Middlefield Township
Minutes
April 13, 2026 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting Called to Order

Present Trustees: Paul Porter, Dave Hauser and Erik Wright, Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Pierce, Road Superintendent John Omerza, Ray Dodds, Terry Warne and Heidi Snyder.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Porter, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions and or Deletions for the Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of the minutes for the March 9, 2026 regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion by Erik Wright to approve minutes as written. Paul Porter seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A. Resolution for ODOT Road Salt Program: Need resolution to get onto the State bid program. John Omerza advised Trustees about the ODOT Road Salt Program and proposed utilization for next season, describing the implementation plan, cost alignment, and flexibility to be within 10% of the 400 ton with State (300 ton with County). For Township roads, had to get real lean this year with the salt. Would supplement with County salt program. With over 70 occurrences this year, we required more salt with no cinders available for the mix we used to use. Discussion on the bids through State and County (with County as a bank) and this way we would not have to haul it. The resolution is to get a headstart. Due to State requirement must opt in by May 1st. Township does not want to store 700 ton. This way, 400 ton, plus or minus 10%. Motion by Dave Hauser to adopt resolution for ODOT Road Salt Program, seconded by Erik Wright. All in favor, **Resolution No. 2026-03** adopted.

B. PennOhio Contract: Township received contract proposal from PennOhio for 3 roll-offs for refuse, 1 for scrap and 1 for tires. We do not need the one for scrap. Will haul ourselves. Costs reviewed. Motion by Erik Wright to go with PennOhio, seconded by Dave Hauser. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Chamber Dinner: Andrea Scheid sent inquiry on whether anyone from Township Board of Trustees would be coming to April 21 luncheon (noon, catered by Vinny's). Unfortunately no Trustees are available to attend.

D. Ronyak Quote: Review of quote from Ronyak for Newcomb from Middlefield Township line to Georgia Road to do the buggy ruts in both directions. Approximately $26,000. Motion by Dave Hauser

to approve the quote and get onto the Ronyak schedule, seconded by Erik Wright. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent:

Roads. (John Omerza defers to Ray Dodds to update as he has been out). Nothing major to report. Doing ditching and patching. Had a couple of major washouts that were dealt with. The State came out and confirmed their culvert. Two areas – Bridge and Adams – need a full depth repair.

County not ready with the plans for upcoming road projects yet. Next week or the week after.

Service garage: Roller is back and fixed. Received the tarps due to the BWC grant.

Erik Wright went out a couple times and plowed while John on leave. He commends the guys for the great job they are doing and will be donating TV to the garage for better monitoring of the weather/news.

Erik also provided an update on the website issue. Looking for the right fit. We are using County ADP for emails. They looked at our webpage from scratch. Total to start new build at the pages we have is $8,300. Can look at Chardon Township as example. Brief discussion about options including Trustees contact information. Sooner than later per Erik. It takes a little time and needs to be done by end of the year. Motion by Erik Wright to go with Company 119 and seconded by Dave Hauser. All in favor. Motion carries.

Revisited the issue of cell phones (not an issue if re-doing the website). So we will start with the website and it may take care of the concern.

Fire District: Nothing to report.

Ambulance service: No news to report.

Sheriff's report: Sheriff Report distributed to Trustees.

Fiscal Officer's Reports

Bank/Management Report: Management report with fund summaries and appropriations reviewed and signed. Bank reconciliation for February.

Bills, purchase orders and checks presented to pay bills in the amount of $61,959.89. Motion to pay bills in amount of $61,959.89 made by Dave Hauser, seconded by Erik Wright. All in favor. Checks and purchase orders signed. Bills paid in the amount of $61,959.89.

One additional update. Internet switched over to fiber.

Trash Day briefly discussed.

Adjournment: No further business being before the Board, motion by Dave Hauser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Erik Wright at approximately 8:00 p.m. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Paul Porter, Chairman

Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

Minutes by Heidi Snyder, Secretary