

Middle Branch Township Regular Board Meeting
Monday July 9, 2018

Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Patrick, Peggy, Patricia, Sarah and Ron.

Guests: Bob Hoard, Alexis Nowland, Luke Houlton, Alan Gingrich, Virginia Moomey, Beverly Orvis, Glenn & Janet Wilson, Dick and Sherry Krchmar and Brian Hoekema.

Patrick made a motion to accept the agenda, Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor-motion passed.

Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes, Ron 2nd the motion. All were in favor-motion passed.

Treasurers Report: \$36,783.84 checking, \$49,280.92 Road Millage, \$35,000.00 CD, \$20,000.00 CD, \$10.00 savings for a total of \$141,074.76.

Ron made a motion to pay the bills: AP 6000-6025, PR 6269-6250. Patty 2nd the motion. All were in favor-motion passed.

Patrick noted the two donated park benches were delivered at set up. Peggy reported Rubbish day went well. The worker for October Rubbish Day will be selected at the September Township meeting. Patrick asked Luke about the guard rail on 14 Mile Road. Much discussion followed. Luke said the surveying was complete and he now needs time to digest it. Ron reported the attorney case was closed, however he wants to send the attorney paperwork to MTA attorney. Peggy reminded the Board the next OCTA meeting is Monday July 23 at 7:00 pm at the Evert Township Hall and will be "meet the candidates."

15 Mile blacktop was discussed. Crush & Shape would cost the township \$145,750. Widen & Overlay would cost \$79,000. Alan brought up if we go with the crush & shape we wouldn't have money for any other road work. Peggy agreed. Ron made a motion to support 10% of guard rail project if the grant goes through. Patty 2nd the motion, majority agreed and motion carried. Discussion on 20th Avenue's gravel and ditching.

Virginia Moomey stated the cost of maintaining the cemetery was too high. Bob produced facts that he was charging less than what Carmody was being paid in 2005 and that he (Bob) was paid at a higher rate. Much discussion followed.

Patrick noted debris was dumped on the south side of the parking lot into the wet land by someone working at the corner gas station clean up.

Board of Review will meet July 16th at 7:00 pm.

Lisa Johnson requested the carpets be professionally cleaned as there are so many bad areas. Tabled.

Dick & Sherry Krchmar brought a neighborhood complaint on continual dog barking by Hair of the Dog. They had a letter signed by many neighbors. Patrick kept it on file and stated if it happened again to call and a registered letter would be sent to them.

Patrick made a motion to add terrorism coverage to our policy, Peggy 2nd the motion. All were in favor and motion passed. Ron took the paperwork from AT&T requesting we allow them to continue crossing township land, as he wants to look into it before it's signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 to continue at Hartwick Township hall and the road commission on what is to be decided on 15 mile road. Those attending the meeting were: Peggy and Bob Hoard, Alexis Nowland, Ron Austin, Patricia Michell, Sarah Blackledge, and Brian Hoekema. Also attending were Alan Gingrich and Luke Houlton along with the Hartwick Township Board. Much discussion followed. The Hartwick Board voted to make their two miles Class A Road, with one no vote. Ron stated Middle Branch had voted twice to make their three miles a Class A road. Peggy stated she wanted to widen and do overlay. Final decision: 15 Mile Road from M-66 west to 80th Avenue would become a Class A road. Luke said it would begin in the spring of 2019.

Next Township meeting September 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Hoard, Clerk