

# Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. In attendance were Trustees Cromley, Moulton, and Vetter. Mrs. Limes was absent. Stephanie Morris served as Clerk.

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. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the September 18, 2024 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter 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 approve Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Community Safety Day. Motion approved.**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided run reports for Trustee review.
- Fire extinguisher training at Principle Business Enterprises is in its final stage.
- On Friday, October 11 the fire department will be at Otsego Elementary with second grade students discussing fire safety.
- Chief Asmus introduced fire fighter Zak Neeld, noting that he works for Lucas County Children's Services.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve Michael Operacz be removed from probation and placed on active status as a fire fighter. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the following promotions in the fire department: Matt Ziegler from Lieutenant to Captain; and Clint Weckesser from fire fighter to Lieutenant. Motion approved.** Their change in salary status will be reflected in the next pay period.
- SCBA fitness testing will be occurring and the department may be renting some equipment for the process.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula indicated four individuals will be attending a funeral showing for a fallen fire fighter in Monclova on October 4. A fire engine will be on site there as well.
- Lieutenant Matt Ziegler reported that the new grass rig is currently at BG Truck & Auto and it is anticipated it will be moved to Bad Brush Design by the end of October.
- Mr. Cromley will be attending the next Plain Township Board of Trustees meeting. He will offer a one-year contract from Middleton Township. Plain Township has a levy on the ballot this November. The outcome of that levy will help plan for future negotiations on a longer-term contract.
- Webster Township Fiscal Officer is providing a calculation for assessing its contribution to Middleton Township for fire coverage. In addition, Middleton, Troy and Webster Townships are assessing the Anderson Road coverage area to allow for accurate calculations in future coverage.

## EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume reports.
- Chief Saunders indicated both ambulances were in service and repairs on both have been completed.
- The EMS Department requested approval to cover shifts at Perrysburg Township on October 4 and 5, 2024, due to funeral services for a fire fighter who recently passed away.  
**Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the township EMS department cover the following shifts with an ambulance, one paramedic and two EMTs: October 4 from 2-9 pm; and October 5 from 7 am – 2 pm. Motion approved.**
- CPR training is being hosted at the township administration building on Saturday, September 26. The cost of \$5 / student and runs from 8 – 11 am. Mrs. Limes will be asked to send the information to the website and RSVPs will be forthcoming.

## VISITOR COMMENTS

- Kathryn Clark, Center Township resident and representative from Convention of States provided a presentation to the Board, staff and visitors. A Non-binding Resolution is being requested from the Township Board of Trustees with regard to this initiative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A deputy from the Wood County Sheriff’s Department indicated that coverage would be increased on Five Point Road to prevent speeding.
- Reitz Road improvements have been completed and the Board indicated they felt it was finished very well. Berming and striping need to be completed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Cromley noted he had received an inquiry from a township resident about how the fire department obtains water. He directed their question to Northwestern Water and Sewer District.
- Mr. Moulton reported on the County Engineer road mowing proposal of \$120 / hour for the township to mow county ditches within the township. It is estimated 3-4 cuts per year would be required, with the total rate verified per cut based on the first cut of the season. **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve billing the County Engineer for road mowing at \$120 / hour. Motion approved.**
- Mr. Moulton reported on information published by the Ohio Township Association with regard to AED equipment needed in public recreational spaces pursuant to the passing of HB47.
- Mr. Vetter indicated he had an inquiry with regard to the township building a road from St. Rt. 582 to Principle Business Enterprises. No further action will be taken as the township does not build roads.

**Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion approved.**

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**Michael Moulton, Trustee**

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**Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman**

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**Fred E. Vetter, Chairman**

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~~**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**~~