

Middlefield Township

October 8, 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: Mary Ann Kneier, Ryan Hollesh, John Endrushat, Clint Fisher, Robert Demko, Don Rice (on behalf of Metzenbaum) and Jeff Lampson (on behalf of Community Care Ambulance (arrived later)).

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Porter to approve September 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Miller.

R. Troyer greeted guests and turned floor over to guests as first order of business, as per custom.

Mary Ann Kneier is present to request assistance in reference to the speed limit on Nauvoo Road. She would suggest if be lowered by 10 miles per hour from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. She believes there has been a large increase in traffic and pedestrian traffic. Ms. Kneier has a golf cart and due to a change in the law, she's no longer permitted to drive her golf cart on the street. She requested an exception to the rule. We will communicate with the Sheriff's Department and the County.

John Endrushat returns concerning the issue with the loud truck using the Jake brake. He states the trailer is empty and even "bob-tailed." He thinks it has escalated beyond talking. P. Porter had previous discussion with the offending party. Contact the sheriff's department as the driver does not have a CDL license. A sign will be requested from the state of Ohio to be posted concerning engine retarders. Suggested to also contact the state highway patrol.

Clint Fisher with Ryan Hollesh are present to discuss water drainage at 16651 Peters Road. They believe ditch work or a cross pipe is needed. There is water back up at his property but not across the street. They put a backflow drain in Ryan's basement as a result. M. Miller will have Township dig it out, have it examined and proceed the best we can. There may be three houses at issue.

Rob Demko is present to say thank you for having him on to work through the summer. R. Troyer shared our appreciation with him and stated if Rob is interested next year he should let us know. Brief discussion continued on his experience and plan to work through October.

Don Rice, present on behalf of Metzenbaum, shared demographic information on the people helped by Metzenbaum services. They have four people in their 90s and even children in utero now. He requested that if there is someone in our community that we know of who would benefit from their services to please put them in touch with Metzenbaum and provided the contact number of 440-729-9406. He shared that they currently have 134 people out working in the community. About half of the funds Metzenbaum receives are spent on residential support. Funding from the state has declined nearly \$1,000,000. No levy however is currently on the ballot.

Jeff Lampson is present on behalf of Community Care Ambulance to discuss its educational needs. P. Porter mentioned we had been aware of the need for educational space. Considering reconfiguring offices. The current immediate need would be just the Smartboard. P. Porter will be in touch with Jeff. Permission is given to get the Smartboard put up.

Old Business

Bob Reichert ditch rear drainage issue near Creek was raised by P. Porter. It has continued to be too wet to address.

No other old business.

New Business

Don Rice – Geauga County Board of DD: See above (Metzenbaum Center Quick Facts information sheet retained on file).

Resolution to Accept 2019 Budget Amounts from Budget Commission: Resolution 2018-18: Resolution to Accept 2019 Budget Amounts from Budget Commission. P. Porter made motion to accept the 2019 budget amounts, and M. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Community Care Ambulance: See above.

No other new business.

Reports

Road Superintendent: Swine Creek done. Double chip and sealed. Tom got a call from Nick Gorris. Some of the shoulders are soft. Engineer's Office will Mark that out. We will make the adjustments. Brief discussion had about hourly rates for seasonal crew. Tucker Hill will need to be done in future. Bridge Road needs to have ditches moved back and would like to start that as early as this fall.

Service Garage: Tar truck is leaking. It is at end of life. Will try to patch weld. The remaining trucks need brakes. May need an injection pump. Mr. Miller would like to see Township get a 1-ton dump truck for the smaller jobs to help save on wear and tear on the big trucks.

Fire District: Nothing.

Ambulance Service: Discussed above. Discussion about possible expansion and public access and parking.

Sheriff's Report: Report reviewed.

Fiscal Officers Report

Management Report: No management report because bank statement did not arrive yet.

Payment of Bills: Bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$64,073.74. Motion to pay bills made by Merv Miller. Paul Porter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Reminder about Geauga County Township Association dinner next month. No further business was before the Board. Merv Miller motioned, seconded by Paul Porter to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. All in favor. With 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