

# Middlebury Township

PO Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866

Regular Board Meeting

Middlebury Township Hall

7627 W M21, Ovid Michigan

Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

## **Call to Order:**

Supervisor Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with pledge allegiance and prayer by Trustee Semans.

## **Board Members Present:**

Supervisor Michael Herendeen, Clerk Rose Brown, Treasurer Stevens, Trustee Gary Kiger and Trustee Richard Semans

**Guests Present:** Three guests were present. Among the guests were Arlene Pesik, Carl Chalker, Karl Heckman.

**Scheduled Comments:** Mike Bruff arrived at 7:20 pm He arrived after the Shiawassee Commissioner meeting. Supervisor Herendeen discussed about zoning department and how township planning commission boards are just for recommendation to the county's zoning and planning commission. Mr. Bruff said he would be supportive of the planning commission if they had some backing of their decision. Bennington Golf Course has been purchase and the special use permit needed to be rezoned as commercial. This township has many businesses in the same area and they are against the Golf Course's permit.

The moratorium for the wind turbine is likely to be moved and to be extended to June of 2018 at the next county commissioner meeting.

**Public Comments: Opened at 7:03pm Closed at 7:04 pm**

None

## **Motion to Approve Agenda:**

Trustee Semans made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of property realignment and additions. Treasurer Stevens seconded the motion.

Yes: All

Nay: None

Carried

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Trustee Semans made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 as presented. Clerk Brown seconded the motion.

Aye: all

Nay: None                      Carried

**Motion to Pay Bills:**

The board acquiesced and all trustees signed to pay \$29,904.17 check # 1041-1042 from the road fund account; \$6,310.09 check# 4279-4291 void check number 4291 with 1 EFT from the general fund account.

Regarding one bill and charges on the bill: Supervisor Herendeen made a motion pay the sexton \$300.00 for the exhuming of the cremains and forgive the additional \$150.00 from the customer since a price of \$150.00 was already quoted to her. Treasurer Stevens seconded the motion.

Aye: all

Nay: none                      Carried

**Communications:**

**Park and Recreations:** None No meeting Arlene Pesik informed the board that Ovid Township has withdrawn from the Park and Rec.

**Library:** Securing the internet better and working with New Look in St. Johns to improve the security. The board signed a contract with Daystarr instead of Frontier to have better internet. Treasurer and Representative from Ovid Township will be resigning by December 31,2017.

**MTA Meeting:** This month's MTA meeting was the annual banquet meeting and Supervisor Herendeen was re-elected as chairman. They met at the American Legion Hall. Next MTA meeting will be at the first Tuesday in December and will be meeting at Caledonia Hall.

**OMESA:** They have acquired a loan at 2.55 percent from Huntington Bank with the sale of the cell tower to contribute to the amount of money needed for the building. If everything goes well, the building could get started sometime during the winter. Approval of the actual building may occur in the next meeting or January's meeting.

**Assessor:** none

**Clerk:** Reimbursement in mileage from Clerk Brown. The clerk has enclosed a letter to describe the discrepancy in the calculating the mileage. **Supervisor Herendeen made a motion to accept the corrected records and the check to pay back the overcharge of mileage. Trustee Semans seconded the motion.**

**Aye: All**

**Nay: None                      Carried**

**Business:**

**1. Adopting Resolution 2017-05 Minutes Dates for 2018**

**Trustee Semans offered the adoption of resolution 2017-05; Meeting Calendar for 2018 The resolution was supported by Treasurer Stevens.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye: Brown, Kiger, Semans, Stevens, Herendeen**

**Nay: None**

**Resolution was declared adopted.**

**2. Property Realignment and additions.**

The township offered to swap the back 206'x832' to the side acreage to the west and purchase the 416'x200' piece in front. The township will pay for \$3,000 for 1.9 acres and the survey and closing costs. This would make

**Supervisor Herendeen moved to have Trustee Semans negotiates with the owners to purchase 1.9 acres, swap the property from the south part to the west part and pay for the closing costs and survey up to \$6,000.00. Treasurer Stevens seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Kiger, Brown, Semans, Stevens, Herendeen**

**Nays: None                      Carried**

**Final Comments: Opened at 8:05pm Closed at 8:19pm**

Treasurer Stevens asked about the money for some burial that she has not received from the sexton.

Kiger asked about the Race Track- The owner has approached the county to adjust the consent judgement. There are new owners would like to expand on the weekend racing and to allow camping on more nights. Under the current restrictions is it keeping him from making a profit and he wants to open it up for more activities. The owners said he lost money last year and needs to make changes to make money. Supervisor Herendeen feels that people will be complaining about any expanding of racing.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting: Adjourned at 8:19pm**

**Trustee Semans made the motion to adjourn the meeting 8:19pm. Supervisor supported the motion**

Without objection the supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

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Susan Swan  
Deputy Clerk Middlebury Township

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