

Middlefield Township

July 9, 2018 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mervin Miller. Present were Trustees Mervin Miller and Paul Porter, Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Pierce, Secretary Heidi Snyder, and the following guest was in attendance: Dr. Bob Evans, Marilyn and Bob Wirth, Carissa Shaffer, Joyce Porozinsky and Jim Zuccaro on behalf of OTARMA.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 11, 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 guests. Joyce Porozinsky spoke first. Present on behalf of the Woodsong Homeowners Association (Middlefield Village resident) along with Mr. and Mrs. Wirth and Ms. Shaffer to discuss alleged nuisance on Crestwood. She claims property on Crestwood has been problem since 1999 and has filed Nuisance complaint with County. The residents set forth their position concerning property and its resident. Has 7-10 vehicles in yard and boat. Looks like junk yard. Builds bonfires. Has a large stack of wood pallets. Wonder if he is going to build a fence. She has called fire department on him. Fire on June 29 was so bad that residents in Woodsong smelled it still the next day. Mr. Wirth mentioned he saw a rat run from the property during the June 29 burn. He questioned whether fuel could be leaking into the ground as all of the vehicles have gas tanks or into the water table. He intends to report the property to the health department and EPA. He wonders if the pallets are to build a tree house. Mrs. Wirth claims the residents on Crestwood are also not happy with the situation, although no residents are present from Crestwood. Ms. Shaffer feels it is a safety issue. These residents feel it diminishes their property values and might deter future residents from purchasing in Woodsong. They would like it cleaned up or a fence built and want to know if there is anything Middlefield Township can do. Trustees Miller and Porter advise there is no zoning on Crestwood. After receiving copy of the complaint, Mr. Porter had driven by the property but could not see much due to the foliage. The residents asked if Middlefield Township could put a fence there. Mr. Porter explained that the Township cannot force the resident to erect a fence or do it themselves. Will consider letter to property owner setting forth concerns. In the meanwhile, suggest they continue to contact the fire department when open burning. Mrs. Porozinsky will be attending the Middlefield Village meeting concerning the same. They will investigate further, thanked the Trustees for listening, and departed.

Next, Jim Zuccaro on behalf of OTARMA/Summit Insurance, advised many townships are going to their own group plans. New offerings include data breach coverages. They will be returning part of last year's premium. They have an independent provider who will be appraising buildings over \$50,000. Our policy covers general liability, blanket building, wrongful acts, automobile liability, blanket building coverage, etc. He detailed coverages and advised they do not do mid-term renewals (i.e. if twp gets a new truck or sells an old one). Mr. Porter inquired about the offering of health insurance. Mr. Zuccaro will refer the health insurance counterpart to call. Mr. Zuccaro departed.

Next Dr. Evans stated he would like to comment positively on Swine Creek chip and seal to Adams. Roads were briefly discussed. The pub mill is doing a great job. He wonders if it will be done beyond Adams. Mr. Miller advised, not this year but perhaps next year. Mr. Miller advised they did double chip and seal.

Conversation shifted back to Crestwood. Dr. Evans recalled a retired teacher used to attend Trustee meetings on behalf of the residents of Crestwood. Then brief discussion on the upcoming Township Association meeting (July 11 at St. Dennis Golf Club). Dates are usually communicated by email.

Old Business

Newsletter: Need to contact Kathy McClure of Lamar Printing who assisted with the last newsletter. Phone and left voicemail requesting callback concerning next newsletter.

Road/Bridge Levy: Prosecutor's Office advised resolution needs re-wording and re-submitting. Discussion ensued regarding likelihood of meeting deadline to submit to BOE by the August 8 deadline.

Audit: Mary Ann Pierce updated on status of the Audit which has its timeline moved up and is in progress.

No other old business.

New Business

Jim Zuccaro - OTARMA: See above.

Nuisance Complaint: See above.

2019 Budget: The budget needs to be submitted to the County and requires resolution. Paul Porter motioned to accept budget to submit the budget to County. Mervin Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-15: Resolution to Submit Budget to County.

No other new business.

Reports

Road Superintendent: Mr. Miller advised several road projects have completed and shared the cost of each of those projects: Peters Road - \$18,392; Hayes Road - \$21,399; Swine Creek A - \$6,673. With patch work, \$52,309.82 has been spent to date/season. Next up will be to continue down Swine Creek. Dr. Evans inquired about taking it down to Hayes Road and wondered if the Park District has been involved. Mr. Porter will contact Parks and County.

Service Garage: Tire on one of the trucks needed repaired.

Fire District: Nothing new.

Ambulance Service: Nothing new.

Sheriff's Report: Report reviewed.

Fiscal Officers Report

Management Report: Report reviewed and signed.

Payment of Bills: Bills presented for payment in the amount of \$76,362.01. Mr. Porter made motion to pay bills. Mr. Miller seconded the motion all in favor. All in favor. Bills were paid in the amount of \$76,362.01.

Adjournment: No further business was brought before the Board. Merv Miller motioned, seconded by Paul Porter to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor. With no further discussion or opposition to the motion as stated, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Robert Troyer, Chairman
Minutes prepared by Heidi Snyder, Secretary

Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer