

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, August 17, 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. Liz Bostdorff served as Clerk. Mrs. Limes was absent.

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 July 20, 2022 meeting minutes with edits as provided. Motion approved.**
- The minutes of August 8 were reviewed. Mr. Moulton encouraged stronger language with regard to the Honsberger inquiry and will provide edits and compare with recording as well. Mr. Moulton will discuss updates with Mrs. Limes.
- While reviewing the payment, it was noted that a bill for top soil should be charged to Union Hill Cemetery.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- The July bank reconciliation was provided for Trustee review.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Township resident Ross Fought provided a letter of interest to Trustee Don Cromley with regard to an appointment to the Zoning Commission. Mr. Fought also shared that he is against the rezoning request that came before the Zoning Commission for M2 zoning. Mr. Vetter confirmed that the Board would not be meeting on that matter until a special meeting was held.
- Additional comments against the zoning change were stated by residents.
- Visitors Dave Johnston and Andy Borsos discussed the internet at the Township Administration building and the EMS station. Mr. McDowell had researched bringing a line from Spectrum to both sites. It was noted that Spectrum can pull a line for a cost of \$8,800. Cost to the township would only be \$800, increasing the speed and reducing overall costs. The phone numbers can stay intact using a VOIP line. There is a fiber line running past the EMS building already. The timeline would be three -four weeks based on availability of a technician.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve moving forward with Spectrum Cable installation of line and necessary equipment at the township administration site and the EMS station. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided a run report for review.
- The Trustees raised questions about the development of a district fire department that could include Center, Middleton and possibly Washington Township.
- The Plain Township Contract was submitted for review with notation that the time frame of payment to the township being updated due to property tax collection and distribution.
- Chief Asmus noted that 53 Fire Chiefs from Northwest Ohio attended a meeting with the State Fire Marshall.
- **The siren grant and supporting paperwork to finalize the grant were reviewed.**
Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Resolution 22-0817, Appointment of Contact for Siren Grant Implementation.
Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter - YES

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders provided a run report for Trustee review.
- Chief Saunders noted they are once again dealing with hospital closures and being diverted by dispatch.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to accept a bid from Gearhart Plumbing and Heating for a major repair to the air conditioning unit at the EMS Station. Motion approved.**
- The new treadmill for the station has arrived and replacing the old one.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor updated the Trustees on miscellaneous projects in the township.

- Work has been done on Five Point Road and Mr. Eckel shared his support of how well the project turned out, remedying a large dip on the road.
- The fire truck was repaired at W.W.Williams. A representative from the company may be attending a meeting in the future to discuss future work on the fleet.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve moving to W.W.Williams for fleet pump testing. Motion approved.**
- Mr. Eckel said he would stay in communication with regard to preparing the grounds and equipment for Safety Day.
- Chase Greulich was called away to handle a cat stuck in a tree at a local business.
- A new snow plow will be needed and Mr. Eckel encouraged conversation over the winter months to have a plan in place for a purchase.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- **Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell updated the Board on the current rezoning request on the Meier property to M-2 Industrial.**
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the recommendations for a zoning change on the Meier Property to M-2 Industrial from the Wood County Planning Commission and the Middleton Township Zoning Commission for Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Motion approved.
- Mr. McDowell noted that the new ipad for the zoning surveying (and more) has been linked to the programs and all running well.
- A report of zoning permit was provided for review.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter noted that Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes is currently reviewing the language for the public sewer line with Northwestern Water and Sewer District.
- The paperwork for vacating the alley in the Village of Hull Prairie for the Jeremy family has been completed and should be filed with the County Commissioners in short order.
- A pretrial in the Copeland Estate case is coming up for all named defendants.
- The letter is still pending for the curling center with regard to the lights.
- King Road improvements will begin the week of August 22.
- Mr. Moulton provide a Safety Day update. The Trustees are responsible for bleachers and cars will be brought in for the extrication demonstrations from Or's Towing. Also highlighted is the smoke trailer and Promedica Air Ambulance landing. The Trustees questioned instructor availability for the smoke house.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve Resolution 22-0817 OPWC, allowing the township to prepare and submit application to participate in Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and/or Local transportation improvement Programs and to execute contracts as required for the Hull Prairie Road Resurfacing project. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**
It is noted the County Engineers' office is handling all necessary paperwork for this program.
- Mr. Vetter discussed a drainage situation with a resident in Dowling who has a need or request to create a drain to the township tile.
- Mr. Moulton noted that edits are being reviewed on the employee handbook.
- Mr. Cromley noted he has been working at the new fire station for the City of Oregon. He wondered about interest to tour the new facility. All present were in favor of a tour.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:44 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer