

Middle Branch Township Regular Board Meeting
November 13, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Patrick Babcock at 7:00 pm leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
Board Members present: Patrick, Peggy, Patty, Sarah & Ron.
Guests: Dan & Lola Williams, Bob Hoard, Lisa Johnson, and Brian Hoekema

Motion to approve agenda made by Peggy, 2nd by Sarah. All approved, motion carried.

Motion to accept minutes with one correction: Discussion on repaving 15 mile road would be tabled until November 13, 2017 meeting, not September 13, 2017, Patrick 2nd the motion, all in favor and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$57,558.05 checking, \$35,000.00 Huntington CD, \$23,984.64 Road Millage, \$20,000.00 Members First Credit Union CD and \$10.00 Savings Members First Credit Union for a total of \$136,552.69.

Motion to pay bills AP 5913-5933 and PR 6173-6191 by Ron, 2nd by Patrick, all approved, motion carried.

Public Comment: Dan asked why a donation had to go before the full Board to be accepted.

Old Business:

Sign for Play Scape installed. Three picnic tables stored in the Vault, old doors and materials removed from vault placed in rubbish, Vault doors caulked. Vault doors being painted as well as new township hall doors tabled until spring.

Road committee discussed. Patrick will ask Bill Johnson at December Board of Review about being on the committee with Ron Austin, Brian Hoekema and Bob Hoard.

The purchase of two benches for outside the hall was tabled until Spring due to the winter season.

Newsletter and Rubbish day letters were viewed. Patty will place the newsletter in the taxes going out this month.

DEQ Tire Grant was received by the DEQ. They should announce who receives grants in April or May 2018.

Repaving of 15 mile road was discussed and agreed the township needs to get on the schedule for 2019. Ron made a motion to make 15 mile road a class A with township cost of \$123,000.00. Patrick 2nd the motion, all agreed, motion carried. Ron and Patrick will draft a letter to the Road Commission and Patrick will talk with Luke Houlton.

New Business:

Peggy made a motion to adopt the Federal Poverty Income Standards for 2017-18, Sarah 2nd the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Patrick made a motion to add to the Poverty Income Application the question of Reverse Mortgage, Patty 2nd the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Middle Branch Township received a refund from the Insurance Co. for an accident free year.

Brian Hoekema, Middle Branch Township Assessor, updated the Board on his assessing activities.

Lisa asked about the carpets getting professionally cleaned. Tabled until January.

Next Township meeting will be January 8, 2018 for Salaries and Wages, and other Township business.