Middlefield Township
Minutes
June 8, 2026 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting Called to Order

Present Trustees: Dave Hauser and Erik Wright, Fiscal Officer, Mary Ann Pierce, Heidi Snyder, John Omerza, guest John Kochy.

The meeting was called to order concurrently by Dave Hauser and Erik Wright 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

The minutes for the May 11, 2026, Meeting of the Board of Trustees, having been reviewed by Trustees present, motion was made by Dave Hauser to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Erik Wright. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Floor Given to Guest(s)

John Kochy is present due to the amount of people using Jake brakes on hill on 528. He contacted the Sheriff's Office they said they could not enforce it he would like another sign halfway down the hill trustees suggested going to the village to enforce it log trucks Bonner farms and DSI. The village could pass an ordinance for the portion that they have annexed. Discussion with trustees on getting a second sign halfway down the hill and seeking village cooperation with option to enforce their own ordinance, (right side is Township left side is village). The potential of a speed reduction on 528 is also floated. As for second sign, maybe down by Mercury. He is asking for Paul Porter to reach out to the same chain of people that assisted in getting the first sign installed. Also discussed weights and measures. Can someone call Bonner, Mr. Kochy wants to know. He will appreciate someone reaching out to Village. Also discussed some of the tearing up of the Township roads, like Bundysburg, with overloaded trucks and potential for enforcement. Approaching from the issue of noise is a potential. Mr. Wright will talk to Village.

Old Business

A. **Chloride Reduction Program Grant.:** John Omerza Gave an update and revisited the four topics the $64,000 grant could be used for. He has obtained quotes. Liquid may need to be purchased. The pad to hold the liquid tanks could be poured with the trucked concrete. Osborne will donate concrete for the sidewalk and the pad. Will keep it local and contact Philip Miller for availability to get it finished. Get the most bang for the buck, also in the equipment. Will

need to monitor temperatures and cannot use above 32°. Liquid approximately $1.75 per gallon. Looked at getting a brine maker but not cost effective.

B. **Asphalt Resurfacing and Chipping Bids:** Bids came in for last month's resolution. Top two were (1) Ronyak and (2) Geauga Highway. Need to confirm the product spec'd are correct. Once laid down, it is not removable, but would be detectable if not what had been spec'd in the bid process and if not refunded the product. One of the other companies that bid the process did not provide a bond. Based on timing it could be scheduled for August. Scope of project reviewed with John. Motion by Dave Hauser to award project based on Ronyak bid, seconded by Mr. Wright. All in favor motion carried.

C. **Fire Quotes for Security Monitoring:** (1) Guardian; (2) U.S. Protective Services; and (3) Gilmore. Guardian is currently also providing some services to community care ambulance by cameras and locks. New services would be installed and provide monitoring for each building at $65 per month. Garage needs updated as well. Will need buildings then tested with a drill. Will get 2 buildings for nearly the same price as we are paying now. After discussion motion by Erik Wright to go with guardian seconded by Dave Hauser.

Also circling back to an old business item not on the agenda is Company 119 Computer Services Website Update. Erik Wright advised the County is moving forward. The proposed new site would give us 10 pages and updated pictures are needed – what we have is outdated. Need a handful of recent pictures to be used on the website. It is in motion.

Discussion on grant money usage. Three garage doors will need to be replaced in the near future and the estimate is $7000.

New Business

A. **OTARMA Representatives:** Mary Ann read the description of the OTARMA Representative and Alternate. Erik will be the contact, Dave will be the alternate.

B. **Honest Scales – Geauga Soil & Water:** Citation for stormwater management was issued – brief discussion on same.

Reports

Roads. Will be starting on Adams / Swine Creek intersection. Phil Miller will be starting some prep in advance of the County project. Mowing going on. Ditching going on. Possible road bonds again discussed for the extra wear and tear on Township roads.

Resident report from John regarding water infringement – corner of Burton Windsor and Clay St. (that is County) – it is endangering their pond. Resident losing part of yard every year. May be able to get a grant in cooperation with County and Township involvement to get his project moving. John will speak with someone at County Engineer's Office.

Guys will take the Thursday off before Juneteenth and the Monday after Independence Day as their holidays.

Fire District: Meeting was supposed to be tonight. Moved to later in month. Erik will be getting more involved and will attend.

Ambulance service: Nothing new to report.

Sheriff's report: Report did not come.

Fiscal Officer's Reports

Bank/Management Report: March bank reconciliation and statement. Management report and funds report reviewed. Bills, purchase orders and checks presented to pay bills in the amount of $80,656.38. Motion to pay bills in said amount by Erik Wright, seconded by Dave Hauser. All in favor. Bills paid in the amount of $80,656.38.

During signing of checks, Middlefield Swiss Cheese Festival Parage discussed. Dave and Erik will drive Township 550 and represent Township in the parade.

Also discussed the septic system including EPA and geographic soil nothing new from Richard Judd

Discussion also on the October Township association meeting and hosting of the Superintendent meeting and planning.

Adjournment: No further business before the Board. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Erik Wright at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Dave Hauser. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Dave Hauser, Acting Chairman Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

Minutes by Heidi Snyder, Secretary