Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, September 16, 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.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Anna Subler introduced herself to the Board. Mrs. Subler is a new township resident and a native of Bowling Green. Mrs. Subler's background is in communications and wanted to offer her services to the township to help promote the township, offer assistance with social media and any other communications/marketing services deemed a priority. It was determined a meeting would be set up with Mrs. Petrea, Mrs. Limes and other township staff to continue the conversation.

Allan Berenbrok, Williams, reviewed the status of the Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) pending for the pipeline installation project. A question was raised over the Mercer Road RUMA approved earlier in the year and it was noted that Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anne Dimette was in possession of the most current draft. In addition, Mr. Berenbrok stated that Wood County Engineer John Musteric was in approval of the document contents. The Trustees voiced concerns over the amount of the performance bond. Due to the status of the most current RUMA documents, no decision was made by the Board.
In addition, the road crossing permits were reviewed with John Shinew. It was clarified that all drainage issues would be handled by the county. All boring will be under the roadways. Five township roads are involved in the pipeline construction.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the Road Use Maintenance Agreement and road crossing permits on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Motion approved.

Savannah Click, Lucas County, addressed the Board with her concerns over the environmental impact the data center could have on the area and stated her frustration over the decision to approve same. She was asked to send her data to the board members and subsequently asked to leave the meeting due to the direction of the conversation and tone of her commentary.

Roy Miller, Cross Creek Road, questioned the M-1 zoning and its parameters. Mr. Miller also questioned the use of the data center and power plant electric and water usage.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the September 2, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the September 3, 2026 special meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **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 provided the board with a copy of the Certificate of Estimated Resources provided by the Wood County Auditor.
- The August 2026 bank reconciliation was provided for Trustee review.
- Mrs. Limes and Mr. McDowell provided the board members with a copy of a proposed agreement with Stryker for new power load equipment that could be bundled into one contract. The board will review and a formal presentation from Stryker is expected at the October 7 meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Road Superintendent Chase Greulich provided a quote for three new trees to be planted at the township administration building at a cost of $3,750.
  Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) new elm trees for the front lawn of the township administration complex from Hollow Log Farms, Inc. at a price of $3750.00. Motion approved. Mrs. Limes noted the decision to replace the trees is based on two families who initially donated trees that did not survive but were planted in honor/memory of loved ones with a tie to the township, i.e. Jeff Ford, Zoning Inspector and James Bostdorff, Trustee.

- Tree removal at Hull Prairie and Roachton Roads was reviewed. A local resident is requesting additional trees be removed. It was determined no decision would be made until right-of-way markings were placed by the county engineer staff.
- The roadway painting of the railroad crossing was reviewed. It was determined that the area to be painted would be broomed/swept as well as possible to prepare the roadway. The cost of the project will be shared with the Village of Haskins. Total quoted price totals $1,900.00.
- Mr. Greulich provided the board with information on a new one ton pickup truck through Kalida Equipment. He was quoted a price of $55,000 noting the chassis could take 8-12 weeks for delivery.
- The road department plans to work on roadway repair with the Durapatcher in the coming weeks.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell indicated zoning permits have slowed down.
- A rezoning request is expected to be heard with regard to an A-1 Agriculture to R-3 Residential on a property located on Hull Prairie Road.
- Another rezoning request is being pursued with regard to a Five Point and River Road property that is considering moving from A-1 Agriculture to R-3 Residential. In addition a variance request is expected due to the front yard width requirements.
- Site plan review is expected for the Calphalon building. In addition, the retention ponds are being handled by the Wood County Engineers Office. The inside of the building is being renovated for offices.
- The first meeting of the Community Advisory Committee with Crossroads Consulting is scheduled for September 30 at 6:00 pm. Mr. McDowell noted that Dowling Road resident Beth Cole has been added to the slate of township representatives.
- Concerns have been raised and addressed with regard to work noise on the site of construction on Dexter Falls Drive.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Petrea stated she was in conversation with Attorney Peter Griggs with regard to the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) language. She was advised that the City of Bowling Green has approved the JEDD language as it stands.
- Air quality monitors were reviewed. Mrs. Petrea noted that the local EPA representative denied a request for an additional air monitoring system in the vicinity. Representatives from the Lake Erie West Regional Council (LEW) have a program in place to install air quality monitors from PurpleAir at approved sites. Questions revolved around calibrating the monitor, and how humidity and fog can play a role in the reporting.
- Work is on-going with cybersecurity updates with Dave Johnston, OhioFIT.
- Mr. Vetter stated that lighting on the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building are being assessed to avoid the lights being 'on' 24-7. A final inspection and walk-through are expected in the coming weeks.
- A Tier1 assessment is being held with regard to the intersection of St. Rts. 582 and 25.
- Mr. Moulton reported on a variety of issues from the Governing Board meeting at LEW which included dues, air quality reporting and the Rt. 23 bypass project north of Delaware.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Day was reported as another annual success! Mrs. Limes and Mr. Moulton reported on statistics and events. A wrap-up meeting is being scheduled by the committee for constructive suggestions for 2027.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of legal and contract review at 7:20 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Moulton – YES; Mrs. Petrea – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

The board returned to regular session at 7:36 pm.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion approved.

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Michael Moulton, Chairman	**Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee**
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Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman	**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**