

## **Middlefield Township**

### **August 12, 2019 – 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 Guests, Don Rice of Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Resident(s): Mary Ann Kneier (Bill Ziegler arrived later).

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Guest topics and under new business, 2020 Township Projected Road Projects Form due to County.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

July 8, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed. P. Porter made motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by M. Miller. All in favor. Minutes approved.

#### **Floor given to guests by Chairman Troyer.**

Floor given to Don Rice. Information shared on services provided to Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities work and scope of individuals and communities served. 950 people served in 2018. Services are up and employees are down. Some things are out sourced. There are over 200 people aged between 20s and 90s in residential care, where 60% of spending currently goes. Youngest child receiving services is 1 month old. The Facebook page holds more information including community carnival. Printed information sheets were provided to all present. Brief question-and-answer session. Mr. Rice reminded all to refer families in need of services. Trustees thanked Mr. Rice. Mr. Rice then departed.

Mr. Ziegler arrived.

Floor given to Mrs. Kneier. She advised that she does not have time to pursue the speed limit change due to some family concerns, and has not taken photographs due to privacy considerations of residents on Nauvoo Road. She does not want to infringe on residents' privacy. Mr. Troyer shared his conversation with the Sheriff's Department regarding targeted enforcement for Nauvoo Road. The Sheriff's Department has staffing issues currently and would not be able to commit to it. However once staffing increases, their targeted enforcement was proposed at 300 hours per year at \$27 per hour. Mrs. Kneier mentioned she has seen patrol car a couple of times, which is good progress, and has also seen some County folks on the road. Targeted enforcement was briefly discussed, but consideration is tabled. All wished Mrs. Kneier well and she then departed meeting.

Mr. Ziegler is present to express gratitude at the addressing of the dust issue on Dead-end Shedd. Chip and seal performed on a portion of his street. He is very happy. Trustees appreciate his presence and gratitude. Brief discussion on roads. Mr. Ziegler then departed meeting.

#### **Old Business**

**Traffic patrol cost letter.** Response was \$27 per hour for three hundred hours per year, when they have the officer availability they will advise and we will consider option at that time.

No additional old business.

## New Business

**Don Rice, Superintendent, Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities:** (See above)

**Valley Ford:** F-550 truck, with plow, bed, spreader discussed for purchase. Motion to make resolution to purchase vehicle made by Merv Miller, **Resolution 2019 - 12**, seconded by Paul Porter. All in favor. Resolution prepared accordingly.

Next meeting, September 9, Mr. Troyer will not be present. Discussion regarding whether or not meeting should be scheduled to another night. Option was considered. It was determined that would not be necessary.

Discussion on August 19th budget meeting.

**2020 Township Projected Road Projects Form due to County.** Discussion had on potential roads included Bundysburg, Peters, Nauvoo and Hayes. Deadline to submit is September 27, 2019.

## Reports

**Road Superintendent:** Dead-End Shedd briefly discussed. Bundysburg is the most significant project. Ditch projects also discussed. May hire out the ditching in the fall this year.

**Service Garage:** See F-550 above.

**Fire District:** Reworded the contract, and 3 to 4 years into the contract will put up a new Levy. As of now, no signed contract.

**Ambulance Service:** Construction bids to be taken shortly. Bids to be opened sometime in October. P. Porter will take plans to 8/19/19 budget meeting.

**Sheriff's Report:** Reviewed.

## Fiscal Officers Report

**Management Report:** No bank statement yet. Purchase orders reviewed and signed.

**Payment of Bills:** Bills were presented for payment in amount of \$64,129.64. Motion to pay bills in amount of \$64,129.64 was made by M. Miller and seconded by P. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks signed. Bills paid.

**Adjournment:** No further business before the Board. M. Miller made motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by P. Porter. 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 by Heidi Snyder, Secretary