

Middlebury Township

PO Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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Regular Meeting
7627 W. M-21, Ovid, MI
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order:

Supervisor Swan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Trustee Greg Atwood, Trustee Gene Ruess, Treasurer Jill Ruess, Clerk Susan Tomasek Swan and Supervisor Jeff Swan

Guests Present: 15 guests were present. Some of the guests were Gary Kiger; Shawn Dilts, Deputy Clerk; Dr. Holley, assessor

Scheduled Comments:

1. County Commissioner: Not present
2. SATA Representative: Mary Rice from SATA identified that they have received some inquiries from Middlebury Township residents. SATA has been in operation since February 2000. It is a reservation basis service, not a fixed route service. Their budget is from 55% state and federal grants, 23% from fares of individuals & contracting agencies, 19% local municipal support (taxes and/or general fund), and 3% miscellaneous (advertising, interest, used vehicle sales, memorials, donations, etc.). Since COVID there was a decrease in ridership and there has been a rebound moving towards returning to pre-pandemic level. Being a participating municipality does not provide a guarantee of availability of ride. It does provide increased chances that the ride availability will occur.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Clerk Tomasek Swan made a motion to approve as presented the March 14, 2023 minutes. Trustee Atwood seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All

Nays: None Carried

Motion to approve Bills

Clerk Tomasek Swan made a motion to approve bills from General Funds in the amount of \$9,955.20 with checks #5920-5938 2 EFTs to include payment of Daystarr. Treasurer Ruess seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

The following voted AYE: Trustee Atwood, Trustee Ruess, Treasurer Ruess, Supervisor Swan, Clerk

The following voted NAY: none

Carried

Communications:

MTA- Annual conference is next week. Supervisor Swan attending. Local meeting this month discussed the Hazardous Materials collection in Durand.

Library- Meeting minutes included in the packet. Still exploring software options.

OMESA- Supervisor reports that one of the vehicles is needing repair/refurbishment. Obtaining a new engine is taking approximately 2 years for delivery.

Clerk- Bid for stone clean up by Family Tree and Lawn Service. Trustee Ruess made a motion to accept the bid and seconded by Clerk Tomasek Swan.

Roll Call Vote:

The following voted AYE: Trustee Atwood, Trustee Ruess, Treasurer Ruess, Supervisor Swan, Clerk Tomasek Swan

The following voted NAY: none Carried

Assessor- Board of Review occurred last month. They are balanced with the county and minutes were provided to the Clerk.

Business:

1. **SATA-** Discussion is only for Board Members. Trustee Atwood has made a motion to initiate the services from 5/1/2023 to 9/30/2023 in the amount of \$2,107.85 for May 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2023 (*at least*) \$5,058.82 (*or slightly more*) for October 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

The following voted AYE: Trustee Atwood, Trustee Ruess, Treasurer Ruess, Supervisor Swan, Clerk Tomasek Swan

The following voted NAY: none Carried

2. **Owosso Speedway Rezoning-** Township has received a letter from Shiawassee County requesting a response from Middlebury Township regarding the variance. Treasurer Ruess made a motion for the Supervisor to attend the Shiawassee County Planning Commission meeting on 5/24/2023 at 7:00 pm to provide support in approval to rezone a parcel from A2 (agricultural/residential) to a B2 (General Business) parcel #005-14400-003, seconded by Trustee Atwood.

Roll Call Vote:

The following voted AYE: Trustee Atwood, Trustee Ruess, Treasurer Ruess, Supervisor Swan, Clerk Tomasek Swan

The following voted NAY: none Carried

3. **Road Contracts** Supervisor reports that the contracts have all come in lower than the original bids. The total cost of the contracts is \$166,055. Clerk Tomasek Swan made a motion for the Supervisor to sign the agreements for the following the projects: Joint township scratch course/Chip seal Baldwin Rd-\$60,400.00; Mineral Brine -\$27,630.00; Chip Seal for Mason Rd-

\$35,000.00; Bituminous Paving for Prospect Ave, East First St., High St., Pearl Ave., Clinton St.- \$22,400.00; Gravel Hauling for Mason Rd- \$20,625.00 for a total amount of \$166,055.00. Trustee Ruess seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

The following voted AYE: Trustee Atwood, Trustee Ruess, Treasurer Ruess, Supervisor Swan, Clerk Tomasek Swan

The following voted NAY: none Carried

4. **Approve Diane Aldrich for library representative** Clerk Tomasek Swan made a motion to approve Diane Aldrich as the library representative at large. Treasurer Ruess seconded the motion.
Passed on Voice vote
5. **Treasurer Bonding Insurance** Township attorney is drafting a legal opinion regarding the coverage cost of the bonding insurance by the county.
6. **OMESA appropriation** Trustee Ruess made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 to OMESA and to issue a check to present at the next OMESA meeting. Treasurer Ruess seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

The following voted AYE: Trustee Atwood, Trustee Ruess, Treasurer Ruess, Supervisor Swan, Clerk Tomasek Swan

The following voted NAY: none Carried

7. **Driveway Update** - Trustee Ruess updated the board on his latest contacts regarding the driveway.
8. **Cemetery Fence revisit**- Rita Gazda, township resident, has requested to have permission to remove and replace fencing behind her family plots. This request was denied due to liability. Cemetery sexton will be cleaning that fence line.
9. **NSF Check** Supervisor Swan will follow up with Township attorney regarding resolution and action.

Final Comments: Opened at 8:57 pm Closed at 9:02 pm

Gary Kiger spoke on asphalt companies and the Owosso Speedway.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Adjourned at 9:03 pm

Next meeting May 9,2023 at 7:00pm

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Shawn Dilts
Deputy Clerk