

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL SALARY MEETING

Middle Branch Township Hall

Monday, January 9, 2017

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:01 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Patrick, Patty, Peggy, Sarah, and Ron

Guests acknowledged: Lynne Austin, Lisa Johnson, Bob Hoard, Brian Hoekema, Alicia Michell, Carla Haenlein, and Leonard Defoe.

Brian Hoekema, Middle Branch Township Assessor, addressed the board requesting a raise from \$9.00 per parcel to \$10.00 per parcel. Patrick made a motion to raise the Assessors pay from \$9.00 per parcel to \$10.00. Peggy 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There are 951 parcels currently which would be a raise of \$70.00 more a month and bring his salary to \$9,510.00 per year. Patrick made a motion to accept Brian's contract with the pay increase. Peggy 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Patrick made a motion to retain 2016 salary and wages, except Assessor, for the 2017 year. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Patrick closed the annual salary meeting at 7:10 pm.

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2017

Patrick called the regular board meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Those present: Patrick, Patty, Peggy, Sarah and Ron.

Guests: Bob Hoard, Lisa Johnson, Carla Haenlein, Leonard Defoe, Alicia Michell, Lynne Austin and Brian Hoekema.

Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016 with one correction that all members voted that people renting the hall must do their own snow shoveling of the sidewalks. Ron 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasure's report: Checking \$44,294.37, Road Mileage \$2,605.24, FM CD \$35,000.00, MFCU CD \$20,000.00. MFCU Savings \$10.00, Total \$101,909.61. Patrick made a motion to pay bills AP 5802-5822, PR 6086-6105. Ron 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Bob discussed the shack on township property and said he talked directly with the man who put the shack there and was told he would remove it.

Blight complaint update: Person refused to sign for registered letter. Martha sent a second one by regular mail and it was delivered. No response from land owner.

Dead Oak trees on township property was discussed and tabled.

Sign for West cemetery driveway was discussed. Sarah made a motion not to purchase a sign for the driveway. Patrick 2nd the motion. Peggy-nay, Patty-aye, Patrick-aye, Saran-aye, Ron-aye. Motion carried.

Shoveling sidewalks was voted on at the last meeting and doesn't need addressed.

New Business:

Patrick made a motion to pay the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer monthly. 2nd by Peggy. Peggy-aye, Patty-nay, Patrick-aye, Sarah-nay, Ron-nay. Motion failed.

Board of Review trainings were discussed. Sarah made a motion to send the Board of Review to the free meeting on 2-2-17 in Ewart and MTA on 2-15-17. Ron 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Appointment of new Board of Review position was discussed. Patrick relayed that the current Board of Review has influence on the person selected, as the person has to be calm, work well with the Board and the public.

Two people applied for the position.: Alicia Michell and Leonard Dafoe. Leonard commented he would remove his name from the list, then added to keep it on.

Sarah made a motion to hire Alicia Michell. Patrick 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ron made a motion to accept the 2017 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Middle Branch will host the OCTA meeting February 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm and will furnish snacks and beverage.

Brian Hoekema reported he finished the land values. He has two tribunal cases.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy A. Hoard, Clerk