

Middleton Township Trustees

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Trustees Bostdorff, Cromley and Vetter and Fiscal Officer Limes were in attendance. 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. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes as provided. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Cromley seconded approval of accounts and payroll as submitted. Motion approved.** A payment register is attached to the approved minutes.
- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve the time change of the May 19 meeting to 5:30 pm. Motion approved.** The meeting is being moved up due to a tree dedication service planned in memory of Jeff Ford that evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Steve Asmus updated the Trustees on run report date for April and YTD.
- Mr. Asmus was copied on letters from the EPA to area residents who did not have authorized burn permits.
- **Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to approve Dustin Decker as a fire fighter on a one-year probation. Motion approved.**
- A Fire Fighter 1 class will be made available in August. Mr. Asmus clarified that volunteer fire fighters do not have to be classified with FF1 status, but that they are working toward that goal within the department.
- The bridge at the BioFit facility on St. Rt. 64 is being replaced. The department will park Truck 662 at the site while construction is on-going and the Trustees agreed on the use of the equipment for that purpose.
- Hose and ladder testing will occur on May 13 through OhioCAT at a lot on the BGSU campus.
- Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to accept Lt. Ben Valis' request to no longer serve as an officer of the fire department effective immediately. Motion approved.
- Quotes are being obtained for wired headsets to be used in Truck 681. The wireless headsets are not working properly.
- A draft AutoAid Agreement with Center Township was distributed for Trustee review.
- The department staff who have taken the RN to Paramedic course are almost done and will be taking their national registry test.
- Eric Featzka, Matt Ziegler and Mike Wulff have all completed and passed their EMT course.
- Currently Angel Korotanyi and David Mondul are taking Fire Fighter 2 courses.
- Chief Asmus and Assistant Chief Kotula are heading to Fire Marine to inspect and check on status of new the new engine.
- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the purchase of Class A hats for the fire department personnel at a cost of \$94.79 / hat from Superior Uniform. Motion approved.**
- **Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the quote for the dedication plaque in honor of Capt. Ron Asmus. Motion approved.**
- Mr. Vetter reviewed the location of sirens in the township and surrounding communities.

EMS DEPARTMENT

- Chief Matt Bechstein reviewed the run volume report for April and YTD.
- An area boy scout troop is visiting/touring the EMS building on May 11.
- The department has been asked to be involved in the Otsego Schools senior parade on May 22. A squad and fire truck will be taken over to participate throughout the district.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the finalization of the LTAP Sign Grant. Motion approved. Mrs. Limes will handle the final paperwork authorizations.
- Subdivision street estimates have been reviewed. There are additional items to consider with regard to sidewalks and handicap accessibility.

- Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve Zimmerman Paint Company to handle the striping of the roadway when the turn land project is completed outside the township administration complex at a quoted price of \$9,800. Motion approved.
- A quote from Lake Eric Construction of \$3,475 for rpm monuments???
- Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve the old zoning department truck be placed on govdeals.com. Motion approved.
- A speed limit sign has been questioned for Five Point Road by an area resident.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to accept the balance of Chase Gruelich’s sick leave at the time of his departure from Wood County. Motion approved.** Mrs. Limes will clarify the balance with the Engineers’ Department.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mr. Vetter moved, Mr. Cromley seconded a motion to approve increasing the uniform allowance to \$300 for township personnel. Motion approved.**
- The Mother of Sorrows cemetery committee will be utilizing the township road building for a meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 5:30 pm.

VISITOR COMMENTS

- Wade Gottschalk, Director, Wood County Economic Development Commission reported to the Trustees with information on the property at 20750 Midstar Drive, currently occupied by Calphalon. Mr. Gottschalk confirmed that Calphalon would be leaving the facility at the end of June. The abatement was assigned to them and the building is still owned by REIT. Calphalon will remain the tenant and will be subletting the building to the next tenant. The new company will take over the school commitment. Approval for the abatement would follow the normal channels, i.e. schools, township, and commissioners. Details are still being worked out among all the parties.
- Gavin Smith, Monarch Court resident, addressed the Trustees with a proposed plan for the King Road property. He has an interest to utilize the site as a veteran’s retreat and offices. Jason Graven from Bowling Green State University, was also available to discuss the use of the building for rehabilitation for veterans, providing physical fitness opportunities. The veteran’s group with which he is involved is a non-profit. The Trustees encouraged the men to contact wood county building inspection for guidance on the proper use of the zoning.
- Scott Jeremy, King Road resident, approached the Trustees about vacating the old road in the Village of Hull Prairie north of his property. He was encouraged to reach out to the county commissioners, as this falls under their authority.

Mr. Cromley moved, Mr. Bostdorff seconded a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussions at 8:20 pm. Role was called: Mr. Bostdorff – YES; Mr. Cromley – YES; Mr. Vetter – YES.

The Trustees returned to regular session at 8:55 pm.

Mr. Bostdorff moved, Mr. Cromley seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion approved.

Fred E. Vetter, Chairman

Donald E. Cromley, Trustee

James F. Bostdorff, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer