

# Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, October 21, 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.

*The meeting began with a time of acknowledgement and celebration in honor Penny Getz, who is retiring as Trustee effective November 30. Mrs. Getz's children Larry, Jim and Susan were in attendance and shared their memories of their mother's tenure, as well as that of their father, Fred Getz. Between them they served the township for 57 years as Trustee.*

*Mr. Bostdorff, Trustee; Linda Holmes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Fred Vetter, Trustee all spoke about the work Mrs. Getz handled and her active role as a Trustee. Mrs. Limes shared with the audience the variety of congratulatory items that were sent to the meeting – including flowers from the Wood County Township Association, a gift from the Village of Haskins, a Proclamation from the Wood County Commissioners, a certificate of achievement from the Ohio Township Association as well as numerous cards from community leaders and peers. The Trustees, Fiscal Officer and staff of the township also provided gifts in her honor as well.*

*Mrs. Getz thanked everyone for their efforts and acknowledged the bittersweet decision to retire.*

## FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved including payments to Schatt and Advantage Equipment.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- **Mrs. Limes indicated that funds are needed to be advanced from the general fund to pay for street lighting in Village of Riverbend Plat 5. Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to advance 1,000 to cover cost of street lighting in Village of Riverbend Plat 5. Motion approved.**
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Resolution 20-1021(A), Accepting Street Light Assessments provided to the county auditor for 2021. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to Resolution 20-1021(B), Accepting Rates as established by the County Auditor. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mrs. Getz – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
- Mrs. Limes indicated that the exterior windows and entry ways would be cleaned prior to election day by Mark Stratman. All interior windows and screens will also be handled. Mrs. Limes acknowledged that she is scheduling the office to be deep cleaned after the election and Mrs. Getz has handled the carpet cleaning.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus shared his 'thank you' to Mrs. Getz for her service and dedication to the fire department.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula echoed Mr. Asmus' sentiments.
- Mr. Kotula reviewed needs for loose equipment for the new fire engine.  
**Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a battery-operated ventilation fan at a quote price of \$4,817. Motion approved.**
- There was discussion with Mr. Kotula with regard to appropriations and availability of funds for the loose equipment. Mr. Asmus indicated he felt monies were set aside for the purchase of loose equipment at the time appropriations were set. Mrs. Limes indicated they would review the appropriation status.
- A 'first look' for the frame, chassis and cab would be as early as November 16 at Sutphen in Columbus. A trip to review same could be held on November 20 or 23.
- **Mrs. Getz moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to accept Jennifer Asmus' resignation from the fire department 'with gratitude.' Motion approved.** Mr. Vetter shared his 'thanks' to Mrs. Asmus for her dedication and service to the department.

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein provided a run report from September.
- Mr. Bechstein shared his thank you for the sidewalk repair at the station.
- The painting of the bay is complete, and a new crack has developed in the drywall.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor indicated he needs to return to the Reitz Road property where there is semi traffic.
- The road work on Dunbridge and Ovitt Roads is complete to the satisfaction of the Trustees and County Engineer, along with calls of ‘thank you’ from area residents.
- A portion of King Road will be shut down for culvert repair.
- The Durapatcher has been put away for the season.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that the township needs to finalize the details for the ODOT sign grant. It was indicated that posts from the county have not been driven yet, as the areas need to be marked and OOPS at all location.
- It was noted that residents and Trustees are happy with the work Kokosing Construction Company handled at the railroad tracks on Ovitt Road with the paving project.
- Discussion was held with regard to the portion of Dunbridge Road that was paved due to the Issue I project. It was determined that the township would not discuss any payment option with Perrysburg Township and handle this as a ‘good faith neighbor.’ Mr. Bostdorff requested a letter be sent to Perrysburg Township with regard to this decision.
- Mr. Vetter is reviewing the ‘No Engine Brake’ resolution documents provided to the township by ODOT.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

- Mark Garrett, Ovitt Road resident, indicated he was in attendance to formally acknowledge his interest in the Trustee vacancy. He acknowledged that the next Trustee would have ‘large shoes to fill’ and thanked Mrs. Getz for her service.
- Mr. Frankart from Dunbridge addressed the Trustees with various issues, including the property that needs demolished. He has requested engine brake signs be placed along St. Rt. 582; and he updated the Trustees on conversation he has had with ODOT with regard to keeping weeds trimmed on the opposite side of the guard rail at the overpass. Mr. Frankart indicated that the Health District was on the site of the Elliot property in June.

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

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**Fred E. Vetter, Chairman**

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**Penelope S. Getz, Trustee**

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**James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**