

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AND BUDGET

Middle Branch Township Hall

Monday, March 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.

WAGES & SALARIES MEETING

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Patrick, Martha, Sarah, Patty.

Guests acknowledged: Bob & Peggy Hoard, Mort Meier, Ken Lind, Lynne Austin, Alicia Michell, & Mrs. Henderson.

Patrick made a motion to have the budget meeting at the end of the meeting. Sarah 2nd it. It was passed.

Minutes were read. Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes .Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was read. Checking:94,742.78, township road millage-19,048.71, CDs: 35000.00 & 20000.00, & Savings:10.00=168,801.49.

Patrick made a motion to pay the bills: PR 5883-5884 & AP 5507-5521. Sarah 2nd it. All were in favor, and it was passed.

Mort Meier, superintendent of Marion Public Schools, spoke about the bond issue that will be on the May 5 ballot. They are asking for \$5.2 million to remodel and fix some things that need fixed. The bond issue would be over 5 years. He would like us to make a resolution that we are behind this issue.

The next speaker was Ken Lind from Lind & Lind Insurance. He represents EMC insurance. He covered how much coverage we have with ParPlan and how much coverage he would give us. He said we are paying \$3213 now, but his would be \$2793. Questions were raised regarding deductibles, etc. No decision was made at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Roads-Discussion was held regarding what roads need to be fixed and additional work that needs done including a culvert and guardrail. A list was compiled for the road commission meeting on March 19. The board would like to have 17 Mile Rd. graveled as agreed upon previously. Also 15 Mile Road should be blacktopped with the millage fund. In addition, a culvert on 14 Mile Rd. needs replaced, and 2 guardrails need work or replaced.

Blight Issue--A certified letter was sent to the people who have a blight issue, but they did not sign for the letter. It was decided to send a letter with a certificate of mailing so they will not need to sign for it.

Electric sign--Patrick presented information regarding an electric sign like the one on the side of the McBain School at the library. It is \$9000, and information is

typed on the computer to go to the sign. Two board members said they were not in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

#### BUDGET MEETING

Patrick opened budget meeting at 8:38 P.M.

The budget was gone over and a few changes were made.

Additional Business: None

Next meeting Monday March 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Middle Branch Township Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Martha West, Clerk