

# Middlebury Township

PO Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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Regular Meeting  
7627 W. M-21, Ovid, MI  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm

## REGULAR MEETING

### Call to Order:

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

### Board Members Present:

Supervisor Jeffery Swan, Clerk Jamie Aldrich, Treasurer Jill Ruess, Trustee Greg Atwood and Trustee Gene Ruess

**Guests Present:** Guests were present: 5 Caroline Wilson, David Wilson, Mark Holley, Mike Herendeen, Gary Kiger.

**Scheduled Comments:** None

### Public Comments: Opened at 7:01 pm Closed at 7:10 pm

Caroline, brought us new county directory's. Spoke about CPL fingerprinting being done at the clerks office at the county. Red Flag Law. Talked about the 9 day early voting. Applied for a grant to help with the early voting expenses. Advocating for per diem for clerks and deputy clerk in even years.

Gary, had missed a meeting and wanted to know when we got a new clerk. Discussed changes withing the board.

### Motion to Approve Agenda:

G. Ruess made a motion to approve agenda as amended. Seconded the motion. G. Atwood

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

### Motion to Approve Minutes:

G. Atwood made a motion to approve with correction the October 2023, minutes. Remove Caroline and put Jill Ruess as Treasurer. J. Ruess seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

### Motion to approve Bills

G. Ruess made a motion to approve bills from General Funds in the amount 6036 Daystarr from October For a total amount of \$131.26. 6037-6053 For a total amount of \$18,002.18 and Road Fund Ck#1082 For a total amount \$11,322.62. 3 Debit Card Transaction For a total amount of \$170.33. 1 EFT For a total \$1,170.97 J. Ruess seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: J. Aldrich, G. Atwood, G. Ruess, J. Ruess, J. Swan Nays: None

**Communications:**

**MTA-** Next meeting at Caledonia Township Hall. Meetings moved to every other month

**Library-** G. Atwood spoke about library, they had a flood they need to make repairs to floors, paint walls.

**OMESA-** Update resolutions at last meeting.

**Clerk-**

**Supervisor-** Spoke about website updates.

**Assessor-** Poverty Exemption. He will add the resolution number 2023-05. State changed Veteran exemption rules, they will go out immediately.

**Business:**

1. MTA Online subscription. Essential Package \$750.00 yr. Plus package \$1,000.00 yr. Premium package \$1,900.00 yr.

Motion made by G. Atwood to purchase the plus package beginning January 1,2024. G. Ruess 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Roll call Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

2. Clerk Office Equipment: Update computer/laptop get scanner that connects directly to laptop.

Motion made by G. Atwood to approve up to \$1,000.00 for new laptop and scanner. J. Ruess 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

3. Cemetery Fees and Rules- Supervisor suggested we go over policy as a board.
4. Insurance- Burnham & Flowers- Discussion to add terrorism coverage for an additional \$47.00
5. Ballot Box Update- Jeff will mount camera
6. New Township Hall- Wait until after holidays to revisit this.
7. Proposal for Monroe Lawn Care & Snow Removal

Motion made by J. Ruess to approve Snow plowing services for 2023-2024 season. J. Aldrich 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

8. Resolution For 2024 Poverty Exemption

Motion made by J. Ruess to approve 2024 Poverty Exemption 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Aldrich

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

9. Resolution to approve 2024 township meeting dates.

Motion made by G. Atwood to approve township meeting dates for 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Swan

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

Final Comments: Opened at 8:07 pm Closed at 8:13 pm

G. Atwood, spoke about new bill being signed in to allow state to approve solar and wind without local government having any say. Township will lose tax revenue, that money will go to state.

M. Holley spoke about assessing for end of year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Adjourned at 8:14pm

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Next meeting December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm

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Angela Wheeler  
Deputy Clerk

