

# Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Trustees Bostdorff, Cromley 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, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided the December 2020 bank reconciliation for review.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that the CD up for renewal was rolled and kept with Fifth Third as they offered a competitive rate.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus reviewed the run report provided to the Trustees.
- A fire department training site has been provided by the Nelson family – located off of Sugar Ridge Road. The home owner and Chief Asmus have been in contact with the EPA. There is some asbestos removal needed. A timeline on how this will work is being reviewed.
- Officer pay was reviewed in more detail. Discussion revolved around equal pay for Captains and supplemental pay for Lieutenants, in regard to involvement with training protocol for the department personnel.  
**Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to increase officer pay for 2021 as follows:**
  - **Lieutenants - \$300**
  - **Captain Featzka - \$300****and add the title of Assistant Training Officer for Captain Featzka.**  
**Motion approved.** The update will be retroactive to the first January payroll.
- The replacement fire hose from the truck repair shop fire has been delivered and will be put into service.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula indicated that the new gear dryer purchased through CARESACT funds has been installed at Station 2.
- The loose tools for the new fire truck have been inventoried.
- Fire Fighter Angel Koronatyni has passed the Fire Fighter 1 course.
- An AutoAid Agreement with Center Township is under review.
- The new fire truck has had radios and repeaters installed.
- The Trustees questioned the location for the new fire truck once in service. Discussion revolved around utilizing the existing road maintenance building as a fire station. There was continuing conversation with regard to building a new road maintenance building. The Trustees noted this was the start of an idea to provide the necessary space for the fire department, while not losing site of future expansion for living quarters and training facilities.
- The placement of outdoor sirens was discussed and tabled for future plans. The consensus among the Trustees and fire department personnel in attendance was that outdoor sirens should be purchased and installed.

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein submitted a run report for review.
- Mrs. Limes and Chief Asmus reviewed the agreement between the township personnel who are taking the transition course for RNs to Paramedic. It was noted that the individuals signed an agreement that they would pay for the second half of the invoice and would be reimbursed by the township upon passage of the course. It was also noted the township paid the first half fees.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Lake Township Zoning Inspector, Mike Hossler, was introduced to the Trustees and meeting attendees. **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to retain Mr. Hossler as interim zoning inspector, paid monthly at \$17.00/hour. Motion approved.**
- Zoning Inspector, Jeff Ford, is dealing with a health issue, and is on sick leave.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Quotes were reviewed from Bauer with regard to the turn lane project at the township administration site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Limes shared that she was informed that Calphalon will be leaving MidStar Drive in July. Tax abatement issues for any future tenant will be reviewed in the future with Wade Gottschalk, Wood County Economic Development Commission.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

- Jill Featzka, King Road resident, questioned why the road is not salted during icy road conditions. The Trustees reviewed the standard procedures for salting and also Mrs. Featzka's location at the border of Village of Haskins.

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

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**Fred E. Vetter, Chairman**

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**Donald E. Cromley, Trustee**

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**James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**