

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, September 6, 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

- Joe Pemberton, Suburban Natural Gas, updated the Board on projects within the township. Mr. Pemberton indicated that they encourage contacting 8-1-1 for any digging that may occur on properties. In addition, he reviewed safety and early warning signs of natural gas leaks. Mr. Pemberton thanked the Board for its on-going working relationship. Suburban Natural Gas will be represented at the upcoming Community Safety Day.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the August 16, 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.
- Mrs. Limes provided the July bank reconciliation for review.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve a special meeting on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm. for the purpose of providing information on the upcoming ballot initiative for electric aggregation in the township. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will provide a legal notice to the newspaper.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided the August run reports for review.
- Hose testing will occur on September 13 at USF Holland facility.
- Truck 681 is still out of service due to repairs.
- The radio interview with WBGU with regard to Community Safety Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 a.m. Chief Asmus and Captain John Marcson will be interviewed.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula noted that they assisted a resident with a battery change on their smoke detectors.
- The fire department gear that was sent to Michigan for deep cleaning has passed inspection and can be placed back into service.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Deputy Chief Ron Bogedain reviewed the run volume report with the board.
- The township did receive an EMS Equipment Grant for \$3,415.50 from the State of Ohio. The majority of the funds have been spent, and the department will return with a reporting of the final purchase covered by the grant funds.
- The Motorola radios have not arrived, but it was noted the chargers and microphones have been taken into inventory.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve hiring Morgan Pier for the full-time position on the EMS Department effective October 1, 2023 covered by the township health and dental plans, two week vacation and 360 hours sick leave. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will contact Mrs. Pier and the township insurance representative to initiate her benefit package.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Mrs. Limes noted that the Mansour letter with regard to demolition of the property in the Village of Dunbridge has been sent by certified letter.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Township resident Joe Heffernan questioned the Trustees with regard to the rezoned ground on the south side of St. Rt. 25, noting the house and barns that have been demolished. The Board noted that the ground was rezoned many years ago and they are not aware of any efforts for building on the site.

OLD BUSINESS

- Community Safety Day was reviewed by the staff, noting all the details were being handled. Mrs. Limes noted that the township’s Toledo Edison representative, Victor Coleman, confirmed a demonstration trailer will be on-site for the event.
- Mr. Moulton indicated that correspondence has been received by the lawyers for the Copeland Estate lawsuit that is being reviewed by the township’s legal counsel with regard to a new complaint made with regard to adding the Village of Haskins, the Wood County Planning Commission, the township’s responsibilities and more.
- Mr. Moulton noted he spoke with Center Township Trustee Dale Brown and there is a willingness to share in the cost of tar/chip on Cross Creek Road from St. Rt. 25 to Mercer Road in future project.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve RESOLUTION 23-0906 (OPWC), RESOLUTION TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED**
Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES
Mrs. Limes will also submit a Certification of Funds document confirming the township’s contribution toward the project once approved. It is noted that Mr. Vetter was assigned the township representative for this project.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer