

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 8, 2021 7:00 pm

Glenn opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Peggy, Patty, Sarah, Bruce & Glenn all present. Guests: Bob Hoard, Lisa Johnson, Lynne Austin, Tim Michell, Diann Nowland, Beth Hummell, Smitty Nowland, Jim Wing, Claire & Michael Moner, and Janet Wilson.

Bruce made a motion to accept the agenda, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Bruce made a motion to pay the bills, Patty 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$157,122.87.

Old Business:

Bruce made a motion to send ADT's camera back with their bill unpaid and an letter of explanation, Peggy 2nd, motion carried.

Peggy made a motion to contact the Networking Butler, Inc. in Marion to get an estimate on a camera security system and then purchase either Cadillac Surveillance or Networking Butler, Inc (which one is the best offer) for the township, Bruce 2nd, motion carried.

Peggy made a resolution to apply to Par Plan for half the cost (Not to exceed \$2,500) to purchase the security system, Bruce 2nd, resolution carried.

Peggy made a motion to hire James Wing as Middle Branch Township Ordinance Officer, Glenn 2nd, motion carried.

Rubbish day: the crew left at noon instead of 1:00. The roll off dumpster was left in the center of the parking lot for four weeks. Four phone calls were made by the clerk to have it removed. She advised the company that the township would only pay ¼ the cost for the roll off, as people had been filling it after rubbish day.

LED lights were tabled until January 2022 meeting.

ID Badges: Photos taken after the meeting to make the badges.

Sump Pump & Dehumidifier: Bruce sent to Cadillac September 14, purchased both and installed them.

American Rescue Plan Act board was discussed. Glenn gave a handout. Bruce made a motion to pay Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P. C. for help with the application. Glenn 2nd, motion carried.

Bruce made a motion the ARPA Committee receive \$12.50 per hour for ARPA meetings, Peggy 2nd, motion carried. The first meeting will be Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm.

New Business:

A well man will need to check the well at the cemetery in the spring as the pump does not work.

We will look into a rubbish/recycle grant.

Peggy requested a Silent Observer sign be placed on one side or the other of the front door.

Guests discussed road issue on 5th Avenue between 17 and 18 mile roads, referred to Road committee.

Peggy will type a newsletter to be sent with the taxes going out the end of November.

Peggy will call the county to find out who created a face book account for Middle Branch Twp.

Peggy will place the newsletter on the township web page.

Commissioner Michell gave an update on the county issues.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, Sarah 2nd, motion carried, meeting closed.

Next meeting Monday, January 11, 2022 Wages & Salaries and regular business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy A. Hoard, Clerk

