

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, October 16, 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 and Vetter. Mr. Moulton was absent as well as Fiscal Officer Limes. 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. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the October 2, 2024 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the October 9, 2024 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.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the annual renewal of the Delta Dental policy through Savage & Associates for the full-time employees. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve Steve Arnold as the township representative to the Northwestern Water & Sewer District Board. Motion approved.**
- The board was reminded of a special meeting being held on November 6 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of emergency vehicle storage building contractor interviews.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve moving the starting time of the November 6 meeting to 2:00 p.m. Motion approved.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Cromley indicated he met with the Plain Township Trustees and they understand the township's position to sign a one-year fire coverage agreement. The board members present signed the document and it will be returned to Plain Township Fiscal Officer.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Chase Greulich, Road Supervisor indicated a light shield had been installed but was on the incorrect side.
- The department will be utilizing the Durapatch machine for another week.
- The Reitz and Ovitt Road paving projects have been completed.
- Mr. Eckel noted a dip has formed on Pargillis Road in the new repaved section.
- Berming and mowing will be completed for the season. WHEN?

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided rezoning requests that were heard by the Zoning Commission on October 9.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to hold a special hearing for the purpose of reviewing the recommendations from the Middleton Township Zoning Commission and the Wood County Planning Commission on November 6 at 7:00 p.m. with regard to the 68 acres owned by SDT1. Motion approved.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to hold a special hearing for the purpose of reviewing the recommendations from the Middleton Township Zoning Commission and the Wood County Planning Commission on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. with regard to the 90+ acres owned by Victoria Busch. Motion approved.**
- Mr. McDowell provided an update from Attorney Peter Griggs with regard to his recommendation that the township obtain assistance for its zoning resolution from an outside company. Mr. Griggs is recommending an update to the entire resolution. Mr. McDowell was charged with providing options to the Board with a goal of moving forward in January 2025.
- Mr. Griggs also has made recommendation the township compile a comprehensive plan which would supersede what is in place at the county level. Troy Township was quoted \$49,000 for A SIMILAR? project.
- The asphalt RECENTLY? poured at the data center site is temporary and will hold the temporary offices. The work hours at the site were supposed to be 7 am – 7 pm Monday through Saturday. Currently they are working outside of these hours. Mr. Vetter will contact the company to discuss the situation.
- A driveway has been cut into the property for the data center off of St. Rt. 582.

- Mr. Cromley noted Amazon is pushing nuclear sites and receiving government approval.

OLD BUSINESS

- USF Holland will be vacated on Friday, October 18. The parking and building lights will be left on. Mr. Vetter will be looking into having the lights turned off.
- Mr. Vetter will attend the informal emergency vehicle storage building construction pre-proposal meetings on October 17. Mrs. Limes will be in attendance to take notes. The schedule is as follows: 9:30 a.m. Spieker Construction; 10:30 a.m. Clouse Construction; and 11:30 a.m. Rudolph Libbe. Jeff Buehrer and Matt Pastula will be on site to answer any questions that could arise.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion at 7:20 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – absent; Mr. Vetter – YES.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:12 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Trustee

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer