

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, August 5, 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 not in attendance. Julie Getz 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. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the July 15, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire Chief Andy Carter provided department reports including monthly and year-to-date statistics.
- Chief Carter indicated the new Tahoe is in service. Two Haas alert systems were purchased with grant funds. It was noted that as new fleet vehicles are added the Haas alert system will be utilized. The Haas alert system alerts drivers of emergency vehicles in the vicinity.
- Employment applications were reviewed with the Trustees with Chief Carter making recommendation to employ Derrick Bobo and Cameron Levicchi.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve hiring Derrick Bobo, Jr. as a Fire Fighter on a one-year probation pending pre-employment drug screening and BCI check. Motion approved.
Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve hiring Cameron Levicchi. as a Fire Fighter on a one-year probation pending pre-employment drug screening and BCI check. Motion approved.
- FireFighter I training begins August 11 through December 17.
- An on-call / part-time staffing model was briefly reviewed and will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. Payroll costs were broken down by day / month / year. In addition, adding full-time coverage for four (4) fire fighters was estimated. Continued discussions will occur with the Trustees and Fiscal Officer for budgeting priorities. It was noted that the on-call model is being utilized at Freedom Township.
- Fleet vehicles have been passing pump testing and various maintenance concerns are being assessed and repaired at W.W.Williams.
- The option of a new ambulance through Horton was discussed, noting the company has stated they are under state bid pricing and would commit to a rig being available within ten months.
- The ambulance on order with Burgess was discussed noting email communication with the Burgess rep Matt Young on July 17. Mr. Moulton stated he emphasized the ambulance needed to be in service by the end of the year. A loaner (demo model) could be made available by Burgess until delivery of new vehicle. An extended warranty on the chassis was discussed along with insurance coverage on the loaner that would need discussed with the township liability insurance carrier. It was noted that although the township has a long-standing relationship with Burgess, the delay is of utmost concern and a new contract would need to be considered.
- A new DEF system is needed on Ambulance 680 at a cost of \$6,216.17.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the repair of the DEF system on Ambulance 680 at a quoted price of \$6,216.17 through Selking. Motion approved.
- The radio system in the new Tahoe is being updated to provide all necessary channels.
- The new iPads are being placed in service.
- The chemical system unit in the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building (EVSb) needs to be relocated.
- A new access control pad is needed on the kitchen/east door of the EMS building, and the cost of a the new keypad for the front door and back door camera came in for half of what had originally been approved.
- The Fire/EMS department will be on site at the Saddlebrook Subdivision HOA event on August 17.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- EMS Department Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the monthly report with the Board.
- Mr. Moulton noted he would like Chiefs to report the data with comparisons from prior year beginning in 2027.
- Grant funds were approved totaling \$4,055.65. New Laryngoscopes will be purchased with the funds. Quotes were discussed and trade-in options were available. In addition, Henry County would like to split the cost of multiple Miller and MAC style blade packs utilized with individual units purchased by the township and Henry County, resulting in significant savings for both. Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the purchase of Laryngoscopes utilizing grant funds and a cost-sharing with Henry County at a cost of \$1,831.40. Motion approved. It is noted this is based on Henry County sharing in the cost of the aforementioned blades.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Township resident Scott Snyder, Dunbridge Road, questioned the map and ground owned by the power company.
- Township resident Roy Miller, Cross Creek Road, questioned the amount of sewer/water Meta uses in a day. Mr. Miller also stated his well is lower and asked Wood County to test his water for contaminants. Mr. Snyder stated that many wells will need to be dug deeper. Mrs. Petrea suggested residents contact the Health Department to have their specific cases/situations documented. Mrs. Petrea also stated she understood from talks with the EPA that glycol is the only additive and is looped in the facility, not discharged, and that the City of Bowling Green has the capacity to clean 10 million gallons of water per day. Water usage records will be available once the data center is up and running.
- Township resident Diane Toffer, King Road, questioned future rezoning requests and it was noted that the next rezoning hearing would be on a 39-acre parcel. Zoning regulations determine validity in use of properties.
- Discussions revolved around acreage for the data center and subdivision housing versus total acreage in the township.
- Ms. Toffer also shared concerns over dump trucks and dust from same.
- Ross Fought, township resident on Dixie Highway, stated that water to help reduce the dust makes the roadways too greasy/slick.
- Leatra Harper, Bowling Green resident, stated her repeated concerns over pollution and emissions. She encouraged the township join on a review of cumulative impacts and asked for a Purple Air Monitor be established. Mrs. Petrea noted her approval of the monitor based on legalities for the township.
- Mr. Snyder questioned the voting for allowing the data center. Mr. Moulton noted the township's responsibility is overseeing the correct use of the property within the zoning resolution.
- Leslie Harper, Whitehouse resident, reviewed the status of the referendum to stop the rezoning request noting the effort came up short of signatures needed.
- Mr. Miller questioned the status of fire department personnel in the event of an emergency at the data center. Clarification that the township has established mutual aid contracts with area entities was reviewed by the Board. Chief Carter supported the statement by indicating the Fire/EMS department role was to support residents.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter stated that the punch list items are compiled by Spieker on the EVSB. The SCBA system will be moved from the fire station in Haskins. Lake Erie Electric will be on site handling final electric hook up and installations.
- Mr. Vetter stated that the Pargillis Road Improvement Project through OPWC funding may only need one electric pole relocated.
- Names and addresses are being gathered along a section of Reitz Road that border the ditch that is needing repair.
- Mrs. Petrea reviewed the America250 initiatives that include the art contest, coins for Safety Day and the time capsule.

NEW BUSINESS

- A candidate needs to be selected for representation of Wood County townships on the Northwestern Water and Sewer District Board.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve Melinda Kale as the township representative to the Northwestern Water and Sewer District Board of Directors. Motion approved.

TRUSTEE REPORT(S)

- Mrs. Petrea discussed Dewatering – noting it follows strict guidelines.
- Discussion revolved around the King Road project noting it would not be rated high enough to quality for OPWC funding.
- A multi-use path is being discussed between City of Perrysburg and Bowling Green. Mrs. Petrea is attending a meeting on August 18 to gather more information.
- Mr. Moulton attended a Lake Erie West Regional Council (LEWRC) Summer General Assembly and provided updates on the following:
 - The abolish property tax initiative is still active as signatures for the petition are evergreen and can be collected for potentially placement on a 2027 ballot.
 - Websites need to be ADA compliant by April 2027
 - Member municipality development updates/issues were reviewed
- Mr. Vetter has been speaking with Meta/JEDunn with regard to cleanup of the project site perimeter properties and mowing concerns
- The Board discussed the need for representation from Williams, the company building the power generation facility and corresponding pipeline, at a township meeting. They will be asked to be a part of the August 19 meeting.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee

Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer