

Thursday January 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. the regular Middlebury Township Board meeting held at the Ovid Municipal Building was called to order by Supervisor Anthony Sinicropi with the pledge to the flag. Prayer was given by Trustee Charles Simpson. Sinicropi, Clerk Audrey Sovis, Treasurer Carolyn Stevens and Trustees Simpson and Paul Dutton were present. There were 16 visitors.

Scheduled Comments: OMES Fire Chief Jim Brown and Jim Pontack came to thank the board for their past support. It was noted that OMES went on 105 runs in 2005 and that they recently purchased a new “Jaws-of-life”.

Public Comments: Bill Kline complained of the large amount of garbage being dumped on Austin road; in particular, newspapers from the Clinton County News. Sinicropi stated that he would contact their office and report the dumping of papers. He also said he would inquire of Dave Chrenka the possibility of having “no littering” signs put up in this area.

General Business: A **motion** was made by Dutton, seconded by Simpson to approve the agenda as presented; all ayes, no nays, carried. A **motion** was made by Dutton, seconded by Simpson to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2005 regular board meeting; all ayes, no nays, carried. A **motion** was made by Sovis, seconded by Sinicropi to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented; all ayes, no nays, carried. A **motion** was made by Simpson, seconded by Dutton to approve the payment of the January bills in the amount of \$3,315.12 (ck #'s 1585-1600); carried by signature vote.

Communications: A letter from Charter Communications was received in regard to NFL program changes. Violation notices were reported on Dale George, Franklin J. Goodrich and Terry L. Rose. Sinicropi reported on an upcoming meeting at the Clinton County RESA building in regard to the Rails to Trails. Deputy Supervisor Rich Givens volunteered to go on behalf of the board.

New Business: A **motion** was made by Sinicropi, seconded by Sovis to appoint Gene Ruess and Glen Nethaway to the Middlebury Township Planning Commission; all ayes, no nays, carried. There was discussion about the Planning Commission wanting to amend their bylaws with minor changes. The board requested that they be made aware of these changes. A **motion** was made by Sovis, seconded by Dutton to send Sinicropi, Givens and Robert Cappiello to the February 17, 2006 Board of Review training seminar in Lansing; all ayes, no nays, carried. A **motion** was made by Simpson, seconded by Dutton to contract \$1,000 with the Shiawassee County Economic Development Partners; roll call vote: Stevens no, Dutton yes, Sovis no, Simpson yes, Sinicropi yes; motion carried.

Reports: Sinicropi noted that the Michigan Emergency Management Act requires that all township officials must attend an emergency training session and be tested. There are plans to do this training with Fairfield Township officials. A date will be selected in the very near future. As the Middlebury Township Cemetery deed is not yet properly recorded, a meeting will be scheduled tomorrow between the property owners and attorney Mark Cooley. Erin Dutton presented the board with a copy of the library’s monthly financial records for the month of October along with statistics of income, visitors, circulation, etc. County Commissioner James Capitan reported that Rich Givens’ name has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners as a member of the Tri-County Trail Authority. He also commented that there are plans to move the Health Department and the Drain Office to another building located behind the Courthouse.

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Stevens, seconded by Dutton to adjourn; all ayes, no nays, carried.