

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2016, Meeting time: 7:30pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: James Riley, Dennis Bok, Nick Walton (Urbana paper reporter), Ashton Arnett, Gannon Arnett, Jack and Kay North.

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks, and 10/20/16 meeting minutes.

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

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Brent Laughman publically thanked Ashton and Gannon Arnett for all the hard work they volunteered in landscaping the township building. Ashton Arnett, who is the president of the Jack North 4H group, thanked the trustees on behalf of the 4H group for the use of the township building for their meetings.

Roads and Bridge

-no update on the burn pile at Nettle Creek other than Mr. Goddard will be working to dispose of the pile.

-Brent Laughman said he talked with Steve McCall, County Engineer, and they still have the guard rail project on Stony Creek on their agenda for this year.

-Dennis Bok said there is a culvert on Stickleby Road that is in really bad shape and needs fixed. Mr. Laughman said the culverts are replaced by the County and that they are aware of the culvert issue.

-Dave Riley said he spoke with Dave Gulden from the LUC. Mr. Riley said they discussed a new grant that Mr. Riley has been reading about and the past grant that the trustees had applied for. Mr. Gulden said he would reapply for the grant in the spring and will look into the new grant information that Mr. Riley had sent him.

Cemeteries

-No update on Rector-Gard Cemetery

-Mr. Laughman updated that all the repairs on the cemetery headstones from the storm damage have been completed.

-Mr. Laughman said they had poured a foundation for the bench that was being donated to the Terre Haute Cemetery so they can anchor it down.

-All the cemetery foundation base orders have been completed and the mowing is caught up.

Equipment

-Trustees said that Steve Kizer is looking at the Bomford flail mower to possibly purchase it.

Zoning

-Dave Riley said he sent an email to the secretaries of both the zoning and zoning appeals board to email copies of their minutes to the trustees and fiscal officer so they can be posted to the website.

Other Administrative

-Trustees discussed the township hall rental policy regarding no charge rentals. Mr. Ford said he researched minutes going back to when the building was built to present and could not find a formal written policy. He said a recent renter who was a family member of a former trustee said she thought the policy was that trustees and former trustees and their families were allowed to rent the township hall at no charge. Trustees and fiscal officer discussed that they thought the policy had been current elected officials, employees and nonprofit type organizations within our township could rent it at no charge. Mr. Ford suggested putting a written policy in place so there is a guideline as to who gets to use the hall for no charge. Trustees said that for now they will formally approve "no charge" rentals on a case by case basis.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the upcoming rental by the Terre Haute Methodist Church at no charge. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mr. Ford said he put a copy of the risk management review recommendations in each of their packets for review and possible implementation. Trustees discussed some of the items but no action taken at this time.

-Trustees reviewed the Appropriation reallocations.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the Appropriation reallocations. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mr. Ford brought up that Perpetual Bank, Security National Bank and credit cards need to be updated with authorized users since Mike Ward resigned and Dale Goddard has been appointed as a trustee.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to remove Mike Ward's authorization/access to Mad River Township's accounts with Perpetual Bank, Security Bank and credit cards, and to add Brent Laughman, Dale Goddard, Dave Riley and Richard Ford as permissible signers/authorized users to those accounts. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to allow the fiscal officer to shop for a new credit card company and to increase the authorized limit on the trustee cards to \$5,000 each, and keep the fiscal officer limit at the current \$10,000 limit. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Dale Goddard seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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