

# Middleton Township Trustees

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023*

*6:00 p.m.*

Mr. Moulton 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. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the February 18, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Resolution 23-0201, Temporary Appropriations for 2023.**  
**Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Mrs. Limes provided an email from Chief Asmus which states that the Governor is electing to waive all MARCS radio user fees for the calendar year.
- Chief Steve Asmus placed the new memorial bell in the conference room for the Board and all visitors to view. It will be placed on a pedestal in the administration building lobby.
- The extrication tools received from the EMS department were installed on Truck 662 in its anticipated location where a 'lazy susan' apparatus was already in place.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula reviewed the run report provided by Chief Asmus.
- Mr. Kotula reminded the Board that the dance has been cancelled. Mr. Moulton questioned a replacement fund raiser and no final decisions have been made by the fire association at this time.
- The Pinning of the Brass ceremony is being moved to April 5.
- Captain Tyler Ellis is planning a Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II course to be hosted at the township administration building.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve a bid opening for the Early Warning Siren Project on Wednesday March 1 at 5:30 p.m. Motion approved.**

## **EMS DEPARTMENT**

- Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume report for January.
- A new bid is still pending for an ambulance.
- The extrication tools have arrived and been installed on the ambulance. The battery-operated set have been given to the fire department.
- The Fire Rescue Training module is up and running. Captain Tyler Ellis has been handling its implementation.
- Training in on-going for the new ESO software.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- Mr. Moulton reviewed conversation with township resident Lundy, Cross Creek Road. Concerns over the road width were shared.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve \$75,000 toward the Wood County Engineers' Work Agreement for 2023. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will submit the resolution back to the Engineers' office for Wood County Commissioner approval.

## **ZONING DEPARTMENT**

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to appoint Corey Asmus to a five-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion approved.**
- The Trustees made a point to state their wishes for some items to be placed in front of the zoning commission. This will be brought to Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell at the next Board meeting February 15.
- Mrs. Limes provided an email from the City of Perrysburg with regard to Annexation. The document did not provide the attachment noting the exact location of same. An email will be sent requesting the Attachment and provided to the Trustees at the February 15 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Attorney Greg Beck has notified Mr. Moulton that the Copeland Estate law suit will go to trial February 2024. An anticipated motion is planned for June 2023 to have Middleton Township removed from the list of plaintiffs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Moulton noted that he was approached by Principle Business Enterprises (PBE) with regard to their plan to provide a beautification project in the township.

**Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve moving to Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. for the purpose of EMS Department personnel discussions. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.**

The Board returned to regular session at 7:56 pm.

**EMS DEPARTMENT (cont’d)**

- Chief Jerry Saunders indicated that Paramedic Michael Richardson would be sent for a ‘fitness for duty’ physical evaluation on February 6.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve an hourly rate of \$23.63 for the EMS Department Lieutenant positions. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to promote five (5) individuals currently on staff with the EMS department to full-time status, beginning February 26, 2023, which includes a 42-hour work week on a rotating schedule, plus the health and dental plans provided by the township. Motion approved.** Individual sick leave and vacation leave balances from prior employment will be reviewed on a case by case basis and determined at the next Board meeting after consultation with Chief Saunders and Trustee Moulton.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to promote the following five (5) individuals within the EMS Department full time, noting the addition of a Captain and two (2) Lieutenants to the officer roster:**
  - **Ron Bogedain, Assistant Chief**
  - **John Marcson, Captain**
  - **Mike Pinski, Lieutenant**
  - **Rudy Hanzel, Lieutenant**
  - **Rachal Harmon****Motion approved.**

**Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion approved.**

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Michael Moulton, Chairman

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Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

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Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

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Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer