

## **Middlefield Township**

### **June 11, 2018 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Troyer. Present were Trustees Robert Troyer, Mervin Miller and Paul Porter, Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Pierce, Secretary Heidi Snyder, and the following guest was in attendance: resident John Endruschat.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda**

One addition to the agenda: Newsletter.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 14, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed and presented for approval. Paul Porter motioned, seconded by Merv Miller to approve minutes as presented. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Floor was given to guest John Endruschat, who has just moved to Township in February. He is present to discuss the issue of Jake brakes used by trucks driving by. His wife has a home business. He stated that every day a particular gray semi with "Cummins" on it engages the Jake brake and he would like it to stop. He spoke with the Sheriff's Department who suggested he come down and seek the Township pass a resolution prohibiting the use of Jake brake in township and have signs posted for same. The person does this at all hours of day. Discussion continued. Mr. Troyer and Mr. Miller raised the concern over enforceability. The person is known to trustees. Mr. Porter will approach the gentleman and request he cease the practice. If this does not resolve the issue, the trustees will go to next step of township resolution.

Mr. Endruschat also inquired about the pile of asphalt by road. Mr. Miller explained that it is utilized in township road repair.

#### **Old Business**

**Newcomb Road Project:** Bids were due today (June 11, 2018). Bids were from Burton Scott, Chagrin Paving, Karvo Construction and Ronyak Paving. Karvo was highest bid. Ronyak was the lowest and winning bid at \$947,745.00. The bid is now pending approval of federal and ODOT. May require special meeting to pass resolution, with 24 hour notice to public needed.

**Salt Bill:** Last year, 247 tons of salt were used; this year 250 tons were used. The bill is \$7,403 at \$29 per ton. Mr. Miller suggested that for next salt season, 250 tons should be requested.

**Spring Cleanup:** Ms. Pierce advised that no check has been received for scrap recycling portion of the cleanup. No bill has been received yet either. Mr. Porter will call if necessary.

No other old business.

#### **New Business**

**Resolution – Advance Real Estate Tax:** Ms. Pierce advised a resolution is needed to request an advance of the real estate taxes. Merv Miller made motion for the resolution. Mr. Porter seconded.

**Resolution 2018 – 12:** Resolution – Advance Real Estate Tax. Roll call: Robert Troyer – Aye. Paul Porter – Aye. Mervin Miller – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NOPEC Voting Designation:** Received letter from NOPEC with default designation of Robert Troyer as appointed

designee. Brief discussion ensued and Mr. Porter will be designated as Township Designee.

**Newsletter:** Discussion was had on past newsletter and believe Kathy McClure of Lamar Printing assisted with the last newsletter. Will need to contact. Issues to be considered for inclusion in newsletter include Newcomb Road Project, registering to vote/absentee ballots, road levy funds remaining in township, perhaps cost of project and source of funds. Will target July to get out semi-annual newsletter.

**Road/Bridge Levy:** Ms. Pierce raised the issue of a road and bridge levy and asked if the Township wanted to put on November ballot. Discussion ensued on whether it is too late to get the issue on the ballot? What should be the millage? 2.5 Mil was agreed. It would go a long way to replenish the roads funds now that the Newcomb Road Project will begin. It would allow progress on repairing roads for more longevity. It was determined that it should be considered now to get on the ballot, if possible. Mr. Porter motioned to put 2.5 Mil levy on November 2018 ballot. Merv Miller seconded. Resolution 2018 – 13: Resolution – Placement of New Additional 2.5 Mil Road and Bridge Levy to be Placed on November 6, 2018 Ballot for Vote. Roll call: Robert Troyer – Aye. Paul Porter – Aye. Mervin Miller – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

No other new business.

### **Reports**

**Road Superintendent:** Discussion was had on issue raised last month on the shared roads and the dust issue and whether we have cost information to provide to Mr. Ikeler and Parkman Township. Mr. Miller gave numbers on last year's projects, using Hayes Road as example, in order to consider partial pave of Dead-End Shedd, which using the example is estimated that one-quarter mile would be \$13,000. Using an alternate process, an asphalt company coming in might be looking at \$6,000-\$8,000 in materials which provides a range. Mr. Miller will contact Mr. Ikeler in advance of the next Parkman Township Trustee meeting regarding same. Will give an estimate of \$7,500 for materials and go as far as those materials will go – in theory reaching a little more than the ¼ mile discussed.

With regard to the Chipmunk Lane issue, Mr. Miller is of opinion that until the water on the West side recedes – which is Burton's responsibility – there is not much to do.

**Service Garage:** Nothing major going on, but trucks will need brakes before Winter.

**Fire District:** Meeting tonight, June 11, 2018, immediately preceding this meeting. There will be a fire levy on ballot for November. All paperwork is ready.

**Ambulance Service:** Bob Audet was supposed to be at meeting tonight. There is a computer interface for training purposes – a smart board – that they would like to get and utilize in the meeting room. It would be used perhaps once a month. Brief discussion and education on smart boards. None opposed, but Trustees would like dimensions for meaningful consideration.

**Sheriff's Report:** Report was reviewed.

### **Fiscal Officers Report**

**Management Report:** Report reviewed.

**Payment of Bills:** Mr. Porter made motion to pay bills. Mr. Miller seconded the motion all in favor. Bills were paid in the amount of \$35,786.26.

**Adjournment:** No further business was brought before the Board. Paul Porter motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Merv Miller, at 8:12 p.m. All in favor. With no further discussion or opposition to the motion as stated, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

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Robert Troyer, Chairman

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Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

*Minutes prepared by Heidi Snyder, Secretary*