

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Budget & Regular Business

Monday, March 11, 2024 7:00 pm

Glenn opened the Budget Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Roll Call: Peggy, Patty, Sarah, Bruce & Glenn all present

Guests: Bob Hoard, Lisa Johnson, Eric Abbey, Doug Elliott, Mike Gabrion, Tim Michell, Kathy Riedel & Sarah Ganereaux-Maddox.

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

Budget discussed. Bruce made a motion to raise the line items presented, Glenn 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Bruce made a motion to raise the Clerk's salary by \$900.00 for 2024-2025 budget that was omitted at the February meeting, Glenn 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Bruce made a motion that Grounds Keeping tabled wage be increased to \$5,700 salary (divided by 31 weeks & paid twice a month), and hourly for other work. Glenn 2nd all in favor, motion carried.

Glenn made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024-2025 Budget with the changes, Bruce 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Glenn made a motion to close the budget meeting and open the general meeting at 7:16 pm, Bruce 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Regular Business

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Glenn 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Sarah made a motion to pay the bills, Bruce 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$267,088.48.

Old Business:

Peggy reported the membership dues check was sent to Silent Observer.

Ordinance Officer: Bruce made a motion to purchase a shirt with the Middle Branch Township Ordinance Officer Badge embroidered upon it, Glenn 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Bruce will order the shirt. Derek and Glenn will check the ordinance to make sure everything is correct.

Doug Elliott of Elliott Building spoke on the flooring project that is almost complete. The balance owed by the township will be paid and the work on the floor will be finished in a couple of weeks.

New Business:

Tim Michell gave updates on the Commissioners.

Bruce made a motion to accept the Road Committee's proposal on priorities of roads needing repairs, Peggy 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Form was signed; Bruce will present it to the Osceola Co. Road Commission at the March 26th annual meeting.

The Library presented a copy of their agreement along with options. Much discussion followed. This was tabled until the contract could be examined.

Peggy made a motion to accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines, Sarah 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Glenn made a motion to purchase 12 tables & 96 chairs for not more than \$4,323.00, Bruce 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 89:51 pm, Saran 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy A. Hoard, Clerk

Next meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00 pm