

Mad River Township Trustees

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

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Bob Purk (zoning inspector), James Riley, Everett Keller, Samantha Heitman, John Steinberger

Meeting called to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, and minutes from meeting date 3/17/16 and 3/29/16.

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 had follow up discussion on the road projects. Dave Riley reported that he did not have quotes back on the crack seal project for Vance Rd or the strip patch projects.

-Brent Laughman updated that he had talked with the LUC about the CDBG grant and it appears that Woodburn, and Stickley roads might qualify for the grant. Should have additional information by next meeting.

Cemeteries

Mr. Riley did present the updated quotes from the County on the Chip and Seal and to Chip and Seal Terre Haute Cemetery it would cost approximately \$12,584.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the Chip and Seal for Terre Haute Cemetery. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-No updates on the Rector Gard Cemetery, still waiting for Jane Napier to draft letter. Mr. Laughman has left messages for Jane Napier.

-Trustees discussed the land purchase from the Stevens Trust. Mr. Ford presented the paperwork from the surveyor and the total purchase will be for 5.254 acres. Mr. Ford will take papers to the attorney Harley Davidson for title search and closing preparation. Mr. Laughman also said he had talked with Keith Shafer, who is currently farming it, and he is interested in continuing to farm it at \$140/acre.

-Trustees discussed the trees that have fallen in the cemeteries this past week from wind storms. Several stones have been damaged in Myrtle Tree Cemetery and Nettlecreek Cemetery. Richard Ford will contact the insurance to get information related to coverage.

-Dave Riley mentioned putting up signs at each Cemetery to better identify it. He will get quotes on signs.

Equipment

-Trustees discussed the need for new chain saws. Mr. Laughman presented a quote from St Paris Hardware for one 18" chain saw and a 25" chain saw. Trustees agreed to purchase both and extra chains for both.

Zoning

-Bob Purk provided several updates

-He discussed the problems with Dave Brown and his property with Jane Napier, County assistant prosecutor, and she agreed Mr. Brown is in violation of the zoning laws. Mr. Purk will contact him again about removing the piles of wood chips and other items that have now been piled on.

-He updated that Jane Napier is still waiting for the Municipal Court to reply back on a meeting time.

-John Steinberger updated that he has talked with Russ Carney and he wants to stay on the zoning board. He said he will set up a few meetings to discuss possible updates to the zoning regulations and for an organizational meeting.

Other Administrative

-Samantha Heitman presented a rough draft of the newsletter. Richard Ford will get some quotes for printing and mailing the newsletter. Tabled the newsletter and will discuss the it next meeting. Trustees agreed to waive Samantha Heitman’s rental fee for the township hall she has already reserved since she has volunteered her time on the newsletter.

-Trustees discussed the landscaping around the township hall. Mike Ward to talk with the 4H clubs that are currently using the township building for their meetings at no cost to see if they would be interested in helping with ideas and labor for improving the landscaping.

-Mr. Ford brought up that the trustees will need to approve supplemental appropriations for the land purchase and the Cemetery road repairs. He will put something together for the next meeting.

-Mr. Ford also brought up that one of the CDs matures on April 18, 2016 and that we would need to let it auto renew for one year or change it to 5 years per the prior investment plan.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to change the CD to the 5 year CD at Perpetual Bank. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:01pm. Mike Ward seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

