

Middlefield Township

December 10, 2018 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Robert Troyer.

Present were Trustees Robert Troyer, Mervin Miller, Paul Porter, Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Pierce, Secretary Heidi Snyder and the following guests were in attendance: guests Jerry Thomas and Robert Demko.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by M. Miller to approve November 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by P. Porter.

R. Troyer turned floor over to guests as first order of business, as per custom. Jerry Thomas is present to discuss the "Middlefield Means Business" signs he has seen and his concern over the annexation of township property by the Village of Middlefield and whether or not it could be opposed. He felt it was beginning to encroach on the scenic nature of the township. R. Troyer briefly explained annexation, the role of County in the process, and the last 150 acre annexation. J. Thomas moved on to state he has also heard of the use for marijuana processing plant. P. Porter shared the Township view on the matter and that the Village opted to go in that direction despite Township opposition. J. Thomas had nothing further.

Robert Demko thanked M.A. Pierce for smooth transition of healthcare. He also questioned whether any conversation occurred with Burton Township on the repairs that need to be done on Station Road. R. Troyer advised that Trustee Dan Whiting was invited to attend a Middlefield Township meeting to discuss. R. Demko mentioned article in paper and that he had attended the last Burton Township Trustee meeting to express displeasure on the tax assessment after Burton had access to state funds but did not pursue them, but instead seeks to have residents pay for road improvements that should be allocated from the roads tax. He stated he resides on the Burton side of Station Road and that it is zoned industrial. Road is in bad shape. R. Troyer explained the 5-year deal and that it did not seem to be working. Trustees are open to discussion with Burton about road. R. Demko wonders if funds could be pursued through county and state. All are hopeful resolution can be reached.

Old Business

Garage Addition plans. P. Porter presented an estimate from Richard Beck for architectural drawings. He is substantially cheaper than the other estimates from architects for project of garage addition plans. Discussion regarding retainer and Mr. Beck's working with county. Motion made by M. Miller to accept bid of Richard Beck & Associates, seconded by P. Porter. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-22: Resolution to Accept Bid of Richard Beck & Associates

NOPEC Grant. M.A. Pierce advised that all paperwork is complete and grant will be approximately \$5400.

No other old business.

New Business

January Gauga Township Association Meeting: Meeting is January 9, 2019 at Parkman Community House.

Discussion regarding registration for those attending.

Resolution 2018-20: Resolution to Accept Amended Tax Amounts (Due to Passage of Levy). Motion by M. Miller to accept resolution as written, seconded by P. Porter. Roll Call. All in favor. Discussion ensued. Robert Dawson and Joyce Fetzer selected.

Resolution 2018-21 is Newcomb Road Resolution authorizing M.A. Pierce and R. Troyer to initiate payment to Ronyak Paving by releasing funds through Ohio Public Works Commission in amount of \$555,669.70. Merv Miller made motion to adopt resolution. Paul Porter seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The year-end meeting of the Board of Trustees will be December 31, 2018 at 2:00.

Paul Porter will attend Ohio Township Association Conference. It is a 4-day leadership academy event.

No other new business.

Reports

Road Superintendent: Cost to pave Swine Creek was about \$65,000 and patchwork \$7,000 – about \$72,000 total. Can breakdown to calculate cost per tenth for other projects. Beyond Tucker Hill still should be done. There are ditches and trees that need attention.

Service Garage: Tom's truck needed brakes. Repairs this year close to \$10,000. Cylinder work needs done on two different vehicles. Discussion on costs to repair verses a newer vehicle. A control box was also replaced.

Fire District: Nothing new.

Ambulance Service: Nothing to report.

Sheriff's Report: Monthly report reviewed.

Fiscal Officers Report

Management Report: October and November management reports distributed, reviewed and signed.

Payment of Bills: Bills were presented for payment. Motion to pay bills by M. Miller and seconded by P. Porter. Bill's paid in the amount of \$52,347.83. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks signed. Bills paid.

Adjournment: No further business before the Board. Paul Porter made motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Merv Miller. All in favor. No further discussion or opposition to the motion as stated, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Robert Troyer, Chairman

Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

Minutes by Heidi Snyder, Secretary