regard to the temporary training smokehouse being built and placed on the pad to the east of the station.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein provided a run report for Trustee review.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- The turn lane project with ODOT is still in progress.
- Mr. Vetter discussed the permitting process that CSX railroad is placing on road construction projects that cross their lines. A permit of \$10,000 may be needed to finalize the Dunbridge Road improvement project.

- Mr. Vetter indicated the tile on Five Point Road has been fixed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Jeff Ford provided an update

OLD BUSINESS

- The Trustees reviewed

NEW BUSINESS

- A quote for additional web hosting services as provided by Moulton& Associates.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve \$800 for the quoted hosting services. Motion approved. Mrs. Limes will add payment to the current invoices to be paid.
- Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Resolution 20-0902, Authorization to Proceed with a funding application for Ohio Public Works Grant. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES. Mrs. Limes will work with the County Engineers’ office to handle the application and submit by the September 11 deadline.

Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mrs. Getz seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Penelope S. Getz, Trustee

James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer