

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, February 19, 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. 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 February 5, 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 stated the Board of Elections will be using the township building on May 6 for primary voting.
- Delivery of the new UAN hardware is scheduled for February 27.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus noted the following

EMS DEPARTMENT

- The ambulance is being repaired at Thayer for fuel pump repair.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mrs. Limes thanked the road department for handling the roads well during the recent storms.
- Road Supervisor Chase Greulich indicated that the road personnel would be taking a 4-hour spray class at a cost of \$60/person on April 3.
- Salt usage estimates are due to the county. The township estimates 350 ton for winter 2025/26.
- The four-way stop at Hull Prairie and Five Point Road will be completed February 24.
- 50 ton of salt was ordered through Commerce Materials.
- Discussions are still on-going with a Five Point Road resident who has a tree impeding the roadway view.
- Concerns were raised about Liberty Hi Road to the south of the Cross Creek Road intersection.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided an update noting four new house permits have recently been handled.
- The auction of the King Road property will be held next week.
- Mr. McDowell noted that a Sugar Ridge village resident has applied for rebuilding on the original lot where a home was demolished due to damage from a fire. The original foundation will need to be utilized in order for the rebuild to occur.
- A letter has been sent to Juan Davilla with regard to the status of the property at 19767 Dixie Hwy.
- The Trustees also encouraged investigation into the blue house near the tree farm on Dixie Highway, 20390 N. Dixie Hwy.
- The abandoned house on Dixie Highway is showing signs of neglect, 20301 N. Dixie Hwy.
- Mr. McDowell indicated he spoke with a grandson of the Blanco family and informed him that the house could be demolished and the health department was involved. He stated he would be able to provide a contact for his aunt and uncle.
- A variance was withdrawn from JEDunn/Barge. An application was made for the parcels in Phase 1 only. A Board of Zoning Appeals hearing is scheduled for March 11. Discussion about the use of a parcel along Mercer Road was discussed for the purpose of a batch plant staging area. Concerns about use of the road and the existing bridge were reviewed. Mr. Vetter stated the bridge could be removed as a way to combat the issue.
- Mr. McDowell would like to invite a contractor to the March 19 meeting to discuss his proposal for the zoning resolution update.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Visitor/Resident comments

OLD BUSINESS

- Details are still on-going with regard to the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building project. A meeting will be held in the near future to review the package being presented.
- Mr. Cromley provided an update on the water and sewer project for Dunbridge Road and St. Rt. 582 noting he has provided sets of plans for review at the township building.
- Preliminary plans for the 2025 Safety Day were discussed, noting a start-up meeting will need to be organized.

NEW BUSINESS

- A grant option is available for cyber security through information obtained at the Ohio Township Association.
- Mr. Moulton discussed a webinar with regard to planning for the America250 celebration in honor of the country’s 250th anniversary. A board has been established in each state.
- A draft resolution is available for review with regard to support of the Issue 2 ballot issue which addresses the State Capital Improvement Program. Mrs. Limes will provide a draft at the next board meeting.
- Job descriptions have been requested for township staff and a review of same will be on-going.
- Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Mileage Certification provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation through the Wood County Engineer’s office. Motion approved. It is noted that the township oversees 57.336 miles of roadway. Mrs. Limes will return the certification to the Wood County Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussions at 6:49 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

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

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer