

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2017 7:00 pm

Patrick opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Patrick, Peggy, Patricia, Sarah & Ron

Guests: Bob Hoard, Lisa Johnson, Patrick & Brenda Leonard, Brian Hoekema, Don Williams, Alan Gingrich and Carl Lamphere.

Peggy made a motion to approve the agenda, Sara 2nd the motion. All were in favor- the motion passed. Sarah made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction: Ron will work with a road committee, not head the committee. Ron 2nd the motion. All were in favor-the motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Checking \$63,780.88, Road Millage \$23,984.64, Huntington CD \$35,000.00, Members First Credit Union CD \$20,000.00, Members First Credit Union Savings \$10.00, Total \$142,775.52.

Ron made a motion to pay the bills: AP EFT-6127-6135, PR 5851-5872. Patrick 2nd the motion. All were in favor-the motion passed.

Old Business:

Play ground: Much discussion took place. Ron made a motion to have MDOT install the fence on the West side of the hall. Peggy 2nd the motion. All were in favor-the motion passed. Peggy will call CM Rubber to find the cost of padding for under a play station. Ron will check on the cost of signage. A special meeting will be called for Tuesday, May 16, 2017 AT 7:00 PM to discuss the playground and other business. A picnic table was donated.

Ron gave estimates on replacing the front door and side door of the hall. Sara made a motion to replace both doors and jambs. Patty 2nd the motion-all were in favor-the motion passed.

The doors on the vault were discussed. Ron will check on them and bring the findings to the May 16th meeting.

Alan & Don discussed the options for the three miles of blacktop on 15 mile Road. Patrick made a motion to accept option 5 (Crush, Shape, Pave 26"x3" for Township cost of \$113,500.00) IF it will then be classified as a Class A road and IF the Township can spread the payment over more than one year. Patty 2nd the motion, all were in favor-the motion passed. The Board will need to meet with Luke Holton and view the contract prior to finalization.

Carl Lamphere arrived and brought the specifics on the playset the Kiwanis Club voted on to donate to the Township. The paperwork answered a lot of earlier questions. More will be discussed on May 16.

Sarah made a motion to have Martha run the rubbish day in June and Lisa in October. Ron 2nd the motion, all were in favor-the motion passed.

It was noted OCTA would meet May 22, 7:00 pm. at Sylvan Township Hall.

Lisa advised the Board that someone applied pressure on the sink in the ladies bathroom and cracked the drywall and paint.

Patrick discussed the Marion Fire Board was able to make the area within five miles of the fire station a 4R, and are working on increasing the area. The 4R helps homeowners lower their insurance rates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

Next meeting: Special May 16 at 7:00 pm, Regular July 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Middle Branch Twp. Hall
Respectfully submitted, Peggy Hoard, Clerk