Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, October 7, 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.

AMERICA250 Art Contest Winners were recognized with a framed certificate and copy of their original art to be displayed at their school. Student winners, their families and guests were honored individually by the township officials. All original artwork will be housed in a time capsule to be opened in 25 years. A display of the winning artwork will be hung at the township office.
Congratulations! The winners include:
Grades K–4: Sydney Taylor – 4th grade, Otsego Local School District
Grades 5–8: Lillian Meek – 7th grade, Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
Grades 9–12: Ana Rodebaugh – 11th grade, Anthony Wayne Local School District

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Probate and Juvenile Court Judge Candidate Doug Ruck addressed the township officials, staff and visitors in attendance. Mr. Ruck provided information on his professional and personal background, while outlining the details and scope of the judgeship. Mr. Ruck stated the seat is open due to the retirement of sitting Judge Dave Woessner.
- Leatra Harper, Bowling Green, questioned the status of the JEDD and questioned what businesses will be signing on to the contract. Mrs. Petrea noted the JEDD is in final stages and after the contract is established, businesses in the established area will be contacted. Mrs. Harper reiterated her concerns over further rezoning and any additional Title V gas plants. Mr. Moulton stated a decision on a formal agreement with Liames was being reviewed that would provide funds to the township for fire inspection services.
- Tracy Wyatt, Hull Prairie Road, questioned if a plan is provided of what a development will look like and it was confirmed that site plan review is held by the zoning commission. The buildings must conform to existing township zoning resolution. Ms. Wyatt questioned the style of buildings and changes to same. It was noted the county building inspector handles building material approval. In addition, the township has requested an updated rendering of the data center campus.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- EMS Department Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the September run volume report which includes transport data. In addition, he provided run surveys for trustee review.
- Derek Bobo was added to the third rider program as a Basic EMT.
- Discussions have been held with Burgess Ambulance and they have confirmed the new ambulance will be available at the end of November.
- Assistant EMS Chief Ron Bogedain will be retiring effective December 27, 2026. It was acknowledged that Chief Bogedain is in attendance at likely his last township board meeting after serving 28 years with the township. Mr. Bogedain was thanked by all in attendance with a show of support and standing ovation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire Chief Andy Carter began his report with a professional 'Thank You' to Assistant Chief Ron Bogedain for his years serving the township.
- Ben Brouwer, Stryker Company, was in attendance to review the proposed EMS+ Program. Mr. Brouwer reviewed the township's equipment inventory as well as new equipment on order, or to be replaced in the future. The program would equip two ambulances with the same pertinent equipment. The program would put all invoicing under one umbrella for the seven-year program. Discussion revolved around replacement of all equipment versus buying 'as needed' and income to offset the cost should be able to be seen with EMS billing through Medicount.
  Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the EMS+ Program with Stryker under the proposed seven-year plan as provided. Motion approved.
- Chief Carter explained a data transition is occurring from NIFRS to NEIRS. This is based on the Ohio Fire Marshall updating incident codes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (cont'd)

- Monthly and year-to-date run reports were provided for the board review.
- When to Work reports were provided that provide data on personnel work, training and more.
- The HAAS alert system is running on one (1) township fleet vehicle.
- All fire extinguishers (except the EMS building) have been inspected, including the Emergency Vehicle Storage Building (EVSB).
- Chief Carter indicated that multiple individuals are currently in Fire Fighter 1 class. There is a need for a Fire Fighter II class. Three seats for that course are available for Spring 2027 at a cost of $2,000 per student. Chief Carter indicated he would require from the student passage of the course and a one-year commitment to the township. Reimbursement back to the township would also be a requirement if the course is not passed.
  Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve sending three (3) township employees to Fire Fighter II school at a cost of $2,000 / student when the course is scheduled for Spring 2027. Motion approved.
- Perrysburg City is hosting Blue Card training, a leadership course for fire fighters.
  Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve sending Chief Andy Carter and Deputy Chief Andy Slife for Blue Card training at a cost of $485 / individual. Motion approved.
- Village of Haskins Trick or Treat will be held Saturday Oct. 31. The department plans to be in attendance at the parade.
- Repairs are needed to the skid unit which include small engine repair and a bad pump. Costs for rebuilding and replacement were reviewed.
  Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve replacing the necessary equipment on the skid unit at a quoted price of $5,031. Motion approved.
- The department will participate in the Touch a Truck event at Tractor Supply Company/TSC on Saturday November 7.
- Four department personnel will be in attendance with an engine at Otsego Local Schools on Friday, October 9 to discuss Fire Prevention with other neighboring departments.
- Questions with regard to fire extinguisher training were raised. Chief Carter indicated it was on a list of items they intend to handle.
- Chief Carter provided documentation from DLZ Group. The company could provide an expansion and concept study for the EVSB housing and expansion at a cost of $9,750. The board will review. It was noted that Pastula Design should be offered an option to provide a quote for the same service.
- Applications have been received for the new OP&F FT position with the township. Applicants will be interviewed by the October 21 meeting with a plan to provide a recommendation.
- Township resident Isabelle Fleig will be honored with a Service to Others Black Swamp Humanitarian Award on November 12. The Wood County Sheriff nominated Miss Fleig for the award. Earlier in the year she was honored with the Smoke Dog Award from the State Fire Marshall's office.
- Chief Carter noted that two BWC grants are available. One could give funding for an SCBA washing machine.
- Mr. Moulton questioned the status of the structure involved in last summer's Hull Prairie Road residence fire. No one has received information from an insurance company to date.
- The board held a final review of the Liames Fire Inspection Services Community Benefit Payment Agreement which totals $437,000.
  Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the Fire Inspection Services Community Benefit Payment Agreement with Liames LLC for $437,000. Motion approved.
- It was noted that a trailer with confined space rescue equipment was donated to the township by JE Dunn.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Information was provided with regard to a St. Rt. 64 improvement project information meeting scheduled for November 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bowling Green Community Center. This meeting is for officials in surrounding communities to hear options and provide input. The purpose is to discuss options that include enhanced traffic flow, safety, and ditch slide repair. A time for citizen input is scheduled from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of personnel and legal matters at 7:47 p.m. Role was called: Mr. Moulton – YES; Mrs. Petrea – YES: Mr. Vetter – YES

The Board returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – cont'd

- The board reviewed a quote from Yark Automotive for a new one-ton truck
  Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 one-ton truck from Yark Automotive at a cost of $78,787. Motion approved.
- The board reviewed a proposed road department equipment fee schedule. The purpose of establishing the fee schedule is to provide the township opportunity to invoice companies for road department equipment use as needed.
  Mr. Moulton moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded a motion to approve the provided Road Department Equipment Fee Schedule. Motion approved.
- A Tier V review by Lake Eric West Regional Council is being held with regard to Hull Prairie Road from St. Rt. 65 to Bishop Road.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the September 16, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mrs. Petrea moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the September 30, 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.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Vetter stated that grindings are available and could be used for the EVSB for a driveway around the east and south of the building. The Board agreed with moving forward.
- Mrs. Petrea discussed Union Hill Cemetery noting three trees are needing to be removed and efforts are underway to handle same.
- The first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Use Committee was held and dates are set for December and January meetings.
- Mr. Moulton discussed the New Belleville Ridge Joint Cemetery board 's plans to establish a columbarium/cremation garden on the grounds.
- The data center will hiring a new community relations manager for northwest Ohio. According to information provided to the board this week, the data center Phase I will be operational in 2027 and Phase II operational in 2028. The administration building is completed. Currently 1,000 skilled labor workers are on site.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded adjournment of the meeting at 9:24 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**