

**Middlefield Township
August 12, 2024
Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Meeting Called to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Paul Porter.

Present were Trustees Paul Porter, Mervin Miller, Sophia Porter, Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Pierce, Secretary Heidi Snyder, Tony Hylton, Paul C. Miller (NOAH) and Melissa Channell.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from July 8, 2024 minutes. Motion by Sophia Porter to accept the minutes as drafted and seconded by Paul Porter. All in favor, minutes approved.

Floor to Guest(s):

As per custom, the Floor was given to guest, Paul Miller on behalf of NOAH (Northern Ohio Assisting Hands), a non-profit volunteer service program for the local Amish youth. NOAH street Spring pickup was a great success. In update, State Routes 87, 88, 168, 322, 422, 528 and 700 benefitted from the cleanup performed by more than 190 volunteers and 19 drivers. In excess of 700 bags of trash were collected on 129 lane miles of road.

The phone plan includes Township and county roads and will pick up bags on the same day. Mr. Miller inquired on dumpster availability for the Township and help picking up the bags within the Township on Saturday September 28th. Pick up begins at 7:00 AM and goes until about 11:30 or 12:00 and then they will feed lunch to the volunteers. He asked if any roads need special attention. Tony Hylton advised that Bundysburg Road was in need. Township employees will pick up the bags in the Township.

Mr. Miller expressed his gratitude, as did the Trustees, and then he departed.

Old Business

- A. **Tax Millage:** Ms. Pierce advised that Township is asked to consider a reduction for next year. The current reduction in the ambulance fund goes to end of this year. Township could continue the same amount, or half amount, but need to notify county and they'll notify state. Discussion among Trustees and Fiscal Officer on whether there would be enough to continue and do the full \$29,000. Ms. Pierce will examine the funds available from other funds (i.e. bridge levies). There may be an acceptable amount in one of them. Perhaps 50% out of the EMS. Will need resolution at next meeting.
- B. **Cell Tower:** Despite having requested additional information twice since the last meeting, there has been no response.

- C. **Budget Meeting 8/19/24 at 1:15:** Ms. Pierce and Mr. Porter will attend next week's meeting. Anticipate approximately 15 minutes and will be happy to report addition is complete.
- D. **OPWC:** Agreement has been received/approved for the 2025 improvement of Nauvoo Road from Madison to Hayes.
- E. **Shedd / Newcomb Intersection:** The county did the traffic study and noted traffic has increased significantly, and although not any official word, likely a four-way stop will be the outcome. Brief discussion on recent incidents and accidents. Interestingly, Burton-Windsor and 608 have actually seen higher accidents since road revised.

New Business

- A. **NOAH Spring Cleanup:** See above.
- B. **Emergency Services Contact:** Just an FYI subsequent to the recent storms and power outages around the Township.
- C. **Liquor License Renewal:** A liquor license in the Township is set to expire October 1 for the club on Peters Road. Inquiry if anyone wanted to contest. No objections or contest.

Reports:

Roads Superintendent: Waiting on Martuccio. Township has been helping out Mespo. Have done about 150 ton on Donly Road in Mespo. Township mutual assistance. Will be patching up Swine Creek. Chipmunk Lane work completed. Residents happy.

Garage: Had issue with paver, roadside mower and Ray's truck. Turbo warranty needs addressed with Kenworth. Really happy with the Trax Machine – but note that cannot use on really hot days on chip n seal roads. Will be renting High Lift again in October to trim back.

Fire District: Mr. Porter advised next meeting is in September.

Ambulance Service: No news. Seem happy with new space.

Sheriff's Department Report: Report in Trustees' folders for review.

Fiscal Officer Reports:

Bank Reconciliations for June and July ready and reviewed. Management report distributed and executed. Ms. Pierce explained some of the increases, such as OTARMA.

Payment of Bills: Bills were presented by Ms. Pierce for payment in amount of \$76,644.59. Motion to pay bills, in the amount of \$76,644.59, made by Merv Miller and seconded by Sophia Porter. All in favor. Motion carried. Purchase orders and checks signed. Bills paid.

Adjournment: No further business before the Board. Paul Porter made motion to adjourn which was seconded by Merv Miller. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Paul Porter, Chairman

Mary Ann Pierce, Fiscal Officer

Minutes by Heidi Snyder, Secretary