

# Middleton Township Trustees

*Wednesday, March 16, 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, Moulton, and Vetter as well as Fiscal Officer Limes. Stephanie Morris served as clerk for the meeting.

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.*

## VISITOR COMMENTS

- Theresa Pollock and Garrett Chamberlain from Northwestern Water and Sewer District (NWWSD) addressed the trustees with master plan options for area projects which include sewer lines along Dunbridge Road and sewer lines in the Village of Sugar Ridge extending along Mercer Road.
- Five Point Road resident Jeff VanSloun shared concerns with regard to ditch cleaning and standing water. The Trustees reviewed the situation in detail and it was determined the township would be addressing and handling the drainage issue.
- Hull Prairie Village resident Scott Jeremy updated the Trustees on the alleyway under consideration. He noted there were no utilities under the alley, which he confirmed based on Trustee recommendation.

**Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the township's support of vacating the dead-end alley TR-505 in the Village of Hull Prairie adjacent to property owned by Scott Jeremy. Motion approved.** Formal resolution and corresponding paperwork will be provided to the County Commissioners with detailed measurements from the County Engineers office.

## FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the March 2, 2022 meeting minutes as provided with edit as noted. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve Associate Member fees with the Wood County Economic Development Commission at a cost of \$500. 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 has requested all department personnel on bi-weekly payroll switch to direct deposit.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve a special meeting for the purpose of appropriation discussions on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will send notice to the newspaper.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to accept the retirement of Tom Fowler effective March 14, 2022 with the thanks of the township for his years of service to the township, community and organizations to which he was involved. Motion approved.**

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Mrs. Limes indicated that there has been no response from Abby Howard with regard to the township's request for items to be returned and an updated address to send a W-2. Mr. Moulton will contact the sheriff to investigate the township's next options.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor indicated the new road truck from Stykemain will be delivered. Signatures are needed and Mr. Vetter said he could be on site to handle.
- Mr. Eckel indicated the tanker was taken into Freightliner for valve replacement.
- The road building generator did not run when tested and is being assessed for repair.
- Mr. Moulton suggested the need to obtain quotes for concreting the next portion of the drive.
- The Trustees discussed the need to continue road work in the subdivisions and all will review same.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided a report for review.
- Mr. McDowell indicated that the light pollution testing will be happening soon at the curling center.

- More photos of the Reitz Road property were requested by Linda Holmes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.
- Mr. McDowell noted the zoning commission has been handling a thorough review of accessory building language. He expects a vote on language at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The Trustees noted that attorneys with regard to the Copeland accident and request for township information has been discussed with the township counsel. Questions with regard to road status, location of poles, and more are being reviewed.
- Mr. Vetter reviewed the possibility of establishing a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Bowling Green. The Trustees were encouraged to investigate more information.
- The Trustees were reminded of the scheduled harassment training to be held at the township the following week.

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

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**Donald E. Cromley, Chairman**

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**Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman**

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**Fred E. Vetter, Trustee**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**