

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, November 1, 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. Fiscal Officer Limes was not in attendance. Stephanie Morris served as Clerk.

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.

***A moment of silence was held in honor of Paula Miles who recently passed away.
Mrs. Miles served as zoning clerk for the township for over 20 years.***

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the October 20, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- Mrs. Limes had shared prior to the meeting that Toledo Edison encouraged electronic payment for the siren electric line installation, in an effort to expedite the work order.
Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded a motion to approve electronically paying the Toledo Edison invoices for siren electric hook-up for the Hull Prairie Road and Forst Road sirens. Motion approved.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to change the start time of the December 20, 2023 meeting to 9:00 am. Motion approved.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula provided the October run report.
- The six new pair of gloves have arrived and are in service, along with three sets of fire gear. Three additional sets of gear are still pending delivery.
- The annual trick or treat in the Village of Haskins went well.
- Truck 662 is going to be delivered to W. W. Williams for maintenance check and pump test.
- Lieutenant Matt Ziegler stated that the new truck will not be in until 2024.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume report for October.
- A Mid County 120 ambulance was involved in an accident. Chief Saunders offered our older ambulance if needed, as well as any other assistance their department may need.
- The new mobile and handheld units have been received. The Marx IDs will be gathered to program same.
- An invoice was received for two flexible stretchers at a cost of \$1,259.98. This cost will leverage the training and equipment grant that totaled \$3,415.50.
- Sarah Frederick signed the course tuition agreement and a copy has been provided to the township.
- Recliners are in disrepair at the EMS station.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) recliners at a cost not to exceed \$500 / chair. Motion approved.
- Chief Saunders indicated that the current SurfacePro computers do not have SIM technology. They have researched the Panasonic Toughbook G2. The computer would be compatible with all software being utilized by the department personnel.
Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two Panasonic Toughbook G2 computers, with cell service based on quotes. Motion approved.
- The department is looking at the purchase of a new LifePack in 2024.
- Body armor is being discussed for personnel who are requesting it. If Chief Saunders feels it is a need, he will discuss with the Board, but feels it important to provide.
- Discussion revolved around the eclipse in April. Staffing of the departments will be critical.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Trustee Cromley mentioned sidewalks need replaced in Saddlebrook and Riverbend. It was noted that Riverbend sidewalks should be covered by the Homeowners' Association.
- A paving project is being discussed for Tontogany Road between St. Rt. 582 and King Road.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- The Mansour property owner was sent a letter via regular USPS mail. Three legal notices were published. The Board should be able to make a formal decision on demolition of the property at the November 15 meeting.
- It was stated that modifications were made to the lights at the curling center, however, it does not seem to have had the impact residents were expecting or hoping for.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trustee Moulton told the Board that mediation was held today with regard to the Copeland Estate lawsuit. The township did not settle and the township’s prosecutor, Linda Holmes, still feels the township will be released on the case.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Vetter discussed the question of shutting off lights at the USF Holland facility, since the company is no longer in service at its warehouse. Upon review with Linda Holmes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, she indicated a letter requesting that lights be turned off needed to be generated. Also, a question about the type of bankruptcy facing the company will be researched. The Board indicated they would like the tall lights shut off, leaving the bay lights on.
- Mr. Moulton is attending the TMACOG meeting on November 2.
- It was noted that the Ohio Township Association Conference is February 7-9, 2024, in Columbus.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Trustee

~~**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**~~