

Middleton Township Trustees

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the June 5, 2024 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- The Trustees noted that Plain Township Trustees agree on the chip/seal project for their portion of Self Road. In addition, Center Township officials agreed to handle their portion of Cross Creek Road for a chip/seal project on Cross Creek Road between St. Rt. 25 and Mercer Road.
- Jeff Eckel, Road Superintendent indicated that Haas repaired overhead doors on the road maintenance building and a door at the fire station in Dunbridge.
- Foot pegs were cut off the tower to the siren at the Dunbridge fire station in an effort to curb unauthorized individuals from climbing to the top.
- The brush pile in the Village of Dunbridge needs cleaned up and moved. Signage is being requested to state that brush cannot gather on site and state the township's relationship with Renewed Outdoors for brush.
- Mr. Moulton questioned the status of a new road maintenance employee. Mr. Eckel indicated that Tom Dauer has been working for the department handling some yard mowing and a brake repair recently.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided an update on Board of Zoning Appeals hearings noting that the expansion of the driveway for Midway Animal Hospital was approved.
- In Addition, the noise decibel variance for the fountain in the pond at the Village of Riverbend was denied as requested by The Village of Riverbend Homeowners Association on behalf of Brian McCarthy.
- Mr. Moulton questioned the status of Midway Animal Hospital and Mr. McDowell noted they plan to expand on site.
- Mr. McDowell noted that preliminary drawings have been provided with regard to the Accordion project noting that numerous ponds will be developed. There has been some concern over the amount of geese that will be drawn to the site.
- The Trustees encouraged continued efforts to have the Blanco house on St. Rt. 25 turned over to the Health Department or condemned by the Middleton Township Fire Chief. The owner of the property as well as the entity/person paying the property taxes are being pursued.
- The property at 19767 N. Dixie Hwy owned by Julie Cope is being pushed to clean up with a deadline for same.
- The Trustees reviewed a concern with regard to signage at the Waterville Bridge roundabout and how it impedes safety and visuals.
- The condominium association for the Villas at Saddlebrook are in on-going disagreement with developers of adjacent property with regard to private roadways and continued development of the lots.
- The property on St. Rt. 25 owned by Julie Cope (under land contract) is being pushed to clean up with a deadline for same.
- Questions surfaced with regard to future property use at the Northeast corner of Devils Hole and Hull Prairie Roads.

OLD BUSINESS

- The status of the demolition of the home burned on Pargillis Road was questioned. Mrs. Limes noted the funds for demolition have been placed in a separate fund on the township books. The owner will need to submit an invoice to receive payment for same.
- Mr. Moulton indicated that the township website may be undergoing a different design than originally planned. More information will be provided at future meetings with a cost difference (if

any) from the original quote. **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of personnel discussions at 9:30 a.m. Role was called: Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Moulton – YES: Mr. Vetter – YES**

The Trustees returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the promotion of Chase Greulich on a 90-day probation as the Road Maintenance Supervisor effective immediately. Motion approved.

Mr. Greulich will be provided with a new cell phone and his contact information will be provided to all necessary emergency services departments in the area.

Mr. Grulich's compensation as road supervisor will be evaluated at the end of his probationary period and reviewed at the September 18, 2024 meeting of the Trustees.

Jeff Eckel will continue in the township employ as a full-time road maintenance employee.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 10:20 am. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Trustee

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer