

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, November 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.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Dave Johnston, Ohio Fully Integrated Technology (OHIOFIT) discussed implementation of a comprehensive security system at the request of the trustees. Mr. Johnston offered to install a sample lock system at one of the fire stations at no cost. This lock system would be a newer technology than currently utilized at the township buildings. All new systems would be web based, and pricing would include installation of cameras and mobile app implementation, with information included about hardware life cycle. After a detailed review of options, it was determined a formal quote would be developed by OHIOFIT and provided at a December Board of Trustees meeting.
- Elizabeth Bostdorff, President of the Ag Incubator Foundation addressed the Board and visitors with regard to concerns raised over thistle eradication and water quality on site. Ms. Bostdorff stated that all efforts have been taken to handle the thistle based on organic compliance. Private testing of the water was questioned with no results provided by visitor Mike Jones, who rents a plot on the grounds. Ms. Bostdorff also stated that Mr. Jones' rental contract has been terminated for 2026. The Trustees determined that the issues have been handled to their satisfaction for this season, and but thistle remediation would be revisited in 2026 by the zoning inspector with the foundation.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes as provided with an edit duly noted. 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.
- Mrs. Limes provided the October bank reconciliation for Trustee review.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Supervisor Chase Greulich noted that the leaf box is being added to the Freightliner truck.
- Mr. Greulich is still waiting for 'stop ahead' signage for Hull Prairie Road intersection with King Road. The signage at Five Point Road is installed. He noted that stop signs need updated to 36" signs.
- Mr. Greulich questioned the purchase / trade-in of a road mower and the Board encouraged Mr. Greulich obtain the necessary quotes.
- County roadside mowing can be invoiced to the Wood County Engineer. Mr. Greulich noted the township spent 20 hours mowing roadways and will work with Mrs. Limes to process the invoice.
- A request was made by Saddlebrook subdivision residents for a four-way stop and it was determined that the necessary criteria for same has not been met based on its location.
- Mr. Moulton requested Mr. Greulich follow up with regard to a busted curb on Saddle Horn Drive reported to the Wood County Sheriff's Department by resident John Gauld.
- West River Rd. resident Dr. Tayyab Cheema shared concerns about an obscured view to the north of his property when exiting his driveway. ODOT has been contacted and Mr. Moulton requested the resident notify him after a week if the issue has not been addressed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell stated he reached out to Peter Griggs, Esq. for an update on the Juan Davilla property and has not received any updates.
- The owner of the curling center has been contacted about ongoing lighting concerns.
- The electrical substation upper lights have been turned off – with lower lighting added.
- Mr. McDowell stated the zoning commission has begun the process of reviewing the updated resolution documents provided by Jacob Barnes. Mr. Ehrmin will be consulted for his input. A side-by-side comparison is being requested by the zoning commission board members.
- A resident farmer questioned concerns over items being moved into a local field.
- Mr. McDowell confirmed that zoning commission chairman Dustin Brown is resigning effective the end of the year and a board replacement will be needed.

- A report of zoning permits was provided to the Trustees for review.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Trustees noted the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building construction is moving forward.
- Mr. Cromley stated that electric is still needed at the new water station in Dunbridge.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Moulton stated that he was advised that a former township/EMT/Fire department employee has been visiting with current employees on multiple occasions while they are on duty. The former employee will be notified by mail that they are not permitted to visit township workspaces unless a public meeting or sanctioned event is taking place, or if it involves official business. A letter approved by township legal counsel detailing the specifics is being sent to the former employee and all department supervisors, who were directed by Mr. Moulton to advise their respective teams of the situation and directive

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion approved.

Donald E. Cromley, Chairman

Michael Moulton, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer