

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2017

Meeting time: 7:30pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Bob Purk, Glen Shoemaker, Josh Shoemaker, Rick Bailey, Karen Bailey, Don Figlor, Aidan Greek, Chase Greek, Ben Greek, Gerald Blair

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials and 12/15/16 and 12/24/16 meeting minutes.

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

Brent Laughman turned the meeting over to the fiscal officer for the election of the township officers.

Mr. Ford opened the floor for nominations for township president.

Motion: Brent Laughman nominated Dave Riley for president. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford opened the floor for nominations for vice president.

Motion: Dave Riley nominated Brent Laughman for vice president. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford turned the meeting over to Dave Riley.

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Mr. Greek and the Shoemakers were present to express their concern over the cell tower that might be put up near their property. They asked if there was anything that could be done to prevent it from going up. Bob Purk, zoning inspector, said his understanding is that local governments don't have a say in it, but was in contact with the LUC (zoning/planning commission) regarding the issue. Mr. Greek asked Mr. Purk to research Ohio Revised Code 519.21 about the issue. Mr. Greek said telecommunications act of 1996 restricts the towers. Mr. Purk said he has looked at those and the LUC would provide an update on the issue at the next zoning board meeting at the end of January. He said he also had a meeting planned with Jane Napier, county assistant prosecutor, about the issue. Mr. Laughman said he was still waiting to hear back from Jane Napier on if cell towers were considered public utilities.

Roads and Bridge

-No update from the family regarding the "children at play signs" on Vance Rd.

-Mr. Laughman said there are a lot of dead Ash trees along our roads. Trustees discussed options regarding private citizens taking them down and/or taking the wood once the township took them down. Dale Goddard is going to check with Jane Napier to see what the legal options are and what liability would be to the township.

Cemeteries

-No update on Rector-Gard Cemetery.

-Mr. Laughman said he was contacted by a family who had paperwork associated with their cemetery deed that allowed them to bury an extra cremation on their grave plot. This would make 3 interments on 1 grave plot. With their paperwork they would be grandfathered in since our current policy limits it to two interments. However, two of the cremations will be in one urn.

Equipment

-no updates

Zoning

-Mr. Purk said letters will be sent out shortly regarding Mr. Humphrey's property and others that have current violations.

-CTL Engineering was discussed under community discussion.

-Trustees discussed the Zoning Board position that termed on 12/31/16. Trustees asked Karen Bailey if she was willing to continue in the position. She said she was.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to reappoint Karen Bailey to the zoning board. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Trustees then discussed the zoning appeals board position that expired 12/31/16. Mr. Laughman said he had contacted Bruce Johnson about renewing and Mr. Johnson said he did not want to renew at this time.

Motion: Dale Goddard motioned to appoint Rusty Strader to the zoning appeals board. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Other Administrative

-Dave Riley received a request from Penny Underwood to use of the township hall for their 4H meetings.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to allow the Underwood 4H group to use the building at no fee as long as they took care of the building and cleaned up after themselves. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Ford asked trustees if any of them wanted signed up to attend the Ohio Township Association conference at the end of January. All three said not this year.

-Trustees addressed the following new year business: meeting dates, hiring of seasonal workers, amended certificate, appropriations budget, and fiscal officer purchase order limits.

Motion:Brent Laughman motioned to have the 2017 regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion:Brent Laughman motioned to rehire seasonal workers at the 2016 rate of pay, James Riley at \$10/hr, Dennis Bok at \$11/hr, and Everett Keller at \$11/hr. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the 2017 amended certificate that includes the 2016 carry over amounts. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Trustees and Fiscal Officer reviewed the 2017 proposed appropriation budget. Trustees made some changes to the proposed appropriations budget.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the 2017 Appropriations Budget (expense budget).

Summary of Appropriations budget by Fund below (appropriations budget by program/object detail on file).

General	\$102,167
MV	\$18,500
Gas	\$197,000
Road/Bridge	\$103,700
Cemetery	\$36,950
Fire	\$74,000
Outside Road	\$153,000
Street Lighting	\$3,600
Cemetery Bequest	\$850

Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion:Dale Goddard motioned to give approval to the fiscal officer to approve purchase orders/blanket certificates up to \$100,000. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the bills that need paid:

- Bureau of Workers' Compensation \$170.65
- CT Communications \$105.92
- Urbana Parts Company \$284.54
- LUC Regional Planning Commission \$1,790.75
- Westville Grain Company \$643.52
- Cardmember Service \$805.97

Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Ford presented trustees with the OTARMA (liability insurance) renewal papers. Trustees made some updates to the forms for Mr. Ford to send to the insurance company. They also asked him to see if the security cameras have impacted our premiums at all and to get quotes with increasing the cemetery liability to \$50,000 or \$100,000.

Motion:Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Dale Goddard seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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