Middlefield Township
Minutes
November 10, 2025 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting Called to Order

Present Trustees: Paul Porter, Mervin Miller and Dave Hauser, Fiscal Officer, Mary Ann Pierce, John Omerza, Heidi Snyder and guests: Mark Longrich and Rich Koshkowski.

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

Adding to Agenda: Crestwood Road (potential suit).

Approval of Minutes

Upon review of the prepared minutes for the October 13, 2025 Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Merv Miller made motion to approve minutes as written. Dave Hauser seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Floor Given to Guests

As per custom, the floor was given to guests present.

Mark Longrich is present on behalf of residents on Crestwood to inform the Board there is a suit concerning Lot D – owner wants it deemed Commercial. Recent purchase. Received copy of suit papers from Mayor Garlich. The owner wants to put an oil change place there. The property was already annexed by the Village in 1999. Not under the jurisdiction of the Township. Each resident of Crestwood has a vote under their homeowner agreement – in order to pass something, it needs 60% approval. Mr. Longrich will keep us informed.

Rich Koshkowski is resident, just observing.

Old Business

A. **Nauvoo Road Paperwork:** Deduction in the final cost ($495,600.81) leading to need to approve ~ $2,000 in difference after all considered (less is good).

Brief discussion on election results.

New Business

A. **Snow & Ice Control:** John Omerza and Merv Miller advised that Township requested 250k allowance. Hauled 54 ton today (6 loads). Don't know how much we can fit in the salt bin yet. Discussion on costs and logistics of whether we get it from the State vs. County. State $48.04 per ton. County used to give

us a mix that was way cheaper. If we have to haul it, additional cost of about $12 per ton. Old shed will fit about 60 ton but falling apart. Trying to save some money.

B. Advance on Tax Collected: Auditor will give an advance in January/February and July (twice) but need a resolution to do so. Motion by Merv Miller, seconded by Dave Hauser, to advance the tax collected. **Resolution 2-25-11. All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.**

C. Geauga County ADP: Mary Ann met with unit representative. Scope of work proposed and upfront costs reviewed. Upfront cost $1646. Setup discussed. Laptop(s) / mini desktop. Using copier as multi-purpose copier/fax also discussed. Annual fee also reviewed. Motion to continue with the Geauga County ADP Plan made by Dave Hauser, seconded by Merv Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

D. HB 96 Impact on Property Tax: Bill for property tax relief. Collection would go down. It would not affect us that much. Any piggyback taxes would be locally funded. Feedback to County Commissioners is requested by November 17, 2025.

E. Insurance Renewal: Cost increase by 11.56% We will be going under a new plan. Still great plan. Open enrollment December 1 – 31, 2025. Current % charge to employees discussed.

F. 2026 Road Projects: John Omerza presented County list from Geauga County Engineers Office (as proposed by him). 1) resurface Adams Road (A and B) .7 miles; 2) resurface Swine Creek (B-1) up to the trussell bridge. Also discussed 36" crossover pipe in B-2 that needs replaced. Costs from Suiat-Kote reviewed to chip and seal Peters B, Nauvoo B to Bundysburg, etc. May have a comparison then on results. 4.5 miles of road projects. Discussion on gravel v. limestone dust issues, water intrusion leading to potholes, etc.

G. 2026 Paver Replacement: Have not used the paver in years. Tony Hylton had manufactured a birm box to help. Paver is cumbersome. Will look to sell it – propose offloading it while it still works. Pamphlet reviewed for possible replacement in the form of an adjustable box that would function with skid steer (sold in Texas – costs reviewed). Will look to send paver to sale in the Spring when we might get more money for it. Will try to negotiate also a better price on the proposed replacement option.

H. Crestwood: (Added to Adgenda – see above).

<u>Reports</u>

Roads: May need a letter to owner (Kish) of property on 528/Nauvoo. He has barricades on driveway that protrude into the road (vacant lot with Hoosier racing tires and racing flag). The barricade needs to at least be moved behind the culvert.

Service Garage: Plows and trucks are all ready to go. They were out this morning and will be out later this evening.

Fire District: N/A.

Ambulance service: N/A.

Sheriff's report: None.

Fiscal Officer's Reports

Bank/Management Report: Management report distributed and signed. No bank reconciliation due to a balance issue. Bills, purchase orders and checks presented to pay bills in the amount of $83,173.07. Motion to pay bills in said amount by Merv Miller, seconded by Dave Hauser. All in favor. Checks and purchase orders signed. Bills paid in the amount of $83,173.07.

Adjournment: No further business before the Board. Dave Hauser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Merv Miller. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Paul Porter, Chairman Mary Ann Pierce, Chief Fiscal Officer

Minutes by Heidi Snyder, Secretary