

# Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2014, Meeting time: 7:30 pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Dallas Foster, Barbara Foster, Harold Dixon, Cheryl Stickley Walter, Dan Walter

Meeting called to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

## Minutes and Financials

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

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting date 9/4/2014.

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

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to approve minutes and Financials. Dave Riley seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

## Community Discussion/Concerns

-Mr. and Mrs. Foster asked if we could hold off on trimming the trees along their farm until after they harvest their corn. At that point they said we could remove the entire tree if we wanted to avoid future problems with the trees. Also discussed was the problem with standing water along Coffin Station (ditch and yard). Mr. Laughman said that they were waiting for the County Engineer to get back with them before they can correct the issues creating the problem. They also discussed the cleanup that the township wanted to do on one corner of their property for easier ditch mowing. The Foster's gave permission to take out the trees and brush on that corner of their property.

-Dan Walters, with DAR, presented information regarding Rector-Gard Cemetery. Asked for the Township's help to put in a field access road so that they could clean it up on an annual basis. Several options were discussed from the type of roads to Township ownership. Brent Laughman will talk with Mr. Berner who owns the property that would be needed to put in an access road. The proposed area for the road would not go into his current farmable land. Mr. Walters asked if we could get an answer within the next 30 days as the County has agreed to leave an access entry point during their construction project along that part of the road if approval was received in time.

-Dave Riley updated that he had talked with the County Engineer regarding the "Jake Brake" sign and that a sign could not be put up without a noise ordinance in place which is not practical for rural areas.

## Roads and Bridge

-Dave Riley updated Riley Asphalt had completed their project and that Meade should complete their project within the next week.

-Trustees discussed the Road Salt problem that the County had informed us about. The County will only provide 50% of the salt to the townships that each had used last year. Trustees discussed different options including purchasing some direct. No action taken at this time.

## Cemeteries

-Discussed L.A. Tree Service and that they were having issues providing a valid Liability Insurance policy.

## Equipment

-Brent Laughman updated that the Snow Plow repair was scheduled with Kaffenbarger Trucking on Oct 12.

-Truck repair at J.R. Garage was to be completed in the next 2 weeks.

-Trustees discussed the maintenance needed on each of the trucks to get ready for the winter. Mike Ward volunteered to do the maintenance on the trucks if the township would purchase the parts needed. Mr. Laughman volunteered to do the work on the A truck since that is the one he will drive and it had some other issues he was going to fix.

## Zoning

- Bob Purk was not present to provide updates and Trustees have not received a call from him regarding any updates. Mr. Laughman said he had been by the property on Coffin station that was supposed to be cleaned

up by the end of September, but that it looked the same as it had 2 months ago and the deadline was within a couple of weeks.

-Mike Ward stated he had talked with Mark and Johnny regarding the Zoning Board and Zoning Appeals Board setting up a meeting. He said he asked them to contact the members of their Board to set up a date for a meeting.

**Other Administrative**

-Richard Ford asked to move the Oct 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to Oct 20<sup>th</sup> as he will be out of town that week. Also brought up was the meeting in Jan 2015. The first Thursday falls on Jan 1.

Trustees all agreed to move the Oct 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to Oct 20<sup>th</sup> and to move the Jan 1, 2015 meeting to Jan 5, 2015.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:05pm. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ by Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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