

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, October 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, Moulton, and Vetter. Fiscal Officer Limes was absent. Stephanie Morris served as Clerk.

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 October 5, 2022 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve paying 99 hours to Scott Honsberger for the scheduled time he was to be on duty during his suspension from the EMS Department, upon the cover letter and release agreement being appropriately signed. In addition, this is based upon approval from Linda Holmes, Wood County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Motion approved.** It is noted that the net total of wages paid to Mr. Honsberger totals \$1,624.14.
- **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 requested Board approval for a pay increase to Susan Cordonnier, Township Clerk. Mrs. Cordonnier is assuming payroll and withholding responsibilities for the township.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve an hourly wage increase to \$25.00 / hour for Susan Cordonnier, Township Clerk, beginning with the next pay cycle. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Vetter noted that a bid process needs established for the sirens approved in the siren grant.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders updated the Board on the status of the ambulance being in service based on repairs. It is expected to be in service by October 21.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor indicated that Road Maintenance Employee Chase Greulich backed a fire truck into a pole at the fire station in Haskins. There was minimal damage to the truck. Mr. Greulich was sent for drug testing and results will need to be provided to the Village of Haskins, as the police department, as a witness called the police department upon witnessing the event.
- Mr. Eckel updated the Trustees on a new truck for the road department. A Stoops 2024 vehicle would be available at the end of 2023 by Valley Freightliner. Quotes will be obtained for same.
- Mr. Eckel updated the Board on the status of the subdivision paving project, noting that the curbs have been torn up and Helms & Sons states they can make the deadline of October 28.
- It was determined the township trustees plan to keep the old one-ton truck in the fleet.
- The new camera system for the road maintenance building has been installed.
- Speed limit signs have been installed in the Village of Riverbend.
- The township did not qualify for Issue 1 monies for Hull Prairie Road.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided zoning report, noting the permits were mainly for pools and ponds.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear a variance request from the Jeremy family on King Road.
- A rezoning request is to be held by the Zoning Commission on November 9 for the Meyers property. The request is for a change from A-1 agricultural to M-1 industrial.
- A letter was mailed to the curling center with regard to the lighting and shrouds for same. A response has not been received.
- Members of the township staff will be receiving subpoenas with regard to the TopNotch case and include Laurie Limes, Kip McDowell and Chase Greulich. In addition, Brooke Hahn will be subpoenaed based on her role as zoning inspector consultant during a portion of the investigation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Moulton provided a 12-page document received from Attorney Greg Beck with regard to the Copeland Estate lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Cromley updated the Board on a financial request from the Board of New Belleville Ridge Cemetery. \$1,000 has been requested for the balance of 2022 and the township board should expect a request for \$12,000 for 2023 due to grounds expenses.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve \$1,000 to New Belleville Ridge Cemetery to help offset expenses for the balance of 2022. Motion approved.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer