

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, Jan 7, 2016, Meeting time: 7:30 pm

Trustees Present: Mike Ward, Dave Riley, Brent Laughman

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Karen Bailey (County Auditor), Bob Purk (Zoning Inspector)

Meeting called to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Ward turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer for nominations of President and Vice President.

Election of Officers

Richard Ford opened the floor for nominations for Township President.

Brent Laughman nominated Mike Ward as President. Mr. Ward declined the nomination.

Dave Riley nominated Brent Laughman as President. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Vote was called.

Vote unanimously passed.

Dave Riley nominated Mike Ward as Vice President. Brent Laughman seconded motion. Vote was called.

Vote unanimously passed.

Mr. Ford turned the meeting over to Brent Laughman.

Minutes and Financials

Fiscal Officer presented Trustees with Minutes, December financials and Year End Financials.

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting date 12/17/2015 and 12/29/2015.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve minutes and financials. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Community Discussion/Concerns

Karen Bailey, County Auditor, presented the Fiscal Officer with information related to tax levies, rates, and assessed values. Mrs. Bailey also asked the trustees and zoning inspector how new buildings were reported to the Auditor regardless of whether they required a permit or not. Mr. Purk went over the current process.

Roads and Bridge

-Mr. Riley brought to the attention of the other trustees that an issue was reported regarding Nelson Tree Service dropping large tree limbs on the road instead of lowering them to prevent damage. Mr. Riley went out to Nelson Tree Service and addressed the issue.

Cemeteries

-Mr. Laughman read a letter aloud that was sent in from Mr. Dan Walters regarding the Rector Gard Cemetery. The letter stated that the church organization that is now in control of the cemetery has voted to turn the cemetery over to the township. Trustees discussed the different options and agreed that they would ask the Church to provide some type of Trust/Bequest Fund to help pay for ongoing maintenance of the cemetery and to ask them to try to secure an access path to the cemetery. Mr. Laughman agreed to draft a letter to send to the Church.

-Dave Riley motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss information regarding land purchase opportunity. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Trustees went into Executive session at approximately 7:55pm.

Trustees came out of Executive session at approximately 8:05pm and resumed the meeting.

Equipment

-No issues discussed.

Zoning

-Mr. Purk provided an updated to ongoing property zoning violations. Specifically, Mr. Humphrey's property is still waiting on the court to respond to Mr. Purk.

-Mr. Purk also provided an update regarding his meeting with the LUC representative (Brad Bodenmiller) regarding the map difference from what Mr. Purk has and that provided to the township in the zoning book.

They reviewed the minutes from the past meeting in which the zoning updates were approved. The map was not voted as part of the zoning updates so the map the LUC provided in the updated booklet is incorrect. The LUC agreed to correct the map. Mr. Bodenmiller is planning on attending the January 21 meeting.

-Trustees also discussed the Zoning Board and Zoning Board Appeals position that expired on 12/31/2015 and the open position on Zoning Appeals Board previously held by Leona Wiseman (who resigned).

Motion: Mike Ward motioned to reappoint John Steinberger to the Zoning Board. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to reappoint John Ridder to the Zoning Appeals Board. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to appoint Steve Bricher to the Zoning Appeals Board to fill Mrs. Wiseman's unexpired term. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Other Administrative

Motion: Mike Ward motioned to keep the meeting days and times the same (1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:30PM). Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to re-hire seasonal workers Everett Keller, Dennis Bok, and James Riley for 2016 at the same rate of pay. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Trustees reviewed the Amended Certificate that now included the updated carryover from 2015 which was received by the County Budget Commission dated Jan 4, 2016.

- Trustees and Fiscal Officer discussed the proposed Appropriations Budget for 2016.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the 2016 Appropriations Budget as presented:

General Fund	\$87,526
Motor Vehicle License Fund	\$17,500
Gas Tax Fund	\$140,500
Road and Bridge Fund	\$121,000
Cemetery Fund	\$38,150
Fire Fund	\$68,500
Outside Road Fund	\$176,500
Street Lighting Fund	\$3,100
Cemetery Bequest Fund	\$520

Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Mike Ward motioned to approve the Fiscal Officer to certify Purchase Orders, Blanket Certificates, Super Blanket Certificates up to \$100,000. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve 2 bills to be paid (CT Communications \$89.35 and Roberts Refuse \$23.00). Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:33pm. Mike Ward seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____
