

# Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter 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. Susan Cordonnier served as clerk for a majority of the meeting.

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. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the February 29, 2024 special meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the March 6, 2024 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve Resolution 24-0320, 2024 Permanent Appropriations. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES; Mr. Vetter - YES**

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Jeff Eckel, Road Supervisor discussed updates needed for the new Ranger, including strobe lights, turn signals and a horn to make it street-legal.
- A sprayer with a 40 ft. BELIEVE THIS IS 15 NOT 40 boom for the Ranger has been quoted for \$400.00.
- Berming is on-going on Five Point Road.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve a purchase through TRULAND Equipment for the following equipment, pending approval from ODOT to leverage its price contract:**
  - **Through ODOT contract: John Deere tractor 6R 110 and loader 620N, 620R for \$148,167.36**
  - **Through SourceWell: JD R280 disk mower for \$15,667.08 and a Frontier AG20G root grapple bucket \$4,632.18**  
**Motion approved.**  
The Board is requesting Mrs. Limes to contact ODOT regarding the township utilizing their contract for pricing.
- Mr. Cromley noted he had received a complaint with regard to brush left in the ditch along Forst Road. The county has been asked to return to handle more debris removal on Forst Road between King and River Roads.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell updated the Board on the intent of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District to rezone property on St. Rt. 582 and are intending to negotiate land ownership with Liames LLC.
- Mr. McDowell noted that Liames LLC (property owners of the recently rezoned parcels between St. Rt. 582, St. Rt. 25 and Mercer Road) have identified their design team to start the site plan / design process. Mr. McDowell noted he and Township Clerk Susan Cordonnier attended a webinar on site plans.
- Article IX of the Zoning Resolution has been sent to Attorney Peter Griggs for review.
- The fountain situation in the Village of Riverbend is being reviewed by Attorney Peter Griggs. The fountain has been turned on and is an on-going issue for two residents who live in a home along the pond.
- The Curling Center is hosting a tournament the weekend of April 6, which will include the day of the eclipse, April 8. A tent will be set up outside and camping allowed on the premises.
- Assistant Prosecutor Linda Holmes is requesting a training session for zoning board members on April 24.
- Mr. Moulton noted he received a call regarding right-of-way standards from a property owner interested in plating trees along the front of his property along Reitz Road

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

- Garrett Weston? questioned whether a zoning change is needed or if rentals can be allowed in the new condominiums being built in Saddlebrook. It was noted that the condominium association should be questioned for some of these issues as the condominium was permitted and allowable based on current zoning regulations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Discussion with regard to portable restrooms for the eclipse day was discussed.
- The Mansour property will be seeded for grass this spring.
- Mrs. Limes indicated she sent inquiry to Attorney Peter Griggs with regard to assessing the taxes for the demolition of the Mansour property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A review of the meeting with Rob Fawcett, UIS Insurance and Investments, the township's OTARMA representative was held. It was noted that vehicles and equipment were reviewed. The sirens need insured and Mrs. Limes has been requested to send Mr. Fawcett locations and replacement costs. Rob Fawcett needs to provide information/coordinate on township property coverage.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve Trustee Fred Vetter as the proxy for the township OTARMA liability insurance policy. Motion approved.**

**Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion approved.**

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**Michael Moulton, Trustee**

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**Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman**

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**Fred E. Vetter, Chairman**

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**Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer**