

# Middleton Township Trustees

*Wednesday, April 19, 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. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the April 5, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided the March 2023 bank reconciliation for review.
- Mrs. Limes plans to discuss the ARPA fund and report due by the end of April with Attorney Greg Beck.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve opening an CD investment with Waterford Bank in the amount of \$1M to be taken from the Special EMS Levy Fund. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve investment of the ARPA funds, after consultation with Attorney Greg Beck and recommendation for same, to STAR Ohio. Motion approved.**
- The Board and Mrs. Limes noted that when the Farmers and Merchant CD matures, additional investment options will be considered.

## **EMS DEPARTMENT**

- Chief Jerry Saunders shared that the windshield on Truck 685 was damaged.
- Ambulance 680 will be having new tires installed at Speck's.
- The new ambulance purchase was reviewed. Mr. Saunders noted that delivery on a new vehicle is now 24-30 months. Discussion revolved around the emitter and its functionality at the intersection of State Routes 25 and 582. It was also stated that the delay in production on the original ambulance planning to be purchased was due to the unavailability of the chassis by Ford Motor Co.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the purchase of an ambulance from Burgess Ambulance at a quoted price of \$377,362. Motion approved.** The ambulance originally under contract will be removed from both Burgess and the township systems with no penalty. Mrs. Limes will work with Burgess on establishing the proper purchase order process.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor indicated that maintenance records for all the township roadways was being handled by Chase Greulich.
- The shelter house in Dunbridge needs repairs due to vandalism.
- The township road department assisted both the Union Hill Cemetery and the New Belleville Ridge Cemetery with cleanup and brush disposal this spring. The Board thanked the staff for their efforts.
- Mr. Greulich reviewed the outdoor sign, noting that all the lights have been replaced. The south side vinyl is needing replaced and a quote was reviewed for replacement.  
**Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve replacing the vinyl signage on the south side of the outdoor sign with Bad Brush based on quoted figures. Motion approved.**

## **ZONING DEPARTMENT**

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided a permit report for review.
- Trustee Moulton voiced a request that homeowners are contacted/notified when the township believes a business is being run out of their home.
- The Mansour property was discussed with regard to demolition. Mr. McDowell noted that the City of Rossford has had success with the process. The township will need to pass a Resolution stating its intent to seek the property demolished with the Health Department.
- Noise pollution and sound levels are under review by the Zoning Commission.
- The lighting at the curling center was discussed with Mr. Moulton encouraging Mr. McDowell to continue to pursue the shrouds and direction of the lights.

- Mr. McDowell provided documentation noting recommendations of approval were received from the Wood County Planning Commission and township Zoning Commission with regard to the rezoning request for the Busch property.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Limes brought up the ODOT request for bike route signage in the township on Hull Prairie Road. She noted that Mrs. Cordonnier was investigating the status of the neighboring entities to the north and south.
- Mr. Moulton noted that a pre-deposition meeting in the Copeland lawsuit was being held on Thursday, April 20 with Attorney Greg Beck with formal depositions for Jeff Eckel and Ron Bogedain to occur on April 21. Mr. Beck is working on the township being dismissed from the lawsuit.
- Mr. Cromley reported that he attended the Hazard Mitigation meeting hosted by the Wood County Emergency Management Agency.
- Mr. McDowell will be attending the Stormwater Coalition meetings on behalf of the township.
- The 2024 Solar Eclipse was discussed and its impact on the community as well as the township’s role due to its path.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve a special meeting on Wednesday, May 3 at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing recommendations received from the Wood County Planning Commission and township Zoning Commission with regard to the rezoning request for approximately 44 acres in from A-1 Agricultural zoning classification to M-1 Industrial zoning classification. Motion approved.**
- Mrs. Limes noted that the township has two special levies that will need to be on the ballot in November 2023. The Board noted their interest in renewing both the 2-mill Road Special Levy as well as the 5-mill EMS Special Levy. Mrs. Limes will generate the necessary Resolutions of Necessity for same.
- Mr. Cromley updated the Board on a project being created on Tontogany Creek Road for the newly established Fox Shank Conservatory. Mr. Cromley attended a recent meeting outlining the project and its impact for the community and the Otsego school district.
- Mr. Moulton noted that the Wood County Township Association scholarship committee would be meeting at the offices on April 26.

**Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:35 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**