

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, April 3, 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. 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. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes as provided with edits noted by Mr. Moulton. 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 noted that there were no updates on the ESO software module refunds. She noted they requested a credit on the renewal. The Board stated their willingness to pursue legal action if necessary. Mrs. Limes will submit this information to the contacts with the company.
- The Wood County Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan documentation was provided for review. The Resolution to accept the plan was tabled until the May 1 meeting.
- A planning meeting for the 2024 Safety Day was set for May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus provided the March run reports for Trustee review.
- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve hiring Josh Auxier as a Fire Fighter on a one-year probation. Motion approved.** Chief Asmus indicated he will likely attend the May 1 meeting to meet the Board.
- Chief Asmus indicated that the fire departments will be fully staffed from Sunday, April 7 through Tuesday morning April 9 due to the solar eclipse on April 8.
- Rescue Task Force training is scheduled for April 8 at Otsego High School and is a joint effort of local agencies.
- Assistant Chief Brian Kotula indicated that gear loaned to a fire fighter in Center Township has been returned.
- Inquiry was made from members of the fire department with regard to pursuing the purchase of a fire engine. The Board stated they should begin gathering information and specification for same.
- Assistant Chief Kotula questioned the status of the fire contract and boundaries with Webster Township. It was noted that no further discussion has been held.
- The Verizon wireless phone being used at Station 2 will be cancelled once new internet service is established. Amplex is planning an installation and Dave Johnston will be on-site to complete set up in the building and set up the printer.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Jerry Saunders reviewed the run volume report.
- Chief Saunders updated the Board on the new ambulance noting that there are no changes and none are expected to be made to the contract with Burgess Ambulance.
- The Trustees encouraged Chief Saunders to begin gathering specifications for the next ambulance, due to the timelines on ordering equipment.
- The new radios have been installed in the squads, with one of the units needing to be evaluated for power issues.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve accepting the EMS Assistant Chief Ron Bogedain's 277.94 hours of sick leave, the balance from his position at Springfield Township. Motion approved.** Mr. Bogedain recently retired from Springfield Township.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- The Trustees reviewed options for paving projects.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the following road paving projects per recommendation from the Wood County Engineer's office with regard to how best to bid the overall project:
 - **Ovitt Road, St. Rt. 64 to St. Rt. 65**
 - **Reitz Road, River Road to Hull Prairie Road**
 - **Reitz Road, Hull Prairie Road to the township boundary line****Motion approved.**

- The township shared information regarding the Engineer’s Office estimated cost of paving Reitz Road from the township line to St. Rt. 25 with Perrysburg Twp.
- A project quote was reviewed for road repairs on Tontogany Road that totaled \$127,900.
- Discussion was held between the Board and Fiscal Officer to plan to utilize American Rescue Plan funds for road projects. No final determination was made.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Moulton noted that discovery documents were sent to the township’s legal council with regard to the Copeland lawsuit.

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

Michael Moulton, Trustee

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer