

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Cromley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. In attendance were Trustees Cromley and Moulton in attendance, as well as Fiscal Officer Limes from a remote location. Mr. Vetter was absent due to illness.

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.

Mr. Cromley noted that the January 5 meeting of the Board of Trustees was cancelled due to health concerns among township staff.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the December 1, 2021 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes has been asked to continue to pay bills as needed through the end of January.
- Mrs. Limes noted that an appropriations meeting will be necessary mid-February. She anticipates providing Temporary Appropriations for review at the February 5 meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula provided the December 2021 run reports.
- Mr. Cromley acknowledged how impressed he was with the response from the fire department personnel at a Friday night call for assistance.
- Mr. Moulton indicated that the final updates to the siren grant with FEMA were handled with assistance from Chief Asmus, Mrs. Limes and himself.
- **Mrs. Limes indicated that the Fire Lieutenant salaries were not accurately represented at the year-end meeting. Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the Fire Lieutenant Salary for 2022 of \$2,000 retroactive to January 2, 2022. Motion approved.**
- The annual dance hosted by the department planned for February 5 has been cancelled.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders updated the board on parts for repair on the ambulance have been shipped.
- A draft job description for a new officer position of Supply Manager Captain have been developed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor was not in attendance and no official report was provided.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell was not in attendance. A zoning permit report was provided for review.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- King Road residents Dustin and Jill Featzka addressed the board with their concerns about the status of the King Road improvement project in conjunction with the Village of Haskins. They questioned the timeline and wondered where things stood. The Trustees assured them that nothing has happened to date and that the process can take months. The Trustees also indicated they plan to involve the Featzka's at the beginning of the process. Their home sits close to the road and any widening could impact the value of their home. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer reviewed the grant process they plan to utilize for funding, noting that many details must be handled prior to application and that it was unlikely the township and village could get the application handled in 2022. The railroad is also involved and no one could commit to how that could impact the project.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussions at 6:50 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Mouton – YES; Mr. Vetter – absent.

The Trustees returned to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve that Paramedic Mike Pinski be suspended until the end of February. Motion approved.

Mr. Saunders indicated that Paramedic Mike Sharp has resigned. In addition, Paramedic Abby Howard has not shown up for her shifts. Mr. Saunders and Mrs. Limes have been unable to reach her to obtain her gear and other department keys, etc.

There is a plan for a Pinning of the Brass ceremony for the EMS Chief and Deputy Chief on March 2.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer