

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, July 15, 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.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the July 1, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the July 7, 2026 special meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- Mrs. Limes reviewed the township's checking account status indicating her recommendation to transfer funds from the STAROHIO investment.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve transfer of \$235,572.70 from the STAROHIO investment account to the checking account. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Limes indicated she had been notified by the Wood County Auditor's office that funds totaling \$119,962.69 were available as an advance on second half property taxes and she approved the transaction. Additional funds may be available as early as August 17. The Wood County Auditor has stated second half property taxes will not be deposited until mid-September due to a delay in collection across the county at the order of the Wood County Treasurer.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided the following updates

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Superintendent Chase Greulich noted that crews are using Durapatch equipment across the township for road repair.
- A quote for three (3) new trees for the front yard of the township administration building will be provided.
- Miscellaneous repairs to the road disc mower are in progress.
- The King Road tar and chip improvement project should be underway within the next week. This is a joint project with the Village of Haskins.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided a current zoning permit report.
- Two parcels on Hull Prairie Road are expected to submit a rezoning request from A-1 to R-3 (residential). The parcels in question are across the road from the Hull Prairie Middle School.
- Mr. McDowell indicated the Wood County Planning Commission (WCPC) approved a rezoning request for 39 acres from A-1 to M-1. The Middleton Township Zoning Commission will review the request on August 12.
- Letters with regard to noxious weeds/overgrown lots have been sent to a variety of township residents.
- Mr. McDowell indicated no further updates have been made available with regard to the Davilla lawsuit. Mr. Moulton requested an inquiry into updates with Johnson, Brosius & Griggs.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Petrea noted that Anna Subler, a township resident and communications consultant, will be attending the September 16 board meeting to introduce herself and present her service offering.
- Mrs. Petrea consulted with Isaac Bailey, Stormwater Inspector, Wood County Engineers' Office, regarding a recent citizen claim of dewatering at the Meta site. Mr. Bailey stated he had inspected the site and dewatering was not occurring, and approval would be needed to do so. He also stated that approval would need to come from his office with regard to movement of the dirt pile at the Meta site as well as drainage/fill of an existing pond. Options for removal of the large dirt pile are being developed.
- A report on a bacteria found in sewer lines in Wyoming was discussed and Mrs. Petrea sent an inquiry to the City of Bowling Green and is waiting to hear if they treat for these strains of bacteria.
- The King Road improvement project does not currently qualify for grant funding through original sources. Lake Erie West Regional Council will work to get the project reclassified for future grant applications.

- Mrs. Petrea noted an America250 initiative that provides free admission for all fourth graders to participating museums statewide.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Brayden Hickerson, Five Point Road resident, complimented the work by the road department. He questioned a variety of general procedures in place by the township. In addition, he requested an update regarding the decision for the rezoning vote. Mr. Moulton stated the decision was made to provide continuity of zoning.
- Chuck Stocking, Principal Business Enterprises, discussed a future proposal for a 4–5-megawatt solar power field. Due to the current zoning in place, a variance application may be submitted. Township legal counsel is also reviewing the preliminary proposed plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Emergency Vehicle Storage Building is still not completed, as power has not been supplied to the building by FirstEnergy, hindering progress and completion.
 - Mrs. Limes discussed the latest invoice presented by The Spieker Company. Mr. Vetter stated the invoice is to cover payments to subcontractors, many who own businesses in the township and have completed work at the site.
 - The work agreement with the Wood County Engineers’ Office has been provided. Trustee signatures are needed. Mrs. Limes confirmed the Board’s decision in January to appropriate \$75,000 for potential costs. The document will be sent back for approval by the Wood County Commissioners.
 - A document will be signed by Mr. Vetter to proceed with efforts for funding by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the road improvement project on Pargillis Road.
 - Mrs. Limes reviewed the LED light fixture decision and information gleaned from Victor Coleman, township representative to FirstEnergy.
- Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve switching all new township streetlights to 3,000 LED fixtures with the acorn-style globes currently in use. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will notify Mr. Coleman of this decision.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Wood County Engineer’s office staff began an inquiry on road striping projects being identified by the townships. Mr. Greulich suggested Dunbridge Road. A list of other potential roads will be reviewed has this been tabled until the August 5 meeting.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to move into executive session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of legal matter/contract review. Role was called: Mr. Moulton – YES; Mrs. Petrea – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:54 p.m.

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to upgrade security at the EMS station to match existing efforts throughout the township including door access and an exterior camera at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 by Ohio Fully Integrated Technologies, Inc. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve payment up to \$100,000 to The Spieker Company for work completed to date on the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building. Motion approved.** It is noted the payment is to help offset costs to pay subcontractors. Final punch lists by contractor and the township are pending.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:56 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee

Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer