

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2016, Meeting time: 7:15 pm (directly following the tax budget hearing)

Trustees Present: Brent Laughman (President), Mike Ward (Vice President) Dave Riley

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: James Riley, Dennis Bok, Bob Purk, Everett Keller, Dave Brown, Bridgette Brown, Don Figlor

Meeting called to order following the Tax Budget Hearing

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks and minutes from meeting date 6/16/16.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve minutes, financials, and bills/checks. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Dave and Bridgette Brown were present to address the zoning violation letter and complaints regarding their property on Deer Creek. Don Figlor one of the residents on Deer Creek Drive, whose property is adjacent to their property, was also present and addressed the Brown's concerning their property and the dump pile they currently have right next to his property line. Mr. and Mrs. Brown said that they were going to use the pile of mulch as fertilizer for their property since it is agriculture but needed to wait until the crops were harvested before it could be spread. Mike Ward wanted it noted that this was the first time the Brown's had been to our township meeting to address the issue. After lengthy discussion the Brown's asked if the township could give them until Fall (or after crops were harvested) to move the pile. Mr Figlor agreed that he would be ok with that as long as it was taken care of by Fall. Mr. Purk (zoning inspector) said he would check with Jane Napier (assistant prosecutor) to see if we could allow him to wait and if so, did we need a written agreement to make sure it was completed.

Roads and Bridge

-No updates on the CDBG Grant.

-Dave Riley said we are still waiting on the County to complete the fog coat projects.

Cemeteries

-No update from Jane Napier on the Rector Gard Cemetery.

-Mr. Laughman said he received a call from someone who owned a plot in Terre Haute Cemetery and had put down a headstone in advance, but would now like to move the headstone to a different Cemetery. The question arose about what to do about the concrete foundation base that would still be present if the family decided not to use it in the future.

Equipment

-Mike Ward updated that he will be taking the wheels off the bush hog tomorrow (Friday, July 8, 2016) to take to Heritage to get them foam filled.

-Mr. Ward said the road tractors also need serviced and he would service them for the township.

-Mr. Laughman said he had looked into several options for to sell the old truck and other equipment. He said one option was to participate with St Paris in their auction, trade the vehicle or bid it out ourselves. No action taken at this time.

Zoning

-Mr. Laughman asked Mr. Purk if the township needed a permit to put up the new sign. Mr. Purk said the township is exempt and would not need a permit.

Other Administrative

-Mr. Laughman updated that we had received the land rental agreement back from Keith Shaffer.

-Mr. Laughman presented different options from Boyd's Signs and Graphics for the lettering on the new township plow sign.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the quote from Boyd's Signs and Graphics for \$250. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:07pm. Mike Ward seconded motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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