

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, September 2, 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 Mike Moulton and Melissa Petrea, as well as Fiscal Officer Laurie Limes. Trustee Fred Vetter was not in attendance.

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.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Allan Berenbrok, Williams Company, reviewed the pending Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) that was reviewed earlier in the day with the County Engineer, Trustee Moulton, Road Supervisor Chase Greulich and Kip McDowell. In addition, representatives were on site from the City of Bowling Green. The RUMA is drafted for portions of township roadway that will be affected by the pipeline installation. Mrs. Petrea requested confirmation that the agreement matched what was established for Mercer Road and Mr. Berenbrok confirmed same. Questions from Dowling Road residents near the power plant questioned conflicting information on pile driving noise that was scheduled in the near future. It was noted that the noise off site could reach 100 decibels but would stabilize to 50 decibels. Residents noted they had been offered payment for the temporary inconvenience and relocation offers were also mentioned. Mr. Berenbrok noted he would gather information and relay details back to the township. Road videoing would continue through September 11. The township will also have a copy of the videos. The project is expected to begin September 14, with Mr. Moulton stating the next township meeting would not be held until September 16. Board approval is needed for the RUMA to be in place. Mr. Berenbrok also stated that no roads would be closed during the pipeline installation and completion target date is set for February or March 2027.
- Beth Cole, Dowling Road, clarified she spoke with Mike Hopkins of Williams and provided his contact information.
- Leatra Harper, Bowling Green, questioned Williams' willingness to be a part of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) and Mr. Berenbrok stated they had been a part of other JEDD efforts in other communities. Mrs. Harper questioned if retroactive pay was available and it was clarified that a JEDD would be for existing and future income tax only.
- Roy Miller, Cross Creek Road, questioned the water line at Mercer Road and its purpose for use at the data center and power plant sites. Mr. Berenbrok stated that the water at the data center is in a closed loop system and the actual water needs at the plant would be nominal.
- Michael Stull, Dowling Road questioned why the pile driving was necessary and for what purpose.
- Mrs. Harter asked if there were future plans for gas plants in Perrysburg Township.
- Tracy Wyatt, Hull Prairie Road resident, questioned the status of a new liaison to Meta and Mr. Moulton confirmed that Mrs. Petrea is now the representative from the township board.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the August 19, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. 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.
- Mrs. Limes provided the agreement with the Wood County Emergency Management Agency for the Everbridge Alert System. The township share is \$480.25. Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the township's agreement with the Wood County Emergency Management Agency for the Everbridge Alert System for \$480.25. Motion approved.
- Mrs. Limes indicated that Safety Day plans were coming together well.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- EMS Department Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume report for August, noting it is for patient only calls. EMS data is now combined with reports provided by the Fire Chief.
- Zachary Neeld is leading the department in run response.
- Chief Saunders noted that questionnaires were available for Trustee review and explained the process of sending to residents after a run. Mr. Moulton stated the reviews were very positive and commended the department for their efforts.
- A sensor was fixed on Medic680.

- The EMS Training and Equipment Grant was awarded and the Glidoscopes have been ordered through Verithon.
- Four to six personnel have been requested to be on site at Safety Day. Both air ambulance companies are planning to be on site.
- Deputy EMS Chief Ron Bogedain's last shift will be October 31 and his last payroll shift will end December 26. Chief Saunders is requesting a helmet board be created for Chief Bodedain's EMS helmet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire Chief Andy Carter provided run data reports for the month of August and YTD. The departments have responded to 324 calls to date.
- The new HAAS alert system has alerted 99 drivers to emergency efforts in the area.
- Four staff are in fire school, with two of the individuals in FireFighter 1 and EMS school at the same time.
- Chief Carter stated he would like to see the township replace Deputy Chief Bogedain with an OP&F position.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief post for the position of Deputy EMS Chief, specifically under OP&F guidelines. Motion approved.
- On-call staffing is needing to be discussed, as well as the status of levies and funding for the departments.
- Pump testing is on-going and a variety of maintenance repairs have been made.
- A grant is available from TC Energy and Chief Carter requested funding for \$9,266 for a TC Energy Drone. Both Chief Carter and Assistant Fire Chief Andy Slife are certified technicians. Mrs. Limes discussed paying for the equipment out of fund 4904 – Capital Project | FIRE.
Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the TC Energy Drone at a cost of \$9,266 from fund 4904 with reimbursement from the grant funding. Motion approved.
- The SCBA equipment has been relocated to the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building (EVSb)
- The Bi-Directional Amplifier project will be on-going for the next two weeks, beginning in the EVSB.
- The extractor equipment will be moved to the EVSB and an SCBA gear /solid equipment washing machine is being sought.
- The camera is still needing installed at the pass door at Station 1 in Haskins.
- Lexipol data is being entered and reviewed with plans to have the online SOG/SOP for the departments up to date in October.
- Chief Carter said he is reviewing the Plain Township Fire Contract and will have recommendations for the Board at an upcoming meeting.
- ACLS renewal for staff members is pending through a program at Mercy.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve \$950 for ACLS renewal and necessary coursework for department staff. Motion approved.
- A tornado siren cover was damaged at the Cross Creek Road location. Chief Carter is reviewing the information from Federal Signal to work on a repair solution.
- Electrical work is on-going at the EVSB.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Moulton noted the railroad crossbucks road painting is needed at the King Road CSX crossing due to the recent road resurfacing.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve \$1,900 toward the crossbuck road painting by ARL as provided in a quote coordinated by Mr. Gruelich. Motion approved. Mr. Moulton directed Mr. Gruelich to contact his counterpart from the Village of Haskins to see if they would split the cost.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- The new township comprehensive plan stakeholders committee members were noted. They include township residents Al Carpenter, William Rankin, John Eckel, Rachel Long, Trustee Melissa Petrea, Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell and Zoning Commission member Gary Ehrmin.
Mrs. Wyatt questioned the committee formation and it was clarified that persons were gathered by members of the Board and staff. Ross Fought, township resident and member of the zoning commission stated the stakeholders committee will be discussing information to be placed on a survey sent out to residents. Mrs. Cole stated her interest and willingness to serve on this committee.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Petrea reported on correspondence with regard to Williams noting the power plant will be taxed as a public utility.
- As a response to inquiries over pond depth, Mrs. Petrea reported the deepest pond at the data center site is 31 feet and the pond at the Williams location is 13 feet.
- Sound studies will be handled by the Ohio Power Siting Board and Williams.
- Well testing will be made available for homeowners within ½ mile of the pipeline installation. No escrow account is established by either Williams or Meta. Williams representatives have stated their plans to assist with testing and any repairs necessary. Mrs. Petrea also noted the Wood County Health Department is available for help residents navigate their well concerns.
- The air quality monitor being discussed for installation at the township site was discussed, with Mrs. Petrea noting Attorney Peter Griggs giving the township authority to place equipment as they deemed fit on their property(ies). Programs are being developed with the Lake Erie West Regional Council (LEW - formerly TMACOG) to help provide air quality studies. There is also a possibility of the Ohio EPA placing a monitor in the area in the future as well. Mr. Moulton recommended following up with Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes prior to proceeding with installation due to concerns over equipment certification, calibration and testing methodology compared to Ohio EPA monitoring.
- Anna Subler, township resident and communications consultant, will be at the September 16 meeting to introduce herself and provide a presentation on her services to local government entities.
- King Road did not qualify for funding through a LEW grant investigated by Mrs. Petrea. Road monitors will be placed on Hull Prairie Road to see if the road qualifies future classification updates.
- Mr. Moulton discussed an issue with a River Road resident and concerns over brush and weeds that are overgrown. The township handled the concerns and relayed their efforts to ODOT, who is in charge of the roadway.
- A resident farmer expressed concerns regarding the need for ditch clean out along Tontogany Road from St. Rt. 582 to King Road and Forst Road in the township. Mr. Moulton conveyed the processes to initiate cleaning through the SWCD and County Engineer’s Office and provided contact information for each to the resident for follow-up.
- Concerns over the condition of Cross Creek Road between St. Rt. 25 and Mercer Road were discussed, with Mr. Moulton noting a drive he took with a resident. Based on a recent traffic study, the roadway has 70 vehicles per day. Middleton township handles berming on the north side of the road, and Center Township is responsible for the south. The road was most recently tar-chipped in 2024, and Mr. Moulton re-emphasized to the resident the need for Center Township to participate in funding to make road improvements. The road department was directed to berm and Durapatch where needed.
- Mr. Moulton recently attended the annual Ohio Conference on Freight and shared highlights that included information on the Route 23 bypass north of Columbus; Innovation and A.I. in all aspects of industry and the need for persons trained in logistics.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the new pump stations hosted by Northwestern Water and Sewer District.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea 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