

**Middlefield Township  
Minutes  
August 14, 2023 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Present Trustees: Robert Troyer, Mervin Miller and Paul Porter, Fiscal Officer, Mary Ann Pierce, Tony Hylton, John Kochy and Melissa Channell.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting are delayed due to emergency absence of secretary.

John Kochy is given the floor. Contacted state about signage about 2 issues no Jake brakes and the buggy lane not being utilized for passing on the right. Trustees are happy to assist in the process and ask for more enforcement or visibility on 528 to deter. Also would like assistance in getting a deadline for the pot processing plant to reduce emissions from the plant – the stench is offensive and he is the closest. Skunk smell has permeated. Mayor Garlich had given a deadline that was to be March 31 – it is supposed to be odorless. Township supports the Village process whatever they decide. Mr. Kochy wants Township to go speak to Mayor and move process along. Mr. Troyer will speak with and if needed can invite Mayor to meeting as well. The penalty currently is no good if not implemented. They were outside caulking after last call. He spoke to someone he knows at Dow Chemical and feels there is much more they can do to ensure nothing is escaping from the plant. As to the signage, Mr. Miller mentioned Sheriff's Department monitors the corner for buggy lane and there has been a Jake brake sign put on 87.

**Old Business**

- A. Reminder Budget Hearing:** Monday, August 23, 1:45 Courthouse Annex. Should have no issues.
- B. Plan Savings (Building Addition):** Discussed the architect and contractor cost-saving measures, including parking. Suggest taking out excavation/parking and pour concrete and swing a sidewalk around which will save money. Consensus this makes sense. Also drain lines discussed. Based on bid per foot they will be able to recalculate. Construction at end of month or after holiday weekend.

**New Business**

- A. OTARMA Proxy Statement:** Need to have proxy statement to appoint an individual to act as a liaison. It is currently Ms. Pierce. Mr. Porter spoke with them once. Will list Ms. Pierce and Mr. Porter. With regard to a recent incident, Mr. Porter explained his conversation with OTARMA that they did not cover expenses related to accident. Under O.R.C. resident needs to turn in to insurance company and his deductible will be reimbursed due to the other party being a government agency.

Resident will follow to process.

**B. Geauga Public Health:** Ms. Pierce received a notification concerning yearly charge for water inspection but that is not a service that is provided to Township so Ms. Pierce completed form and returned to them accordingly.

**C. 528 Road Situation:** John Kochy.

Back to addition project plans, on the issue of permits, will need sewage permit and all other building permits will follow.

### **Reports**

**Roads:** Mr. Hylton advised waiting on chipping. Durkee is done and will be chipped. Swine Creek will be chipped. Have been adding grindings to it and it has been holding up. Adams will get single chipped, Bridge and Hayes B to 87. A lot of ditching done this month. Did a lot on Adams off 608 to get ready for chipping. Not going to do driveway this year – will wait until after the addition.

**Garage:** Gradall still being worked on. Also had a problem with paver but that has been handled. Having Nauvoo Machine do some work on it.

**Fire District:** Had meeting last Monday (8/7/23). Wording needed approved to submit the issue for the replacement levy on the upcoming ballot. The increase is nearly 2 mils. Existing levy has one more year and this will replace it.

**Ambulance service:** Nothing to report.

**Sheriff's report:** Report received and in folders for review.

### **Fiscal Officer's Reports**

**Bank/Management Report:** Ms. Pierce provided management reports and bank reconciliation for July and August. Reports reviewed and signed. Bills, purchase orders and checks presented to pay bills in the amount of \$83,270.89. Motion to pay bills in said amount by Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor. Bills paid in the amount of \$83,270.89.

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

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Robert Troyer, Chairman

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Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

Minutes transcribed by Heidi Snyder, Secretary