

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, November 5, 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 October 15, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton 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 Board with a renewal proposal for the CD with Waterford Bank.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to renew the CD with Waterford Bank for six months at 3.7% interest rate. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that retired Fire Chief Steve Asmus brought to her attention that the annual meeting of the Middleton Township Firefighter Dependency Board (MTFDB) was needed. Fire Chief Andy Carter acknowledged same.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve Steve Asmus as the community member liaison to the Middleton Township Firefighter Dependency Board. Motion approved. The MTFDB plans to meet on December 3, 2025. The time will be determined after confirming member availability.
- Mrs. Limes provided the Board members a copy of the Official Estimated Resources for 2026. Mrs. Limes noted that the final budget of the township will be set after year-end figures are provided to the County Auditor.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve a time change for the December 3 meeting to 10:00 a.m. Motion approved.** It is noted that the meeting was moved due to a conflict with the Wood County Planning Commission Land Use Plan meeting scheduled for the same evening.
- A proposal for enhanced security and cameras on township properties will be reviewed by Dave Johnston, Ohio Fully Integrated Technologies at the November 19 meeting of the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Andy Carter stated his 'thanks' to all for the passage of the Special Fire Levy.
- Chief Carter provided reports for review in an updated format.
- EMS and Fire billing are still being explored and it is planned to have a proposal to the Board after the first of the year.
- Chief Carter stated that a new bed cover has been ordered for the Chevy truck. A new cap for the truck will not be ordered and the original cap ordered has been returned.
- The truck committee is reviewing the mini-pumper that was on display at the October 15 meeting.
- Chief Carter outlined the seminars/conferences he plans to attend through the end of the calendar year.
- Zachary Neeld is off probation and is now considered an active member of the department staff. He is also currently in EMT Class.
- Chief Carter indicated that all members of the staff currently in EMT class are continuing to do well. Those individuals include: Zachary Neeld, Nick Skotynsky and Kyle O'Connell.
- A review will be needed of the Fire and Building Code Resolution. A draft will be available November 19 or December 3.
- An AutoAid Agreement is being developed for the City of Bowling Green and City of Perrysburg which would update the coverage areas north and south of St. Rt. 582. The agreement will be sent to Assistant County Prosecutor Linda Holmes for review.
- Chiefs Carter and Saunders discussed the need for new job shirts for the emergency service personnel under one logo. An on-line store for purchases will be made available and specific numbers of shirts and hats will be available based on the employee's full- or part-time status.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the purchase of job shirts and hats for the EMS and Fire Department personnel through Springer Company. Motion approved.
- Chief Carter stated he had not received notification to date on grant funding for the MARCS radios.

- Conversation is on-going between Mr. Vetter and representatives from Meta with regard to cost sharing with the township for a Fire Inspector position.
- Mr. Vetter indicated concerns within the fire department with regard to personnel and management. He stated he needs Assistant Chief Kotula at a meeting to address the issues along with other fire department officers.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume reports with the Board.
- Chief Saunders discussed the need for additional shifts in the rotation in the EMS department. **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to increase the number of shifts in the EMS department rotation to six (6) to handle coverage more efficiently. Motion approved.**

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Moulton indicated that a resident raised concern regarding the potential need for additional stop signs at King and Hull Prairie Roads. The board discussed solutions including STOP AHEAD and/or other signage be added and will discuss with Road Supervisor, Chase Greulich. Mr. Cromley indicated he has had inquired about additional stop signs at Mercer and Sugar Ridge Roads, a joint intersection of Middleton and Center Townships.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that the current street light outages have been reported to Toledo Edison by Mr. Greulich. A review of outages provided by a township resident along with a review of the road department staff was held prior to submission.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Mike Jones stated he was at the meeting to discuss soil and water testing results from the Ag Incubator site. He stated his concerns with Canada thistle on the site and questioned the status of the letter that he was expecting to be sent from the township zoning inspector. Mr. Jones was questioned on where testing occurred and the type of testing used. He stated that he was encouraged to discuss the findings with the township due to the location of the facility. The board stated they would continue to look into the situation.
- Melissa Petrea, Trustee-Elect, indicated she was looking forward to working with the township staff and she was congratulated for her election to the Board of Trustees.
- Clint Weckesser addressed the Board and requested a review of his decision to resign from the township emergency services departments. He stated he felt he 'jumped the gun' on his decision and is formally requesting reinstatement.
- Ross Fought questioned the status of the lighting at the data center site. Mr. Vetter indicated he was told the timers have not been installed but were on order.
- Mrs. Petrea questioned whether information about the water lines that serve the Village of Haskins had been brought to the township officials' attention. She indicated that concerns were raised recently at a Village Council meeting with concerns over the pressure increase in the lines and impact on the older village lines. The Board noted they had not been made aware and Mr. Cromley indicated he would contact the water department at the City of Bowling Green to find out more.
- The Emergency Vehicle Storage Building construction is making progress and should be under roof within the week.
- The lift station is still needed in the Village of Dunbridge at the site of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District pump station.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Moulton noted the Wood County Planning Commission Land Use Plan meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 5-7 pm at the Wood County Fairgrounds.

NEW BUSINESS

- Information about community action grant funding through Meta has been provided to Eastwood, Elmwood, Otsego and Perrysburg school district superintendents, and to Washington Township Trustee Steve Powell for the Fox Shank Living Laboratory located in Tontogany.
- The township was copied on a Notice of Filing email received today from Will-Power OH LLC with regard to a letter of application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for construction and operation of the Apollo natural gas power generation facility to be located in the township. The information states that a hearing on the matter will be held with the PUCO.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussions with the Fire Chief Andy Carter.

Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES

The Board returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 8:35 p.m. for the discussion of an ongoing legal matter. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES

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The Board returned to regular session at 8:39 p.m.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer