

Middlebury Township

PO Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866

Regular Board Minutes

Middlebury Township Hall

7627 W M21, Ovid Michigan

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

Supervisor Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a pledge to the flag and a prayer led by Richard Semans.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Michael Herendeen, Clerk Susan Tomasek-Swan, Treasurer Carolyn Stevens, Trustee Gary Kiger and Trustee Richard Givens

Guests Present:

There were eleven guests present: Mary Nordbeck, County Commissioner for District 1; George Stevenson ,35th Judicial Circuit Court candidate; Brent Jones, Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership representative; Lynn Givens, Deputy Treasurer for Middlebury Township; Bill Kline, Middlebury Resident; Hartmann Aue candidate for the County Commissioner District 1 ; Anthony Sinicropi, Deputy Supervisor for Middlebury township.

Scheduled Comments:

George Stevenson, candidate for the 35th Judicial Circuit Court presented his qualifications to the board for the position.

Mary Nordbeck, newly appointed to the County Commissioner District one position, updated the board on the issues being discussed by the County Commission Board. Some of the issues that will be headed for the August primary ballot are as follows: Headlee's override, presently at 5.41 mils to be placed back to 5.555 mils and Shiawassee County on Aging (SCOA) proposed millage raise from .25 to .5.

Hartmann Aue, candidate for the County Commissioner District 1 reviewed his educational background and experience that he feels makes him qualified for the position.

Brent Jones, Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership (SEDP) came to update the board on the new development in Shiawassee County. The Blue Grass Tank which makes food grade tanks to move food on big trucks is the newest business in Shiawassee County. They are hiring people right now.

Public Comments: Opened at 7:18 pm Closed at 7:24pm

Bill Kline asked about the addition to the hall that was discussed in April's meeting. Trustee Givens explained it was a cover area to keep voters dry if there was a line. He also asked about the property on M21 because it is filling up with junk again. Trustee Givens have not heard from the county whether the property owners have responded to the letter sent to them. Trustee Givens is also working a junk removal with a piece of property on Warren Rd and he continued saying both properties are low on the county's list. The issues with the properties could be pass it to the county health department if there are health hazards involved.

Motion to Approve Agenda:

Clerk Tomasek-Swan made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Memorial Day appropriation. Trustee Givens seconded the motion.

Yes: All

Nay: None Carried

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Treasurer Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular meeting held on April 9th 2014 with the following addition: Trustee Givens discussed putting a covered porch over the entry way to help during elections to keep people dry when it is raining or snowing. Trustee Givens seconded the motion.

Yes: All

Nay: None Carried

Motion to Approve Bills:

Treasurer Stevens made a motion to approve paying the bills with checks 3549-3565 and 2 EFT in an amount of \$6,547.91 Clerk Tomasek-Swan seconded the motion.

Yes: All

Nay: None Carried

Communications:

Park and Rec: Ray Medina is stepping down after 30 years of service. The board is planning on building roofs over the dugout and realigning the bases.

OMESA representative, Dick Semans says there have been a few grass fires. The OMESA meeting has been changed to May 21 due to Memorial Day. There was a training burn. The OMESA board is still waiting for action to be able to move the access drive to the cell tower; the gate will need to be cut and the fiber optic cable needs to be moved to create the new driveway.

The next Planning Commission Meeting is June 12th 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Library: none

MTA meetings: No one attended the May's MTA meeting. The meeting was at Bennington Township.

Business:

Supervisor Herendeen stated that Dean Welte is scheduling road brining but no Brine Contracts have been presented to him or the board. Supervisor Herendeen wants to know what the board wants to do with the brining. Trustee Givens refreshed Herendeen memory on what the board approved. The motion was to authorize the Supervisor to sign all road contracts. Trustee Givens felt it may have been only the contracts in front of Herendeen **Trustee Givens made a motion to have the Supervisor have authority to sign the Brine contract up to the amount \$18,000.00. Treasurer Stevens seconded the motion.**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kiger, Givens, Tomasek-Swan, Stevens, Herendeen

Nays; none Carried

Fiscal Year CD

Resolution 2014-04: Resolution to use interest earned on Cemetery Certificate of Deposit for repairs to the Middlebury Township cemetery.

Supervisor Herendeen offered Resolution 2014-04 and Trustee Givens supported the resolution.

AYE: Trustee Kiger, Clerk Tomasek Swan, Trustee Givens, Treasurer Stevens, Supervisor Herendeen

NAY: None

Resolution 2014-05: Resolution to use General Fund money to invest in a Certificate of Deposit for the fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Trustee Givens offered the resolution with the support of Treasurer Stevens.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kiger, Givens, Tomasek-Swan, Stevens, Herendeen

Nays; none Carried

Trustee Givens made a motion to move \$114,000.00 from the General Fund checking account to be placed with the Certificate of Deposit for fiscal year 2014-2015, \$6000.00 to create a total deposit of \$120,000.000. Treasurer Stevens seconded the motion.

Roll call:

AYE: Clerk Tomasek, Treasurer Stevens, Trustee Givens, Trustee Kiger, Supervisor Herendeen

Nays None

Memorial Day – Trustee Givens wanted to know if the board wanted to participate with the Memorial Day service with a luncheon afterwards.

Trustee Givens made a motion to appropriate up to \$300.00 for the Memorial Day service at Maple Grove Cemetery and the luncheon at the Lion’s Club The motion was seconded by Treasurer Stevens.

Treasurer Stevens expressed concern because the celebration will go to Maple Grove Cemetery and the small cemetery but they never go to Middlebury Cemetery. Trustee Givens stated that this is a community event. His opinion is that we should leave the issue this year and address it for next year.

Aye: Kiger, Stevens, Givens, Tomasek, Herendeen

Nay: None Carried.

The board wanted to discuss real estate,

Treasurer Stevens made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss real estate at 8:29 pm. Trustee Givens seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Givens, Tomasek-Swan Kiger and Herendeen

Nay: None

Entered into closed session at 8:29 pm.

Entered into open session at 8:48pm

Supervisor Herendeen stated the board was discussing acquiring land surrounding the township hall.

Final Comments: Opened at 8:53 pm Closed at 8:53pm

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Adjourned at 8:53pm

Without objection the supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

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Susan Tomasek-Swan
Middlebury Township Clerk