

# Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2016, Meeting time: 7:30 pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Cody Riley, Angel Riley, Bob Purk (zoning inspector), James Riley

Meeting called to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

## Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the appropriation budget reallocations that have been completed year to date.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to approve the appropriations budget reallocations. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Trustees reviewed the financials, and minutes from meeting date 3/3/16.

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

## Community Discussion/Concerns

None.

## Roads and Bridge

-Trustees updated that all the identified pot holes on the township roads had been filled with cold patch.

They also updated that the roadside trash pick-up was about half way complete.

-Trustees had follow up discussion from the prior meeting on the County Engineer's quote on chip and seal for the township roads and other repair options.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to have a Special Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> @7PM to discuss the road repairs, township newsletter, and any other business that may need addressed. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

## Cemeteries

-No updates on the Rector Gard Cemetery (still waiting for Jane Napier to draft letter)

-Trustees reviewed the land purchase agreement (for the land adjacent to Terre Haute Cemetery) that had been drawn up by Jane Napier and signed off by the sellers.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to approve the land purchase agreement which would purchase approximately 5.1 acres @ \$4,000 per acre. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Equipment

-Brent Laughman updated that the road tractor was still at Warman's garage.

-Bush hog repair, no update.

## Zoning

-Bob Purk provided several updates on zoning violations/complaints.

-Mr. Purk had talked with Dave Brown, who owns property in the Deer Creek Estates area and is an employee of German Township. He has piled up wood chips on the property line and is causing an eyesore and problems for the neighbors. The wood chips were dumped using the German Township truck. Mr. Purk said Mr. Brown was very disrespectful and refused to move the pile of wood chips. Mr. Purk has talked with Jane Napier, the County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney about the issue. Mr. Purk wanted to give Mr. Brown an opportunity to move the pile before addressing the problem with German Township (since their equipment was used to transport the wood chips).

-Mr. Purk also brought up that Loretta King had called him and asked about replacing their current mobile home with a newer bigger one. Mr. Purk thought that the current zoning rules would allow for that.

-Scott Plummer had called and notified Mr. Purk of a property that had junk vehicles/trailers on the property.

-Mr. Purk updated that Jane Napier was coordinating a meeting between the township zoning inspectors, health dept. and the municipal court since neither the health dept. nor zoning inspectors are getting a response on the violations that they turn into the municipal court for further action.

**Other Administrative**

-Newsletter was pended, to be discussed at the special meeting on March 29.

-Mr. Ford notified Trustees that he had noticed a typo on the January and February minutes. The day of the meeting was typed as Monday instead of Thursday.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to approve the correction to Thursday. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mike Ward asked the other trustees if he could be responsible for mowing the road side ditches again this year and re-hire Ron Kauffman to help him. The other trustees said they would approve if the ditches were mowed a couple more times and not put off until it became a problem. Last year we had complaints since it wasn't done timely, and we then had to use the other staff to complete the mowing the rest of the year. Mike Ward was in agreement to make sure they mowed them in time before it became a problem for residence.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to rehire Ron Kauffman at last year's pay rate \$10/hr to help mow roadside ditches. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm. Mike Ward seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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