

# Middlebury Township

PO Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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Regular Meeting  
7627 W. M-21, Ovid, MI  
Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 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: 7 Guests were present: Kevin Lenkhart, Josh Haylee and son David Haylee, Brett Singer, Bill Kline, Gary Keiger, and Michael Herendeen

### Scheduled Comments:

Josh Haley- Spoke about running for commissioner in our district. He chose to run to fight for local control. He can be reached at, cell 989-992-4698 or [joshhaley4shiawassee@gmail.com](mailto:joshhaley4shiawassee@gmail.com)

Kevin Lenkart- Spoke about new contract and the prices of everything increasing. This new contract would start April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 if approved. MMR will be leaving. City is in the process of hiring new people. This contract would be paid once a year starting April 1, 2024- April 1, 2025.

Gene Ruess made motion to enter into contract for emergency services for FY 24-25 with City of Owosso. Greg Atwood seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: G. Atwood, J. Aldrich, G. Ruess, J. Ruess, J. Swan

Nays: None

### Public Comments: Opened at 7:18 pm Closed at 7:27 pm

Bill Kline- Spoke about the county trimming the trees and not cleaning up after themselves. Asked about ordinance for trimming trees and for flowers in the cemetery. Asked about lawn mowing ordinance and following up with some of the places around here.

Brett Singer- Will be running for drain commissioner and is campaigning with Josh Haley.

### Motion to Approve Agenda:

Greg Atwood made a motion to approve agenda as amended. Gene Ruess seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Greg Atwood made a motion to amend the 2024 minutes. Jill Ruess seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

**Motion to approve Bills**

Jill Ruess made a motion to approve bills from General Funds in the amount \$9,275.40, City of Owosso for \$1,237.50, EFT's for \$5,736.58, For a total amount \$16,249.48 and OMESA for \$88,235.46 Jamie Aldrich seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: G. Atwood, J. Aldrich, G. Ruess, J. Ruess, J. Swan

Nays: None

**Communications:**

**MTA-** Annual subscription for training is paid for and ready to use, see Jamie or Angela for login information.

**Library-** Repairs are in progress and they are hoping to be able to have the next meeting at the Library.

**OMESA-** The new fire truck is expected to be delivered end of this month. Sold old fire truck.

**Clerk-** Election update. 350 votes casted. Spoke about having Tina and Holly help with the elections for the rest of the year. Public accuracy test. J. Swan Made motion to ratify and approve clerks actions to hire election source to preform public accuracy and pay reasonable invoice when received. Second by G. Ruess

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: G. Atwood, J. Aldrich, G. Ruess, J. Ruess, J. Swan

Nays: None

**Treasurer-** Renewed two CD's Last month. Jill requested organizational meeting. Scheduled March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Voice vote- all ayes. Nays: none

**Assessor-** BOR meeting going well. Will be here tomorrow again

**Business:**

1.) Road Projects for 2024

Discussed that it makes sense to go forward with all projects as proposed. The final numbers need to be presented, this contract will be on next month's meeting agenda to finalize

2.) Emergency services millage for the August election.

Motion made by Jeff Swan to put Supplemental Emergency Services Millage on the August 2024 ballot. Greg Atwood seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: G.Atwood, J.Aldrich, G.Ruess, J.Ruess, J.Swan

Nays: None

The resolution will be presented at the Special Meeting to be held March 19, 2024 at the Township hall @7pm

- 3.) Trash complaint for 1015 Austin Rd.  
This has been passed along to County Zoning office.
- 4.) Mr Guru, Vinyard  
Was not in attendance. Asked for a board member to go to the zoning meeting in support of him. Asked Jeff to help him with a grant and give him recommendation. No board objections to this  
Old Business
- 5.) Township Website.  
Jeff uploaded studies for BOR and posted poverty exemptions.
- 6.) Clerk Salary.  
Jeff did some research on this. Move the treasurer and supervisor to \$15,000 with the clerk salary being moved to \$17,000 with this starting on April 1, 2024. Resolution to pass this in the meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.) Driveway- Purchase land that our existing driveway is on.  
Jeff is working on this. He will call Crowe this week and get an update on the amount they want for the parcel.
- 8.) Maner Costerian. They are the yearly Auditors for Middlebury Township  
They sent a contract that needs to be reviewed by the board. Resolution to pass this in the meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Final Comments: Opened at 8:30pm Closed at 8:34pm

Gary asked about the driveway being a road. The county abandoned that so it is no longer a right of way.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jeff Swan Adjourned at 8:35 pm without objections.

Next meeting April 9, 2024 at 7:00pm

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Angela Wheeler  
Deputy Clerk

