

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Middle Branch Township Hall

Monday, July 14, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Patrick, Martha, Sarah, Patty, & Bev.

Guests acknowledged: Peggy & Bob Hoard, James & Darlene McManus, DL Fenstermacher, Floyd Kadwell, Joel Johnson, Lynne Austin, & Eric Williams

Bev made a motion to approve the agenda. Sarah 2nd the motion. It passed.

Minutes were read. Bev made a motion to accept the minutes. Patrick 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was read. Checking: 82892.75, CDs: 35000.00 & 20000.00, & Savings: 10.00 = 137902.75.

Patrick made a motion to pay the bills: PR 5812-5836 & AP 5400-5437. Bev 2nd it. All were in favor, and it was passed. There was a question regarding liming the cemetery. Bob responded that it was limed last year, but it had been preapproved for spring this year as well. It is getting rid of grubs, and the grass is better also. Bob also reported that he has gotten the bases poured for the headstones that were incorrectly placed. He will be getting Pat Woodard to help get the headstones on the bases.

Joel Johnson spoke briefly regarding his accomplishments while in office. He said career technical education skill trades is being expanded for high school students. This is very important for students who will not be going on to college, and need to learn a trade that will help to keep them off the system.

OLD BUSINESS: Bev made a motion that Pat Woodard work on tire recycling. Martha 2nd the motion. It was approved and passed.

Roads-discussion was held regarding road repairs. It was decided to table a decision on 15 Mile Rd. We need to see how the millage vote comes out.

Trash pickup-Independent Waste representatives spoke regarding what they can offer the township. If we give IRWS an idea what we want and how many residents and seasonals, they can give us a figure. An electric meter count and parcel count would be helpful for them. There are different ways we could go.

1-Township-wide--make bags available at a reduced price. One contractor picks up all.

2--Preferred hauler for township. Township would solicit for that hauler.

3--Transfer station--monitor facility, bathroom on site, person on site--can allow waste-hauler to use township property and be hauler.

Suggestion--form a committee to look at this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alan Tiedt send some materials regarding Council on Aging and EMS.

Eric Williams is running for Circuit Court Judge. He presented a little bit about himself. Judges need to listen carefully. You must be there to hear people, start on time and finish on time.

Patrick made a motion that the township pre-buy what we used last year minus the credit we already have. Bev 2nd the motion. It was passed.

Bev made a motion that we keep the insurance the same. Sarah 2nd the motion. It was passed.

Pest control report--Patrick got a quote to remove all flying insects, bees, wasps, mice, & rats. He was told if you remove the "food" the snakes eat, the snakes will disappear. The pest control company would first plug holes and then work on eliminating the insects, mice, etc. Bev made a motion that we try the pest control for a year. Sarah 2nd the motion. It was passed. The initial visit is \$137, then \$105 quarterly.

Additional Business: None

Next meeting Monday Sept. 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Middle Branch Township Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Martha West, Clerk