

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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 Cromley, Moulton, 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. Moulton moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve the October 4, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes provided the September bank reconciliation for Trustee review.
- Numerous residents have called the office requesting clarification on the electric aggregation issue on the ballot. Mrs. Limes noted that the township website has all ballot initiatives listed.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- The Trustee reviewed the course reimbursement agreement that will be provided to Sarah Frederick who is taking a Paramedic course. Chief Saunders will be notified that the agreement is drafted and ready for review and signature.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor noted that the Hull Prairie Road ditch bank repair project is going smoothly. Mr. Eckel stated that the ditches on Pargillis and Ovitt would be handled next.
- Tree stumps were removed in the subdivisions. One resident indicated she thought a sprinkling system line may have been hit. Mr. Eckel was waiting for confirmation.
- The township successfully purchased a leaf collection box on govdeals.com by Maumee that was for sale by the City of Maumee. Two leaf vacuums will be posted on govdeals.com in November and Mr. Eckel would like to purchase one for the road department use. The Board will review costs associated with this purchase at the November meetings.
- Fire trucks are being inspected and updated at W.W. Williams.
- Mr. Eckel has marked numerous street light poles in the subdivisions where the lights are either not working or malfunctioning. A list was submitted to the township First Energy representative Victor Coleman by Mrs. Limes.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided an update on zoning permits. He noted new homes are being built in Riverbend and new construction is happening at Forst Road and St. Rt. 65.
- The Zoning Commission held a meeting on October 11 for the purpose of reviewing a request to rezone an area at Hull Prairie and Five Points Roads from A-1 to R-4. Many residents were in attendance and Mr. McDowell told the Board that the developer withdrew the application. The developer stated he heard too much opposition to the project and chose to withdraw.
- Mrs. Limes and Mr. McDowell updated the Board on the next steps to be taken with regard to the Mansour property in Dunbridge. The certified letter was never claimed by Mr. Mansour. Mrs. Limes clarified that the post office did confirm that Mr. Mansour could have elected to have them place the letter in his box. The post office returned the original certified letter. Mrs. Limes and Mr. McDowell consulted with Attorney Peter Griggs. He advised that the letter be sent via regular US mail and that a legal notice be published. In addition, from the date of the publication, Mr. Mansour will again have 20 days to respond and the Board will need to take action within ten days.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve legal notices be published in the following newspapers with regard to the Mansour property and the Board's intent to remove the structures: The Sentinel-Tribune, Perrysburg Messenger-Journal, and The Blade. Motion approved.
- Mr. McDowell indicated that the Health Department has been contacted with regard to the Blanco residence on St. Rt. 25. Pictures have been taken and he has not had any contact with the family recently to work on a solution.
- The outdoor lights in the parking area at the curling center are to be modified with shrouds in the near future, as the center will be back open for the season.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Dowling Road resident Michael Stull shared his concerns over the ditch clean out. He indicated that brush was removed from the yard side of the ditch and that large pieces of debris were left in the yard. He felt the work was unsatisfactory and the bushes on the yard side did not need removed. Mr. Vetter indicated that this was a normal part of doing business for this type of work. The contractor was still working in the area and it was noted that Mr. Eckel would review the property the next day.

OLD BUSINESS

- Plain Township Trustee Donald Bechstein provided the Board with the one-year fire contract signed by his Board of Trustees for review and approval. It was noted that Trustee Donald Cromley attended the Plain Township meeting and confirmed that the records request was handled and that all township reports have been provided to the Plain Township Trustees.
Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a one-year fire coverage contract with Plain Township for an annual payment of \$30,000. Motion approved. Details of the contract are on file at the township office.
- The Board members reviewed quotes for running electricity to the new siren pole on the township site. Quotes were received from Lake Eric Electric and Schick Electric.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve contracting with Schick Electric at a quoted price of \$8,350 to install electric lines to the new siren pole at the township administration complex site. Motion approved.
- A quote was reviewed for installation of a new light pole at the township administration complex drive from Lake Erie Electric. The quoted price was \$5,600.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new light pole at the township administration complex driveway at a quoted price of \$5,600 from Lake Eric Electric. Motion approved.
- Mr. Moulton updated the Board on some new developments with regard to the Copeland lawsuit. He noted that CSX and GM Motors have both settled with the Copeland Estate. There was an interrogatory over the phone with Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Limes. Both officials clarified that the creation of the Road District was simply for the levying of taxes, not in any way to the efforts of determining road maintenance. More items need reviewed with the lawyers and Mr. Vetter will be needed on a call for some historical information of completed road work on King Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Trustees were provided with communication from the Wood County Engineers’ office with regard to Storm Water Enforcement. Concerns have been raised with regard to proper storm water drainage installation on the township administration complex property. Mr. Vetter is in discussion with the County Engineer to review and receive more information on what is expected to handle the situation.
- The next Hazard Mitigation Meeting is upcoming for Phase II discussions. Mr. Cromley noted that Kip McDowell was willing to serve as the Board liaison and Fire Chief Asmus will also be in attendance.
- Mr. Vetter stated his thanks to all emergency services personnel who responded to his recent equipment fire.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer