

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

PINNING OF THE BRASS CEREMONY – 5:30 P.M.

Fire Chief Steve Asmus officially swore in
EMS Chief Jerry Saunders and Deputy Chief Ron Bogedain.
Family, Friends, Department and Township Personnel and Officials were in attendance.
Chief Saunders and Deputy Chief Bogedain were pinned by family members.

Chief Saunders awarded 25-year awards to Tim Neiling and Mike Pinski.
Morgan Kedrie was a recipient of a one-year award.

Trustees Meeting 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, Moulton, and Vetter as well as Fiscal Officer Limes.

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. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton 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 January 2022 bank reconciliation for Trustee review.
- The 2022 Certificate of Resources was provided to the Trustees for review. Mrs. Limes noted that a meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss permanent appropriations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided the February run reports.
- The old fleet vehicle 662 was sold and picked up by the buyer. The vehicle was sold on govdeals.com at a price of \$23,200.
- Mr. Asmus provided information about an exercise being implemented by the Ohio EMA on May 25. The event will stage a fake disaster scene in the county. All township employees and officials will be invited to attend.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to promote Tyler Ellis to Head Training Officer for the Fire Department. Motion approved.**
Mr. Ellis has received his Training Officer Certification and Live Fire Training Certification is pending.
- Parts are needed for repairs to 681. It was determined the department will order the needed parts and work on the repairs in-house as warranted.
- Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) additional gas meters for the department. Motion approved.
- The department discussed the need for clear panels on the truck cab to ensure the paint does not get damaged due to its location to mounted equipment. A quote for the panels has been gathered by Bad Brush.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula updated the Board on equipment that has been moved from vehicle to vehicle, including grain rescue equipment being placed on 683.
- Fire fighter Eric Featzka questioned the options for the Harassment Training. Mrs. Limes assured him other options outside of the March training sessions will be provided.
- Questions with regard to Mr. Fowler's status, and his return to active duty, were submitted to the Board. The Board indicated that Mr. Fowler is still officially suspended. Department personnel shared their concerns with him returning to active duty. Numerous questions were posed to the Board asking for more information.
- Mr. Cromley and Assistant Chief Steedman discussed the need to get a Fire/EMS Station Committee organized and the Board agreed that this should begin with the understanding of renovating the existing road building for the departments' use.
- Billing for fire department equipment on runs was discussed. This will be reviewed at another date.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders submitted the February run report.

- Mr. Saunders indicated that Paramedic Dawn McKay turned in all documentation to be reimbursed for her share of the RN to Paramedic course she passed last summer.
- Repair on truck 680 should occur the week of March 7.
- The third rider program was reviewed. Chief Saunders confirmed with Trustee Cromley that additional coverage was requested for storm coverage in February. The Trustees encouraged this option for the future.
- Chief Saunders reviewed a request for a video laryngoscope for both ambulances.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two video laryngoscope tools as quoted. Motion approved.
- The EMS Department would like to take advantage of a 12-lead class to be hosted by the township. The cost of each day would total \$800. Neighboring service providers will be invited within the county. A cost for attendance will be determined.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the EMS Department host a 12-Lead Class for the EMS personnel and neighboring agencies in the county at a cost of \$800 / day. Motion approved. Mrs. Limes will work with the department to handle invoicing.
- The department officers would like to enhance the third rider program to allow for additional shifts. The EMTs currently in the program would only be required to work two (2) shifts, but could have the option to be on duty as approved.
- Mrs. Limes noted that the letter sent to Paramedic Abby Howard, who did not provide the township with forwarding information and is in possession of township property, was received and signed for. Ms. Howard has not contacted Chief Saunders to date.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor provided a truck package from Kalida Truck to complement the new Chevy truck purchased at Stykemain Chevrolet in Paulding.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the truck package as quoted with the stainless-steel plow and blade. Motion approved.
- Mr. Cromley questioned the need for 'stop ahead' signs on Hull Prairie Road prior to the intersections heading both directions at St. Rt. 582.
- Mr. Vetter reviewed the discussion regarding ditch clean out project with Washington Township. Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the township pay its portion of the work at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion approved. Mr. Vetter will convey the township's decision to Trustee Steve Powell.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Vetter noted that Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes sent a complaint letter to a Reitz Road resident/owner.
- The Trustees want Mr. McDowell to obtain a lumen reading from Lake Erie Electric on the parking lot lights at the Curling Center.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter confirmed that the Village of Haskins did not receive a letter for compensation from the Estate of Ashton Copeland. This is in regard to the condition of King Road.
- Mr. Vetter is continuing to discuss the potential of a JEDD with the City of Bowling Green.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to move to executive session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter - YES

The Trustees returned to regular session at 8:55 p.m.

It was determined that Mr. Vetter would be speaking to Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes and Tom Fowler to review the current suspension and potential upcoming actions of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer