

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Cromley 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. Susan Cordonnier served as Clerk for the meeting.

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. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the March 19, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the April 2, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes updated the Board on billing issues with Toledo Edison which included one check not being cashed for payment on the master account. In addition, the check written for street light installation in 2024 still has not been located.
- Mrs. Limes provided a request to install street lights in Riverbend, Plat 9.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the installation of street lights per the work order from Toledo Edison for Riverbend Plat 9 for three acorn post lights at a cost of \$11,852.19. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that a lunch sponsor is being pursued by Sandy Weichman for the CARFit event being held on June 25.
- Mrs. Limes obtained a painting quote for the interior of the township building. Mr. Vetter requested an additional quote and will provide the contact.
- The Provident Accident & Health Policy details were presented to the Board for review.
- Mrs. Limes reviewed the status of details with regard to the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building (EVS) noting that she met with Jeff Buehrer regarding multiple items and shared that she informed Mr. Buehrer that monies have been appropriated for the building construction.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Maintenance employee Tommy Dauer reported that cemetery foundations will be poured in the next few weeks.
- Berming is on-going on Hull Prairie and Pargillis Roads.
- Ditch mowing has begun on Hull Prairie Road.
- Trash has been retrieved from ditches and load taken to the landfill.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell indicated April has been slow for permits.
- The Zoning Commission has met and is adding language with regard to truck stops and has been sent to the Wood County Planning Commission for review.
- Grant funding through HB315 will begin April 22 for Zoning Resolution updates and Comprehensive Plans. Mr. McDowell will work on the grant application process and the Board indicated their agreement to pursue funding.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve applying for grant funding through HB315 for both the township's comprehensive plan and zoning resolution update if allowed, but specifically for the comprehensive plan. Motion approved. Mr. McDowell will obtain updated quotes for both projects.
- Mr. McDowell noted that certified mail was not delivered to Juan Villa. Mr. Moulton stated proof needs to be shown that the letter was not delivered and documentation should be kept with regard to any communication.
- Refrigeration Mechanics, the company storing the pallets on the trailer in their front lot, have indicated they will remove the pile.
- Another letter is being sent to the property owners at Five Point and Pargillis Roads.
- The Trustees urged Mr. McDowell to have the D.C. Hovororian signs removed and to contact the building about pertinent zoning regulations.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Mark Patton, Devils Hole Road resident, expressed concerns about rezoning more ground south of St. Rt. 582 noting he believes the data center project “seems like a runaway train.” He indicated he has always supported township levies and that residents have always shown support for the Board of Trustees. He voiced concerns over protecting health, community and conflicting issues. Mr. Patton stated that residents on Devils Hole and Mercer Roads are wanting more information about future plans. Mr. Vetter replied to Mr. Patton and all neighboring visitors in attendance that the township has not been contacted regarding sale or rezoning of any surrounding properties.
- Bob Mullenburg, Devils Hole Road resident voices concerns about noise and lighting concerns.
- The Trustees reviewed the benefit to the local school districts as well as the type of industry that is going onto the site. In addition, the overlay district is in place for development along the St. Rt. 582 and St. Rt. 25 corridors.
- Questions with regard to future approval of rezoning requests were raised as well as infrastructure concerns. Use of township roadways was noted and Mr. Vetter confirmed that Mercer Road is not going to be used nor would they consider Devils Hole Road as a traffic pattern.
- Ross Fought noted he was incorrectly quoted by a reporter from The Blade regarding the need for the new emergence vehicle building on Route 25 was due to the Meta data center. Mr. Vetter re-emphasized this was not the case and that Meta will have its own interior fire suppression system.
- Additionally, Mr. Fought expressed concerns over quality of life, expanding the overlay district, a comprehensive plan and a PUD plan. Mr. Moulton reminded Mr. Fought that as he is a member of the zoning commission, he could address those concerns with the commission as well, where updates could be considered and initiated.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Trustees noted a meeting is scheduled with Jeff Buehrer for Friday with regard to the EVSB.
- Mr. Cromley noted that the sewer project will be down to three (3) crews and dirt will begin to be moved shortly.
- Mr. Moulton indicated five applications have been received for the Fire Chief position.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to extend the application deadline for the position of Fire Chief of Middleton Township to April 30, 2025. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dave Johnston, OhioFIT administrator, addressed the Board with regard to switching to a phone system that would work over the township ethernet. He provided basic information on how the service could work noting that service can be provided to all buildings, phone units would be available on desks and call forwarding could be provided. He did note that phone service would be unavailable if the internet was ‘down.’ Mr. Vetter requested a quote for the package.
- Mr. Moulton noted that he and Mrs. Limes will be reviewing the Employee Handbook in May with intent to provide review for the Board by June 4, 2025. The handbook will then be sent on to Linda Holmes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.
- Mr. Moulton noted there was an upcoming TMACOG transportation summit on April 24.
- Mr. Cromley thanked Mr. Moulton for representing the township as a speaker at the Meta announcement event held at BGSU on April 9.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:48 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer