

Mad River Township Trustees

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

Trustees Present: Brent Laughman (President), Dave Riley, Dale Goddard

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Dennis Bok, Glenn Shoemaker, Ben Pence

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks, and 11/3/16 meeting minutes.

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

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Glenn Shoemaker said the culvert at Nettlecreek and Vance Rd was washing out and there was a significant hole underneath the culvert pipe. Mr. Laughman said he would notify the County Engineer since they take care of all the culverts in the County.

-Ben Pence from JSP Fire Dept. presented a copy of the new proposed 3 year contract (2017, 2018, 2019) for Fire and one for EMS between JSP Fire Dept. and Mad River Township. The Fire contract proposal showed an increase in 2017 of \$1,053.75 and another increase in 2019 of \$500. The EMS contract showed an increase of \$303.75 in 2017 and another increase in 2019 of \$500. Trustees asked Mr. Pence why they were proposing an increase. Mr. Pence said costs had gone up. Mr. Laughman asked Mr. Pence how many townships or villages they service. Mr. Pence said they service St. Paris, Johnson Township, half of Jackson Township, a third of Concord, all of Fletcher, and all of Brown Township. Mr. Laughman asked if all of the others were increased as well and Mr. Pence said yes. Trustees asked to have a copy of Mr. Pence's list of rate increases that he had with him. Mr. Ford made a copy of the sheet for the trustees. According to the sheet, only Mad River and Jackson Townships showed an increase of any kind over the next 3 years. Jackson showed a \$500 increase in 2018 for their Fire contract and a \$500 increase for their EMS in 2018. No other increases were shown. Concord Township went down by \$1,000 on their Fire contract and no increase in their EMS. Fletcher and Brown Township only had EMS contracts listed and neither showed an increase. Mr. Ford pointed out to Mr. Pence that he had said everyone had increases when in fact Concord went down and the only entity to show an increase was Jackson Township. Trustees asked for their billing company reports to see what was collected on the EMS. Mr. Pence said he would let Scott know and he would get those for the trustees. Trustees asked what they would need to do to discuss the increase. He said Scott or the Fire Board since they were the ones who ultimately approve the contracts. He said they met on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Firehouse.

Roads and Bridge

-Dale Goddard has burned down the burn pile at the Nettlecreek bldg. and only mulch remains.

-No update on the guard rail project on Stony Creek.

-Brent Laughman said a family on Vance Road asked to have a "Children at Play" sign put up. Trustees discussed the options regarding the sign and if it would actually slow down drivers. Trustees did not think it would slow down the drivers but would not be opposed to putting up a sign if the family was willing to pay for the sign and the trustees would install it so there wouldn't be extra cost to the township.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned approve putting the "Children at Play" sign on Vance Road if the family would purchase the sign. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Cemeteries

-No update on Rector-Gard Cemetery

Equipment

-Steve Kizer has offered \$400 to purchase the Bomford mower.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the sale of the Bomford mower to Steve Kizer for \$400. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Zoning

-Dave Brown has now moved all of the piles from the front of the property in compliance with the request.
-Mr. Ford said he talked with Bob Purk and Mr. Purk said he had met with Breanne, Municipal Court, and she provided all the information required for processing the zoning violations of Mr. Humphrey, but Mr. Purk will have to start all over with the process.

Other Administrative

-Mr. Laughman said that during the Bowermeister hall rental the kitchen countertop got a burn mark that bubbled up. He said the Mr. Bowermeister was willing to pay for a new countertop and he would install it. The trustees discussed different options and felt that the township should pay for part of the countertop since it has had some wear and tear from years of use.

Motion:Dale Goddard motioned to pay for half of the countertop if Mr. Bowermeister would install it. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion:Dave Riley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. Dale Goddard seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

