

# Middleton Township Trustees

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

*5:30 p.m.*

*Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Inspector Andrew Slife was sworn-in by Fire Chief Andrew Carter. Many family members and friends were in attendance as well as the elected officials and staff from all township departments.  
Welcome Andy!*

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

*6:00 p.m.*

Mr. Moulton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. In attendance were Trustees Moulton, Petrea, 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.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Trustees reviewed an updated recommendation with regard to the epoxy flooring in the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building (EVSF). In addition, confirmation was made that the emergency communications system in the EVSB would be handled by a local vendor and not be an add-on in the package with The Spieker Company.  
**Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to rescind Mr. Vetter's second and Mr. Moulton's motion approved on March 4, 2026 to epoxy the ground floor and mezzanine areas (items #3 and #5) of the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to epoxy the ground floor of the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building at a quoted price of \$61,000. The stairwell and mezzanine will be sealed according to recommended specifications. All flooring will be covered with a one-year warranty. Motion approved.**
- Mrs. Limes reviewed the 'pencil' copy of the Spieker invoice that was previously reviewed with Joey Martinelli, Mr. Vetter and herself. Application #10 is included in the payment of accounts.

## **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. 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 February 2026 bank reconciliation for Trustee review.
- Mrs. Limes provided the 2026 Agreement with Renewed Outdoors, LLC noting the annual renewal of the agreement totals \$2,250.  
**Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the 2026 agreement with Renewed Outdoors, LLC at a cost of \$2,250. Motion approved.** It is noted that this agreement provides free disposal of branches, leaves and more to township residents.
- The 2026 & 2027 Wood County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) agreement was provided for review.  
**Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the townships agreement with Wood County Emergency Management Agency for its 2026 and 2027 contributions of \$2,401.40. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will submit the agreement back to the EMA.
- A memo with regard to details for the upcoming Tax Incentive Review meeting were provided to the Trustees. Mrs. Petrea indicated she planned to attend.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Mr. McDowell indicated that Meta is planning to purchase all equipment for the confined space rescue. The equipment will be stored at the township complex.

## **EMS DEPARTMENT**

- The powerload system from ambulance 685 will not be able to be relocated into the new ambulance due to warranty issues.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Superintendent Chase Greulich's report was provided by Kip McDowell.
- A light pole was damaged in Riverbend and was removed by Toledo Edison.
- The Henderson snowplow is due to be delivered the week of March 23.
- Limbs were down at New Belleville Ridge Cemetery due to the recent wind storm and have been removed.
- An application from a potential candidate for part-time road department work was provided. The Trustees will interview this person in the near future.
- Mr. Moulton indicated that Jeremy Harpel from the Village of Haskins was wanting to speak about a joint road project for King Road from St. Rt. 64 to the corporate limit.

### ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided a permit report including fees for same.
- Permit fees for all temporary storage units at the Meta site have been paid for.
- Two individuals have submitted letters of interest to fill the position of second alternate member for the Zoning Commission: Ben Coppes and John Moser. The vacancy is due to the death of member Peter Kay. John Ellerbrock will move to a member position.  
**Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve John Moser as a second alternate to the zoning commission board to fulfill the balance of Peter Kay's term. Motion approved.**
- Mr. McDowell indicated the zoning commission will be meeting on March 23 to review and potentially approve Overlay District amendments which would be submitted to the Wood County Planning Commission upon passage.
- A complaint has been filed with the courts with regard to the Julee Cope (Juan Davila, et al), property at 19767 N. Dixie Hwy.

### VISITOR COMMENTS

- Brandon Elliott, FalconForgeAI, discussed his company's efforts to assist in cyberbreach protection and HB96 compliance. The program is reimbursable from the state due to the current cyber security regulations in place. The Trustees indicated they would discuss with the township's IT contractor.
- Principle Business Enterprises, Inc. legal counsel, Chuck Hatch, was in attendance and stated his interest in on-going township matters. The Board and staff recognized the tour recently attended and stated their appreciation for the continued working relationship.
- Resident Dan Kervin stated concerns over the property tax initiative and the township's efforts to educate voters on the property tax issue facing the state.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter stated that efforts are being made to relocate the natural gas substation at the corner of Mercer Road and St. Rt. 582. There is a need to widen Mercer Road due to the construction of the natural gas power plant.
- A review of the lock and camera project on the township complex was held. Dave Johnston provided a detailed review in an email provided to Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Limes.
- The pump station on Mercer Road has had the transformer placed on site, with a generator located at the station to run the pump.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Petrea stated she would be attending a tour of the water treatment plant.
- A sign grant application will be filled out through LTAP.
- An intersection upgrade is being finalized by ODOT for State Routes 582 and 25. A request for a letter of support was made by the District 2 representative.  
**Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve a letter of support be sent to ODOT District 2 for its efforts to improve the turn lanes and intersection of State Routes 582 and 25 in the township. Motion approved.**
- A variety of trees need removed at Union Hill Cemetery.
- Mr. Vetter indicated that conversations have begun with regard to the development of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Bowling Green.
- Mr. Moulton informed the Board that the TMACOG/LEWRC created salary bands for future senior management positions. These positions are not being posted at this time.

- **NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**
- TMACOG/LEWRC is looking for support from area entities with regard to a US23/I-71 bypass. **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve letters of support directed to Senator Gavarone and Representative Ghanbari be submitted through TMACOG/LEWRC with regard to the development of a bypass for US23/I-71. Motion approved.**
- Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Limes shared updates on the future planning being done by the New Belleville Ridge Cemetery Board to install a columbarium on the grounds.
- Mr. Moulton stated he is requesting a review by Linda Holmes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on language for a resolution discussing the township's expectations for official workplace visits/visitors.
- A review of street light options was held based on information provided by Victor Coleman, representative from Toledo Edison. The township board determined they would like to select the default option of the 3,000 kw LED lights. Options for fixtures was discussed and more information would be gathered from Mr. Coleman.

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

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**Michael Moulton, Chairman**

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**Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee**

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**Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**