

# Middleton Township Trustees

*Wednesday, November 17, 2021*

*6:00 p.m.*

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Trustees Moulton, 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. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the November 3, 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 noted the investment policy is still in research stages.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the Delta Dental Insurance Premium coverage renewal for its elected officials and full time staff. Motion approved.**
- Discussion revolved around the funding for a new road maintenance building and conversion of existing road building for use as a Fire/EMS station.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Assistant Chief Chuck Steedman noted that the transmission on Truck 661 was repaired and is back in service.
- The Fire Dependency Board is to meet on December 1. Resident committee member Nancy Perry is unable to attend. Discussion on another meeting time or alternate was discussed with no decision being made.

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein reviewed the new ambulance purchase. The truck is identical to the current 680 and was priced at state bid from Burgess Ambulance.  
**Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford F-500 ambulance from Burgess Ambulance at a quoted price of \$266,000.00. Motion approved.**
- Mr. Bechstein indicated staffing is at an all-time low of 15 personnel. Shifts are being covered, with overtime being incurred. Mr. Moulton questioned the ideal number of staff and Mr. Bechstein indicated 20 is ideal.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve hiring, on a one-year probationary period, Abby Howard and Michael Sharp as paramedics for the EMS department. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to pre-approve hiring John Marcson, on a one-year probationary period, based on Mr. Bechstein's approval after an interview. Motion approved.**
- The RN to Paramedic course was discussed. Two individuals, Jamie Thornton and Jessie Thornton have not provided any status update on the coursework. The township Trustees will be sending a letter requesting same.
- Damage was done to the ambulance at Toledo Hospital. Mr. Bechstein was sent for a drug test. The body of the ambulance will require minor body work.
- Mr. Zeigler questioned the status of the third rider program. Mr. Bechstein indicated his concern for the burden on the budget. He also indicated only three (3) of the personnel currently in the program are following the policy guidelines. Eight personnel are in the program.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor noted that Dunbridge Road was fixed where the tractor-trailer tipped over. Gerken Paving handled the repairs.
- The repaving project in the subdivision was completed and all are satisfied with the work done by Gerken Paving.
- Another large tree split and fell in Hull Prairie Meadows. Mr. Eckel encouraged the homeowners to handle the clean up. Discussions need to be held with the Home Owners Association.
- The snow plows are up and running and ready to be put in service as needed.
- The Trustees discussed the need to have the temporary drive removed.
- Mr. Moulton asked if the vehicle logs and updates were being implemented and it was acknowledged that they were being handled by Mr. Greulich.

- Mr. Moulton questioned the repair that was needed at a Dexter Falls property and it was noted it had been fixed.
- Mr. Vetter acknowledged the completion of the King Road Improvement project – also noting how well it had been done.
- Mr. Eckel noted a Dunbridge resident questioned the status of sewer installation in the village.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT**

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell updated the Trustees with a report beginning October 1.
- Mr. McDowell noted three variance hearings have been requested.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved a variance for a 70’ front yard setback from 100’.
- Hearings are pending on a request to change the villa layout in Saddlebrook.
- A conditional use permit is being requested from a Devils Hole Road resident.
- Mr. McDowell noted he is needing to speak to the township prosecutor with regard to the Reitz Road property and its business. Photos have been sent to the prosecutor as requested.
- A suggested timeline for BZA hearings was suggested to eliminate the need to call and gather the board when a hearing is requested. This will be put before the BZA at its reorganizational meeting in January.
- Pargillis Road resident Matt Zeigler has interest in a zoning board appointment. He was encouraged to send a letter of interest.
- The lighting at the Curling Center was discussed. The owner does not feel he is in violation based on current zoning resolution standards.
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**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Vetter noted that the City of Bowling Green is interested in more conversation about a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with Middleton Township.
- Sewer lines will be installed in the Village of Sugar Ridge with grant funds obtained through The District (Northwestern Water and Sewer District).
- There is no update on the contract for the approved public sewer line on St. Rt. 25.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

- King Road resident Jill Featzka questioned the upgrade/repair to King Road on a potential project in conjunction with the Village of Haskins. The Trustees asked for six months to work on a plan for the project. Her home is very close to the road and she shared concerns for continuing to improve her home and what the project would do to her property overall.

**Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion approved.**

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**Fred E. Vetter, Chairman**

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**Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman**

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**Michael Moulton, Trustee**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**