

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING and Other Business  
March 27, 2017 7:00 pm

Patrick opened the annual budget meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll call: Patrick, Peggy, Patty, Sarah in attendance and Ron VIA telephone.  
Guests: Bob Hoard, Brenda and Patrick Leonard

The budget was examined line item by line. Patrick and Brenda Leonard questioned why the Township was only budgeting \$500.00 for the Marion Library. Discussion followed. The Board agreed that if the Library truly needed more money they would pay more. Patrick made a Resolution to adopt the 2017-2018 budget, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Patrick closed the Budget Meeting at 8:25 and opened the "other business" meeting at 8:26.

Sarah made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes of March 13, 2017, Patty 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Patty will call Peggy with the corrected amount in the financial report of March 13, 2017.

Patrick made a motion to pay the bills, PR 6117-6121 and AP 5845-5850, Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Patrick and Brenda Leonard questioned about play equipment for outside at the township hall for children. There is nothing for the kids to do. Much discussion followed. The Leonard's pledged \$1,000.00 towards equipment. Topic was tabled until the Board obtains information on liability insurance costs and MTA regarding the selling of trees or township property to purchase playground equipment.

Patrick stated he had asked for a bid to replace the front door of the Hall. Ron stated that he would replace the door. The amount to be spent before a vote was tabled.

The 5 year road plan was tabled with the agreement a committee would be formed to look at the roads, bridges, ditches, etc., and bring the information back to the Board. Ron will head the committee. Patrick will make a set of township hall keys made for Ron tomorrow.

Patrick made a motion to allow Peggy to do the tire grant and drop off for 2017. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ron made a motion for Peggy to send the update to the insurance co. Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy A. Hoard, Clerk

