

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Prior to the regular board meeting, a special event was held honoring township resident Isabelle Fleig. Miss Fleig was awarded a Smoke D.O.G. (Detectors on Guard) Award from the State Fire Marshal due to her bravery while responding to a smoke detector alarm that went off in their home. Miss Fleig called 9-1-1 and was able to safely move her siblings and family pets to shelter outside while a fire was active in the kitchen. Miss Fleig, her mother, siblings, family and friends were in attendance to celebrate the event. Administration and department staff from the State Fire Marshall's office, Perrysburg Township, City of Perrysburg and City of Waterville, along with members of the Middleton Township Fire and EMS Departments were in attendance. Isabelle was awarded a certificate from State Fire Marshal Reardon to commemorate the event. Well Done Isabelle!

Mr. Moulton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. In attendance were Trustees Moulton and Vetter, as well as Fiscal Officer Limes. Trustee Petrea was unable to attend. 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. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the April 1, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the April 7, 2026 special meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.** The meeting was held for preliminary discussion of the development of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Bowling Green.
- **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 indicated that Rob Fawcett, UIS Insurance and the township OTARMA representative, met with department heads and chiefs with regard to the existing liability insurance coverage. A thorough review of the policy was held. Mrs. Limes indicated that OTARMA is asking for a named representatives from the township.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Fiscal Officer Laurie Limes and Fire Chief Andrew Carter as the township representatives with regard to the OTARMA coverage. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Limes indicated the Audit for 2024-25 is under way and she anticipates continued communications with the Auditor over the next several weeks.
- The Medicount agreement is still on hold. Updates recommended by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Linda Holmes need relayed to Medicount's team by Mrs. Limes.
- Mrs. Limes provided a letter of thanks from the Honorable Joel Kuhlman. Judge Kuhlman was in attendance at the April 1 meeting discussing the Wood County IGNITE (Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally through Education) program.
- An email of formal complaint submitted by resident Breanne Kidd was provided, along with Trustee Petrea's response to same. Mrs. Kidd is stating concerns over the truck traffic, increased noise and more with regard to St. Rt. 25 traffic due to the Meta construction site, and the negative impact it is having on her in-home daycare business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- At the start of the meeting, Fire Chief Andrew Carter presented Chase Greulich, Road Supervisor, the "Friend of the Fire Department" award. Mr. Greulich was unable to attend the annual Fire Fighter Recognition Banquet in March. Congratulations to Chase!
- Chief Carter stated the confined space rescue equipment has been ordered, along with a trailer to house the equipment. The trailer is available for pick up. The equipment and trailer have been purchased by JEDunn and will be titled to the township and all equipment entered into township inventory.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- EMS Department Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume reports, which included a map of call locations, mutual aid and personnel responses.
- Questionnaires with patient feedback were provided to the Trustees for review.
- An application has been submitted for the Ohio Training and Equipment Grant for 2026.

- Deputy EMS Chief Ron Bogedain stated his thanks to Chief Carter, Assistant Chief Slife, Captain Ellis and Lieutenant Pinski on a 'job well done' responding to a call which resulted in the crew saving the patient's life due to their action. Chief Saunders indicated he received a 'thank you' from the patient's spouse as well.
- Power cot pricing was reviewed noting costs could be applied to a Bureau of Workers' Compensation grant upon approval.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Superintendent Chase Greulich updated the Trustees with regard to the Roachton Road ditch concerns, noting that the road/ditch are handled by the county.
- Discussion revolved around replacing the trees in the front yard of the administration building, with it being decided the plantings would occur in the fall, after Safety Day.
- The front yard is in need of repair, due to areas being torn up due to construction.
- Mr. Greulich has applicants for part-time road maintenance staff.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve hiring Denny McNally as a part-time road maintenance staff member pending approval of pre-employment drug screening and BCI check. Motion approved.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve hiring Brian Perkins as a part-time road maintenance staff member effective immediately. Motion approved. Mr. Perkins currently is on staff as a paramedic with the EMS department.
- The new snowplow has been delivered and is on site.
- Mr. Moulton reviewed a quote to paint the road maintenance building.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve hiring Chase Main, Hannah Road, to paint the road maintenance building at a cost of \$15,000. Motion approved. The trustees will provide the paint brand, color codes and wainscot height to Mr. Main.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell noted that his department has been 'quiet.'
- Temporary offices at the Meta site are being permitted.
- The Village of Riverbend is seeing more new construction.
- A rezoning request is due from Liames.
- Mr. McDowell reviewed the recommendations from the Wood County Planning Commission and the Middleton Township Zoning Commission with regard to amendments to Zoning Resolution Article V.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve a special meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing recommendations from the Wood County Planning Commission and the Middleton Township Zoning Commission with regard to amendments proposed to the Middleton Township Zoning Resolution Article V – SR 25 and SR 582 Overlay Zone. Motion approved.
- Mr. McDowell indicated that much of the lighting is being corrected with lighting that shines down to follow the township zoning resolution.
- Semis are pulling into the turn lanes at the Meta site on St. Rt. 25 and are being requested to not pull into those spots.
- Mr. McDowell is contacting Meta regarding large rocks falling out of dump trucks/trailers and ending up in residents' yards and near homes across from the construction site.
- The lawsuit with regard to the cleanup of the Davila property on St. Rt. 25 is facing a rebuttal deadline. An update will be available at the May 6 meeting.
- The updated zoning map will be placed on the township website.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Mercer Road residents, Kurt and Jennifer Kirsch reviewed a timeline with regard to the natural gas power plant and its transparency on their project moving north past the existing boundaries of the original project. The impact to their property on Mercer Road is now causing them to state the property would be uninhabitable, with no value nor viability to maintain their property. They reviewed the status of when they could go to the Ohio Power Citing Board to formally object. They did not sign an easement with the company as requested due to the change in the nature of the project. Mr. Moulton questioned what kind of response they have received and they indicated they have retained a lawyer to oversee the issue. Mr. Vetter questioned if they were willing to be bought out and Mr. Kirsch indicated that they were. Mr. Kirsch stated frustrations over how fast the decisions were being made and the lack of time to assess the situations. Mr. Vetter stated he would contact the Williams representative and Mr. Moulton stated he would contact the township's legal counsel Linda Holmes for input as well. A letter of objection is needed by April 24, 2026.
- Mercer Road resident Jim DeMond questioned what pipelines the new natural gas power plant would be tied to.

- Ross Fought, St. Rt. 25 resident, shared concerns over the noise on St. Rt. 25 and size of rock falling out of dump trucks/trailers causing potential harm to property and individuals along the route. In addition, he questioned the scope of the area covered in the potential JEDD. It was clarified that no resident/agriculture properties would be included in the JEDD, only industrial.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter stated the City of Bowling Green is interested in additional information gathering discussions regarding establishment of a JEDD. Mr. Moulton stated he felt Mr. Vetter should serve as the township liaison to the JEDD discussions.
- The Williams gas company, overseeing the natural gas power plant, is aware of the potential JEDD.
- A ditch petition is in underway for the Reitz Road ditch.
- Toledo Edison has still not installed the power to the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building.
- The bore project is completed between the township administration and road maintenance building to accommodate the necessary wiring for the cameras and IT projects.
- Mr. Moulton stated the water/sewer stations should be completed by May 1, 2026.
- Mrs. Petrea provided a summary report and Mr. Moulton reviewed her topics.
 - It was noted that the MS4 stormwater project and sign up is on hold due to the issues with the EPA website.
 - Mrs. Petrea noted that Principle Business Enterprises, Inc. and Meta were meeting all requirements with regard to TIRC.
 - Trees are to be evaluated at Union Hill Cemetery.
 - The LTAP sign grant is underway with a tour of township roadways with Road Supervisor Chase Greulich in the future.
 - Additional patrols have been established on the I-75 and St. Rt. 582 traffic by the Wood County Sheriff’s Department.
 - Dowling Road resident Tonya Stull stated concerns about the lighting at the First Energy facility.
 - Perrysburg resident Mike Jones shared concerns over the Canada thistle at the Ag Incubator Foundation
- An update on the camera project with OhioFIT was provided by Mr. Moulton.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Moulton presented a resolution for review regarding facility accessibility by individuals not on township staff.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded Resolution 26-0415, Access to Township Facilities.
Role was called: Mr. Moulton – YES; Mrs. Petrea (absent); Mr. Vetter – YES

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

~~Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee~~

Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer