

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, July 20, 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.

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

- Rob Fawcett, USI Insurance and OTARMA representative for the township addressed the Trustees with a review of the liability insurance policy and edits received from the personnel. Mr. Fawcett clarified the best way to submit an incident loss to OTARMA, even when involved with multiple agencies.
It was noted that an annual review of the policy will be held next April. The Trustees discussed the new siren grant and install of same. Mrs. Limes will provide the specifications for the project so they are covered under the plan.
In addition, matters relating to the Copeland Estate and lawsuit against the township were reviewed and documentation with regard to that matter will be copied to Mr. Fawcett as well as legal council involved in the oversight of the matter.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the July 6, 2022 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the July 18, 2022 special 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.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded Resolution 22-0720, Resolution to Proceed for the EMS Special Levy renewal of five (5) mills to be placed on the November ballot. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.** Mrs. Limes will submit the paperwork to the Board of Elections.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor, discussed a problem with Engine 681 and water in the fuel line. The tank has been emptied twice. It is currently out of service and being repaired at W.W.Williams.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders addressed the Trustees with concerns regarding Paramedic Scott Honsberger. It was pointed out that Mr. Honsberger refused a random drug/alcohol screening after a co-worker addressed concerns and generated an incident report with Chief Saunders about potential alcohol on the breath of Mr. Honsberger on a shift.
- Chief Saunders reinforced that accusations have been made and at that point the random drug/alcohol screening is not considered 'random.' Mr. Honsberger refused the request due, in part, to it not being an official part of the township policy. Mr. Moulton directly questioned Mr. Honsberger on whether he had, in fact, been drinking on the job and Mr. Honsberger stated 'NO.'
- A review of the timeline with regard to the accusation and Chief Saunders addressing the issue with Paramedic Honsberger were discussed. Concerns over Mr. Honsberger's social behavior, i.e. staying in bedroom, not participating in routine and requested maintenance as well as uniform compliance were brought up.
- Mr. Honsberger repeatedly noted he did not feel the situation was handled timely and requested reports and was provided with a packet of materials from the township's personnel files. The Trustees noted this investigation was on-going and will be handled by the Fire Chief Steve Asmus. Mr. Moulton indicated he had reviewed multiple items from Mr. Honsberger's personnel file. Chief Saunders indicated that on prior incident reports he had offered suspensions with recommendation for termination. Mr. Vetter noted his concerns and wants the investigation into this matter continued.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to add an additional two weeks suspension for the investigation into the claims regarding Mr. Honsberger to be completed. Motion approved.** Involved in the investigation will be Fire Chief Asmus, EMS Chief Saunders and Deputy EMS Chief Ron Bogedain will be conducting the investigation.

- Mr. Bogedain asked if Mr. Honsberger has been tested at his other places of employment and Mr. Honsberger replied that he has been and has passed. Mr. Honsberger stated his request for records from Chief Saunders.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor indicated brush clean up has occurred in the township.
- The new driveway is completed and backfill with stone and grass seeded are the next steps.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- A letter of recommendation for an appointment to the Zoning Commission was reviewed by the Board members from Dave Zuchowski.
- Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the purchase of an ipad and accessories for the new GPS/GIS locator software not to exceed \$1,000. Motion approved.
- Mr. McDowell noted he is working with a local resident on containers moved in on a Devils Hole Road property.
- Mr. McDowell noted that three (3) amendments to the zoning resolution have been approved by the township zoning commission and the Wood County Planning Commission.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Mouton seconded a motion to approve a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing amendment updates based on recommendations from the Wood County Planning Commission and the Middleton Township Zoning Commission on Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 pm. The Amendments in question include Section IX; Sections 30, 32, and 33. Motion approved.
- Mr. McDowell noted that the Blanco property on St. Rt. 25 with the carport in front of the house needs the probate process to initiate.
- Discussion revolved around the need to make sure all township phones have backup capabilities to ensure calls and/or texts can be retrieved as needed for a specific purpose.
- Mr. Moulton pointed out the need to complete the lighting concerns and placement of shrouds on lights at the Curling Center.
- Photos are needed of racoons or other vermin that are moving in and out of the Mansour property in Dunbridge.
- There is a rezoning request being considered by the Zoning Commission on August 10 for the Meier property.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Trustees reviewed annexation documents from the City of Perrysburg noting the Diocese property on Five Point Road has been turned over to the City.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer