

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, August 21, 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.

Mr. Vetter asked for a moment of silence to honor Mike Moulton whose father recently passed away. Mr. Moulton stated his appreciation for the support.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Mr. Moulton moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the August 7, 2024 meeting minutes as provided. 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 reviewed an update from the Board of Elections with regard to campaign signage on the grounds on election day, November 5.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion prohibiting election campaign signage at the township polling location – noting no signs permitted within 100 feet of polling entrance. Motion approved.
Mrs. Limes will submit the paperwork approving the use of the township building as a polling site on November 5.
- Mrs. Limes provided the Trustees with a draft fire contract with Plain Township, noting the Plain Township Trustees will meet on September 9 at 7:30 pm and requested township representation to review the contract as it stands.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Chase Greulich, Road Supervisor indicated that Envirocare had not removed the trees along Ft. Meigs Road.
- The Mansour property was discussed with regard to mowing. The Board stated they would like it left 'as is.'
- The Blanco property on St. Rt. 25 is overgrown. It was determined it would get mowed by township personnel.
- The Tontogany Road improvement project was completed. All were pleased with the final results.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve the township's financial responsibility with regard to the Tontogany Road improvement project by paying its portion based on estimates from the Wood County Engineers' office of \$184,000. Motion approved.
- It was noted that repair was on-going on Liberty Hi Road and the road is still closed.
- Mr. Greulich stated he has been requesting a replacement dumpster from N.A.T. for months now.
- A Riverbend resident has been requesting signage to encourage drivers to slow down in the subdivision. 25 mph signs will be installed in the Riverbend subdivision in an effort to curb traffic speed.
- The ditch bank slides on Ovitt Road will be repaired by the county.
- The need for the one-ton truck was reviewed as well as the need for a small dump trailer.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- Zoning Inspector Kip McDowell provided the permit report for Trustee review.
- Mr. McDowell indicated rezoning request applications have been submitted. One request is for approximately 90 acres on multiple parcels at the Busch property located at the Southeast corner of Mercer Road and St. Rt. 582. The other rezoning request is for approximately 67 acres on multiple parcels on St. Rt. 582 east of Interstate 75 owned by SDT1 Properties, LLC.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Ross Fought directed questions and comment to the Board on a variety of topics including:
 - the round-a-bout at St. Rt. 582 and its size to accommodate all variety of traffic at the data center site;
 - ability of home owners being able to sell their property along St. Rt. 25 which borders the new data center site;
 - township consideration to purchase his property south of the township complex;
 - location of the water/sewer lines in Dunbridge; and
 - limited Home Rule for the township.The Board addressed Mr. Fought’s concerns with no formal decisions being stated. Mr. Vetter did indicate he spoke to one of the St. Rt. 25 residents and provided contact information for Rex Huffman with the Port Authority.

OLD BUSINESS

- Pastula Design has submitted options for a meeting to review the status of the emergency services building.
Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Moulton seconded a motion to approve a special meeting for the purpose of facilities on Wednesday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m. Motion approved.
Mr. Moulton signed the agreement as the township board representative as provided by Pastula Design.
- Mr. Cromley noted he had reviewed the risk assessment survey with Road Supervisor Chase Greulich and would provide notes to Mrs. Limes for submission to KLA Risk Management.
- The Board noted that Rick Lundy, Cross Creek Road resident, shared his concerns over the recent tar/chip project on the eastern portion of Cross Creek Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- A representative from the Convention of States sent informational items to the Board for review. They will determine whether they wish to hear more at a future meeting.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Vetter seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Trustee

Donald E. Cromley, Vice Chairman

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer