

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, May 20, 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. Fiscal Officer Limes was absent. Lisa Heft served as Clerk for the meeting.

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 May 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes as provided with minor edits noted. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes. Questions were raised and clarified with regard to a payment to COCP for \$986.00.
- A quote to paint a mural on the road building was provided for Trustee review.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to revise the April 15, 2026 minutes to reflect a change in company name from Meta to JEDunn in the fire department section. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will be asked to provide an updated set of minutes reflecting the change.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire Chief Andy Carter provided a quote for a GIS program with ESRI, which would offer a new CAD system and license agreements for two users. The system can tie into all facets of existing township models.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the quote for \$1,100 from ESRI for an ArcGIS Online creator subscription and two (2) mobile worker subscriptions. Motion approved.
- The Wood County EMA agreement has been completed. Errors were found on some of the addresses and names and approval on the document will be handled once a finalized version of the agreement is provided to the Trustees.
- A quote from P&R Communications was reviewed with regard to BDA (Bi-Directional Amplification) to equip the township administration building, road maintenance building and the emergency services vehicle building for necessary communication needs. The Trustees requested a review of the quote to bring costs down and will review again at the June 3 meeting.
- An adjuster is due to assess the damage to the Fire Chief's Tahoe damaged in an accident. It is assumed the vehicle will be totaled. The adjuster is due the last week of May.
- It was confirmed that a fire truck should be on site for the Union Hill Memorial Day services.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Superintendent Chase Greulich indicated that mowing has been completed through half of the township.
- Berming is on-going on Five Point Road and Hull Prairie Road. Road berm has been delivered in bulk to the township and has saved time on pickup/delivery.
- New Belleville Ridge Cemetery grounds will be ready for Memorial Day services.
- Additional lighting is needed in the road building in the west bay. It is an issue during Safety Day and for general use of the area.
- Mrs. Petrea has applied for a grant to purchase a hydraulic post driver.
- Mrs. Petrea discussed the status of the LTAP road grant and a new grant opportunity through LEWRC for member communities for improvements including roads and bike/multiuse paths. Further discussion is needed to determine the project type/location for which the township would apply. Potential projects mentioned included the bike path connecting Bowling Green to Perrysburg, and
- Discussion revolved around a joint project with the Village of Haskins to improve/widen/move King Road from St. Rt. 64 to Hull Prairie Road.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided a report for review for permits from April 1, 2026.
- Mr. McDowell expressed the need for a more comprehensive review of the zoning resolution, specifically with regard to the overlay district and the entire resolution in its entirety. A quote was reviewed from Crossroads Community Planning that included an update to the zoning resolution, and a comprehensive plan. The Trustees had questions to be addressed and Mr. McDowell will

revisit the proposal with the planner. The cost for updates includes \$20,000 for the overlay section, \$35,000 for a review of the entire zoning code and \$42,000 for the comprehensive plan. Mr. Fought reviewed the updates and support for same from the zoning commission.

- A rezoning request will be in front of the Wood County Planning Commission in June from Liames, LLC for the areas along St. Rt. 25, St. Rt. 582 and Mercer Road where individual residential and agricultural properties were sold and the homes on them subsequently demolished.
- A home occupation request will be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Mr. Vetter questioned a rezoning from A1-R3. [\[GET LOCATION FROM KIP\]](#)
- Noise levels from Meta construction-related traffic were discussed as causing continued resident concerns.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Five Point Road resident Brayden Hickerson shared concerns about Five Point and River Road berm erosion. Mr. Vetter felt that ODOT should be involved as well as River Road is a state road.
- A question arose with regard to the Sugar Ridge and Dunbridge Roads intersection and the need for a round-a-bout or four-way stop.
- Jim Demond, Mercer Road resident, stated concerns over the speed in which a dump truck was travelling on Mercer Road, south of Rt. 582.
- A resident voiced concern regarding lights causing excessive light pollution at the data center site.
- Concerns were shared about time frames large equipment is entering and leaving the data center site, noting very early arrivals as well as late night exits.

OLD BUSINESS

- It was noted that Toledo Edison should be on site within the week to connect temporary power to the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building. St. Rt. 25 will be shut down when the poles are delivered and power connected from across the highway, and coordination will occur with ODOT for traffic control.
- Water quality standards were discussion with regard to FAQs provided by Meta.
- The art contest for America250 was reviewed and is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

- A Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) between the township, county and Williams was reviewed. The Trustees indicated they wanted to review in more detail and consult with the County Engineer before approving.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to move into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of Fire/EMS leadership discussions. Role was called: Mr. Moulton – YES: Mrs. Petrea – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

The board returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

It is noted that Fire Chief Carter and EMS Department Chief Jerry Saunders will facilitate EMS meetings to review leadership roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee

Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer