

On Thursday, December 13, 2007, the Middlebury Township Election Commission met at 6:45pm at the Ovid Municipal Building to approve the Election workers fro the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary. Present at the meeting were as followed: Supervisor, Anthony Sinicropi; Clerk, Susan Tomasek- Swan; Treasurer, Carolyn Stevens. The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Tomasek-Swan. Stevens made the motion to approve the following people as election workers:

Lois Wadsworth (R)

Susan Tomasek-Swan (R)-election chairman

Shawn Dilts (D)

Carrie Unterbrink (D)

Margaret Bernath (D) – alternate

Sinicropi seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays the motion was passed.

Submitted by Susan Tomasek-Swan

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On Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 pm., the Middlebury Township Board met in the Village Municipal building at 114 East Front St., Ovid, and Mi. Supervisor Anthony Sinicropi called the meeting to order and began the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Trustee Charles Simpson followed with a prayer. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Supervisor, Anthony Sinicropi; Clerk, Susan Tomasek-Swan; Treasurer, Carolyn Stevens; Trustees, Paul Dutton and Charles Simpson. Also present at the meeting: Deputy Supervisor, Richard Givens; Deputy Clerk, Shawn Dilts, SEDP representative, Jennifer Broome; Assessor, Stephen Schweikert; and two guests.

Scheduled Comments:

Steve Loomis was not present.

Jennifer Broome from the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership (SEDP) spoke on behalf of the organization to encourage us to continue our support. She spoke on the goals of the SEDP of creating jobs, keeping jobs and attracting new jobs to our county. She displayed information on the new growth of business that the SEDP has helped, as well as the projected new business.

Supervisor Sinicropi asked why the bigger townships were not contributing to this organization when they received the most direct benefit from the economic growth.

Treasurer Stevens mentioned that the Shiawassee Co. donates money to them as well as the townships so they are “double dipping”.

Trustee Dutton voiced the opinion that it was important to contribute and we can’t say to the other township what they should do.

Sinicropi said economic times are hard for our township and money will be tight due to road funds being cut.

Public Comment:

Bill Morris former owner of the Owosso Speedway track spoke on behalf of the present owners of the track about their upcoming court case. The present judgment on the

business is the track can only be open for business on Wednesday 3pm to dark and Saturday 12pm to 12am Sunday and is limited to auto racing. The owners are hoping to have the restrictions modified so that the business can be run so that it can break even. The court date is set for January 11, 2008.

General Business:

Dutton motioned to approve the Agenda as it was written. Simpson seconded the motion and it was carried with all ayes.

Dutton made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of Simpson instead of Dutton under unfinished business about the insulation estimates. Sinicropi seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Sinicropi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Simpson seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Dutton to approve the paying of December bills in the amount of \$10,389.59 with check numbers 2010-2024 with a void on check number 2016. Simpson seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays the motion was carried.

Communications:

Sinicropi and Givens agreed that the workshop on the Township Laws was worth attending. They had a better understanding of how the laws work. There was also explanation of property values and why taxes increases.

Sinicropi attended the yearly Road Commission meeting with supervisors. Sinicropi discussed that the ten year plan for the roads was completed and that future funding would be cut. The board discussed options to cover the expense of the road repairs. One option was to propose a road millage. The board agreed that Shiawassee County had better roads than most Michigan counties. Givens expressed the opinion that the township having a voice in the spending and contributing to the fund helps. Another option was to use money from other areas of our budget.

Old Business:

Tomasek-Swan updated the board on the timelines for the Primary Elections. Dutton expressed the opinion if we needed to have a township hall. He has looked into the matter and said that legally we did not need a hall. He express the money used for upkeep of the hall could be used for renting other building when we needed to use one. Tomasek-Swan said for the Presidential primary it was too late to move polling places. The public needs a 60 days notice.

New Business:

A motion was made by Stevens and seconded by Sinicropi to approve the 2008 Regular Middlebury Township board and Planning Commission meetings. All aye and no nays the motion was carried. Givens stated that in lieu of the whole planning commission board meeting on those dates, Sovis and Givens were meeting to work on the Master land use plan.

Sinicropi moved the motion to approval of the 2008 snack calendar and was seconded by Simpson. All ayes and no nays the motion was carried.

Dutton moved the motion to approve the payment of the hotel room for Tomasek-Swan and Dilts for two days at a rate of \$129.00 plus city tax for the MTA conference on January 9th and 10th. Sinicropi seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Dutton made a motion to approve the payment of per diem for two days at a rate of \$40.00 per day or \$ 12.00 per meal (Resolution 2007-02) to Tomasek-Swan and Dilts. Sinicropi seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Simpson made a motion to purchase a wall map from the zoning commission on future land use of Shiawassee County for the price of \$8.00. Dutton seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Sinicropi made a motion to accept Audrey Sovis letter of resignation with deep regret on the position of cemetery record keeper and proposed that Deputy Clerk, Shawn Dilts would attain the position at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. The Clerk would maintain the records of receipts of the opening and closing of graves. Tomasek-Swan seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Sinicropi that 5 people (3 Board of Review members, Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor) could be sent to the Board of Review training on February 4th 2008 in Frankenmuth, MI. Dutton expressed the opinion if there was a need for both of the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to attend the training. Stevens seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Sinicropi made a motion to change the January Regular Board meeting from January 8th to January 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Ovid Municipal Building due to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk attending the MTA conference. Stevens seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Final Comments:

Tomasek-Swan wanted the board to know that the hall would need to be heated from Sunday to Tuesday while preparing and conducting the Presidential Primary Election.

The gas usage on the last hall's consumers' bill had increased. Sinicropi and Tomasek-Swan went to the hall and found the furnace was set on the temperature correctly.

Stevens made a motion to end the meeting at 9:05 pm. Tomasek-Swan seconded the motion. All ayes and no nays, the motion was carried.

Submitted by
Susan Tomasek-Swan, Clerk