

Middle Branch Township Regular Board Meeting
Monday July 8, 2019 7:00 pm

Patrick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Patrick, Peggy, Patricia, Sarah & Ron. Guests: Lisa Johnson, Virginia Moomey, Janet Wilson, Diann Nowland, Dan & Lola Williams, Beth Ashby-Hummel and Rita Moggo.

Patrick made a motion to accept the agenda, Patty 2nd the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Minutes were read. Ron made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$61,409.47, Road Millage \$8,886.42, CD \$35,000.00 and \$20,000.00, and Savings \$10.00 for a total of \$125,305.89.

Ron made a motion to pay bills AP 6158-6184 and PR 6364-6378. Patrick 2nd the motion, all were in favor and motion carried.

Public comment: 15 mile road is now wonderful.

Old Business: Township doors are not done nor are the basement. 15 mile road is complete with the first half of cost paid. Everyone on the Board looked at 14 mile road where the road committee suggested guard rails to be installed. Ron reported Luke would resubmit for a grant in August. Peggy reported the tire collection went well and she had one more semi to collect tires. Janet reported rubbish day went very well. Patrick reported the tree at cemetery one did not need to be removed at this time. The fence and buildings are done except for inside the bathrooms.

Ron made a motion to opt out of recreational marijuana. Pat 2nd the motion. All were in favor and motion carried. Ron had the ordinance typed; it was signed and will be placed in the paper.

Peggy reported the property off 14 mile road was warranty deeded to the township for less than one hundred dollars, however, there is nothing noted in the minutes or in the receipt book. It was signed by Donald Williams who was the supervisor at the time.

New Business: The pump on the well went out and was replaced.

Patrick made a motion to accept the insurance policy as presented. Ron 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The state garage has not responded to the request to re-stripe the parking lot. It was suggested the township place a newsletter inside the taxes telling of upcoming events. Beth commented the play scape is wonderful but we need to place a fence around the propane tank to keep the children off. Dan said the township should check in to who left the 200 tires in the parking lot. Diann volunteered to work the tire collection next year.

Rita asked if the township board was concerned with the family increasing the size of their private cemetery. The land was owned by them and they already had permission from the health department. The board does not have a concern with

them increasing their cemetery. Peggy will mail a copy of today's minutes to Beth.

Commissioner Michell gave an update on his involvement with the County Commission.

Patrick gave an update on the Marion Fire Department. They meet the first Thursday of the month in the community room at the Marion Public Library at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next meeting Monday September 9, 2019 7:00 pm