

# Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, March 15, 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 March 1, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the March 1, 2023 special meeting minutes with regard to the early warning siren project as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter 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 a motion to approve a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing recommendations from the Wood County Planning Commission and the Middleton Township Zoning Commission with regard to a rezoning request from Tim Getz for approximately 80 acres in Middleton Township from A-1 Agricultural zoning classification to an M-1 Industrial zoning classification on Wednesday, March 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Motion approved.**
- Mrs. Limes indicated a decision was needing to be made with regard to the employ of Dr. Brookens as the Medical Director for both the Fire and EMS Departments.  
**Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve paying Dr. Brookens as either a contractor or a part-time employee based on his experience with other entities in this role. Motion approved.**

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders updated the Board on a quote from Motorola for portable radios and mobile truck mount radios.  
**Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the purchase of three portable radios and two (2) mobile truck mount radios from Motorola at a cost not to exceed \$21,000. Motion approved.** The cost for the radios includes programming and installation, plus removal of the old radios.
- Mr. Saunders indicated he had spoke with Matt Young from Burgess Ambulance with regard to an updated order for an ambulance. Mr. Young indicated it would be considered a new order and will pull a quote together for a vehicle based on Mr. Saunders requests.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor noted that the salt spreader had been removed.
- Jetting occurred on King Road in the Village of Hull Prairie. More work is needing to be done to remedy some flooding issues.
- More jetting occurred at Five Point Road near St. Rt. 65. The homeowner will be asked to help offset the cost of filling in the ditch.
- A quote for a new light pole at the township administration complex was received.
- Chase Grulich indicated he is on a waiting list for a pesticide applicator course.
- Mr. Grulich is handling outdoor sign maintenance, noting it is needing bulb replacement and vinyl is in disrepair on the south side. Mr. Moulton indicated he had the art for the sign. Quotes will be gathered for an update to the vinyl artwork.
- The Board discussed the possibility of applying for Issue I funding for Pargillis Road. The road project could include widening the road.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided an update with regard to the rezoning request from Tim Getz, noting that the Zoning Commission was unanimously in support. The Trustees will set a special meeting to review all recommendations.
- The Zoning Commission will be holding a special meeting to review a text amendment to the zoning resolution.
- Mr. McDowell indicated that the owner of the Curling Center has agreed to adjust the parking lot lights.

- Mrs. Limes reviewed a renewal for the zoning software from iWorq. Mr. McDowell will look into the invoice details.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

- Township resident Ross Fought shared concerns over what industry could come into the township based on the rezoning of the properties. He shared his thoughts on buildings with concrete walls, sewer lines and light/noise pollution.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Moulton indicated that Attorney Greg Beck is needing to depose members of the township staff who were on scene the night of the Copeland accident. Those deposed include Jeff Eckel, Jerry Saunders and Ron Bogedain.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Moulton noted that he and Mrs. Limes met with Waterford Bank with regard to township investment options. A meeting will be held with representatives from Premier Bank later in the week. The Board should expect to review some options for investing township funds at the next meeting.
- Mrs. Limes shared some information from ODOT with regard to the national bike route and the initiative for signage in the township due to Hull Prairie Road being a thoroughfare for the bike route. More information is needed at the next meeting.

**Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25 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**