

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, June 21, 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.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Amy Hoffman, representing Palmer Electric Consulting, attended the township meeting via a zoom call and shared information with regard to the township entering into an electric aggregation program. She noted that this is the program with which the Wood County Commissioners are currently engaged, as well as numerous townships in the county. Joining the program would require a ballot initiative. Upon passage, residents who are on Toledo Edison power can opt out. She also shared that community meetings would be needed to inform residents prior to and after the election. If the Trustee would move to adopt the ballot language, the aggregation would go into effect by the summer 2024. The advantage of the program is a fixed rate, versus one that could fluctuate. Clarification was sought if residents can sign up for aggregation without being tied to a municipality. Ms. Hoffman stated that residents can sign up for any program individually, but risk a fluctuating market and should be wary of same. The Trustees agreed to place this topic on hold until the July 5 meeting of the Board.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes 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. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to renew the Farmers & Merchant CD at a quoted rate of 5.01% for eight (8) months. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will have Mr. Moulton added as a signer on the account.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed staff resignations, noting that three (3) individuals have resigned in the last few weeks: Matt Phillips, due to retirement; Cathy Royal, due to full-time employment promotion; and Dawn McKay. Mr. Saunders indicated he would be speaking with Mrs. McKay in the near future to clarify her reasons for resigning.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Chase Greulich, Road Maintenance, noted that berming, mowing, spraying and trimming of trees has been occurring in the township and at New Belleville Ridge Cemetery.
- Updates were given on Department Heads at the County Engineers' Office, noting specifically that Eric Losey is now the Department Head at the Highway Garage, with Jerry Houtz serving as Assistant.
- Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve a uniform allowance of \$300 annually for the full-time road personnel and zoning inspector. Motion approved.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided an update with regard to information on the Mansour property in Dunbridge received from the Health Department. The township will need to take formal steps by Resolution to abate the property of the house and buildings.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to move on any steps necessary to abate the Mansour property in Dunbridge, Ohio. Motion approved. Mr. McDowell will provide more information to the Board at the July 5 meeting.
- Mr. McDowell discussed the need for private counsel for zoning matters as they are presented. The Board agreed that they would consider this on a case by case basis.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of employee health concerns at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES

The Board returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve administrative duty only for Paramedic Michael Richardson until the Board meeting on October 4, 2023. Motion approved.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer