

Mad River Township Trustees Mtg

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Meeting time: 7:30 pm

Trustees Present: Mike Ward (president), Dave Riley (vice president), Brent Laughman

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford and Interim Fiscal Officer Suellen Slayton

Part time employees present: Harold Dixon, Everett Keller, Dennis Bok,

Others Present: Cody Riley, Roger Ward, David Ropp, Glen Shoemaker

Meeting Called to order by Mike Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brent Laughman

Minutes and Financials

Fiscal Officer presented Trustees with Minutes, financials, and bills/checks.

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting dates 3/3/14, 3/18/14, 3/24/14.

Trustees reviewed and financials and bill/checks to be paid and signed.

Dave Riley motioned to approve minutes, financials and bills/checks. Brent Laughman seconded motion. **Motion** unanimously approved.

Community Discussion/Concerns

Mike Ward opened the floor to community for discussion/concerns.

Glen Shoemaker brought concern regarding John Matthews' property. He stated Mr. Matthews' has a trailer on his property that he feels is required to be removed. He also brought up concern about Mr. Matthews' septic system not working properly and over flowing into his property. He also stated that the septic issue had been brought up by Mr. Shoemaker in the past and was addressed. He stated the county had inspected it this past fall and found no problems or issues with the septic system. He also stated he thought the county inspector had told Mr. Matthews to just add rocks to the drainage system to solve the overflow problem. Brent Laughman stated he would check with the county regarding the trailer and septic issues and would follow up with Mr. Shoemaker.

Roads and Bridges

Mike Ward asked the employees to give a status on how the road cleanup was going. Harold Dixon stated they were 50% complete. Mr. Ward stated he was pleased with the progress so far. He also stated the crews needed to make sure the culverts going under the roads were free of debris which is our township responsibility.

Also discussed was the need for replacing and adding road signs. Mr. Riley will check into some of the requirements and signs needed. Mr. Laughman will order the signs and posts once we have a list of signs needed.

Also discussed were the new culverts like the one on Stony creek which need rock replaced due to the culvert settling in. Mr. Ward mentioned waiting a few weeks to allow spring weather to set in which would allow culverts to settle in a little more and then start repairing/replacing rock on road berms.

Discussed the ally in Terre Haute behind store. Appears traffic is going too fast and creating pot holes that need repaired. No action taken at this time.

Cemeteries

Mr. Ward stated when monument orders come in, they need posted to the board in the office.

Mr. Ward stated the 2nd or 3rd week in April we need to start rolling the cemetery grass and preparing for mowing season. Also stated the season for putting in the monument bases is first week in May and would continue through Oct.

Equipment

Mike Ward asked employees if the check engine light on the F550 Ford (most recent purchased) was still on. Harold Dixon acknowledged that it was. Mr. Ward asked Harold to take it in to White's Ford to have it checked out since it still may be under warranty.

Harold Dixon asked about servicing the mowers to get them ready for mowing season. Mr. Ward approved for him to service them and purchase the parts needed for servicing and the spare parts that the township normally purchased for the mowers.

Other Administrative

Mike Ward stated Richard Ford was sworn in on March 27th and is also now bonded.

Mike Ward brought up that they were behind in approving board minutes from the end of January through February. He asked Richard Ford to provide each trustee a copy so they can review them for corrections/amendments. The trustees would provide any corrections/amendments to Mr. Ford before the next board meeting.

Trustees discussed propane usage for township building. Propane tank had a leak and the current propane company was supposed to have fixed it, but it appeared to have leaked again. Propane company fixed it again, but was supposed to credit township due to error in repairs. Credit does not appear to have been applied. Dave Riley will check with propane company regarding credit due. Also discussed was replacing seals around garage doors to help reduce heat loss and propane usage. No action taken at this time on door seals.

Trustees discussed pay for the interim fiscal officer Suellen Slayton. Brent Laughman motioned to pay her a contract amount of \$1414.75 (current allowed amount for Mad River Twp fiscal officer) for the month of March 2014 and month of April 2014 if needed. . If she is not needed for the entire month of April, the amount would be prorated based on partial month end date. Motion included paying her immediately following meeting for March services. Dave Riley seconded motion. **Motion** unanimously approved.

Mike Ward asked if there was any other business to be brought up. With no other business brought to discuss Dave Riley motioned to adjourn meeting. Brent Laughman seconded motion. **Motion** unanimously approved.