

Middlefield Township

March 9, 2020 – 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 and Paul Porter, Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Pierce and Secretary Heidi Snyder, and guests Mayor Ben Garlich and Tony Hylton.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda

Mayor Garlich and The Opportunity Zone are addition(s) to agenda.

Approval of Minutes

February 10, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Miller made motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Porter. All in favor. Minutes approved as written.

No updates on building addition. Brief discussion on budget. No other old business

New Business

The Opportunity Zone: Mayor Garlich is given the floor and is present to discuss The Ohio Opportunity Zone Tax Credit Program. The local Zone is a stretch of land from Burton-Windsor to Shedd, all the way to Trumbull County. The new rule permits 10 years to invest if there is a tax liability. There is a seminar on March 19 and the Mayor invites all interested to attend and to extend the invitations to potential interested parties including Amish community. Tickets or reservations can be made on Eventbrite.

Fire Dept. The Mayor also shared that he met with auditor regarding the Fund and thinks it looks pretty good but it should continue to be reviewed in light of their carryover for salary/payroll. He reminded that the Fire Department is not a Village entity.

Brief discussion regarding residential matters and a question raised by a property owner who had been annexed and wondered if it could be undone.

Mayor Garlich departed.

Resolution 2020-01: Resolution to increase temporary appropriations to make loan payment was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Porter to adopt resolution as written. Seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor. Resolution adopted.

2019 Mileage Certification: The 2019 mileage certification was reviewed and certified by Mr. Troyer as required.

2020 Boundary Validation: Boundary validation from Census Bureau with Boundary Map reviewed and confirmed.

Executive Session concerning employment matters.

Reports

Road Superintendent: Mr. Miller advised that some cold patching has been done.

Service Garage: Staffing should be back up some time after April 1 when snow birds return.

Fire District: Mr. Porter advised that there still is no new signed contract.

Ambulance Service: Nothing to report.

Sheriff's Report: Report reviewed.

Fiscal Officers Report

Management Report: Reports and Bank reconciliations distributed for January and February, reviewed and signed. Purchase orders reviewed and signed.

Payment of Bills: Bills/checks were presented for payment in amount of \$38,197.31. Motion to pay bills in amount of \$38,197.31 was made by Mr. Porter and seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks signed. Bills paid.

Adjournment: No further business before the Board. Mr. Miller moved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Porter seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Robert Troyer, Chairman

Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

Minutes by Heidi Snyder, Secretary