

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2017

Meeting time: 7:30pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Josh Shoemaker, Don Vallance, Bob Purk, Don Figlor

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials and 2/16/17 meeting minutes.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the minutes, financials, bills/checks. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Don Vallance was present to discuss the cell tower going up on Nettlecreek Road. He said he had sent letters to representatives and Senators; Jim Jordan, Portman, Vitale, and Huffman and has not had a response as of yet. Other items discussed by Mr. Vallance included zoning rules and definitions of U1 vs R1, and the possible options of zoning township right of ways as R1 or the entire township as R1.

-Josh Shumaker asked trustees about replacing the "hills block view"/"hidden drive" sign on Nettlecreek he asked about a couple of meetings ago. Dave Riley said to have the resident who had requested it contact him about the specifics regarding where the sign was before.

Roads and Bridge

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

-Trustees discussed the tree trimming project along the roads. Dave Riley said he was still waiting on a quote from the County and had not received a response from the other vendor he contacted. Mr. Ford said he knew of someone from the St Paris area who had a tree trimming business. Mr. Riley asked him to send him the contact information.

-Dale Goddard brought up the missing sign on River Road. Brent Laughman said they would replace it. Dave Riley said they would have to check to see if they have it in stock or if the County has one in stock. If not, they would have to order one. Mr. Riley will follow up on this.

Cemeteries

-Mr. Laughman said he had received an email from Dan Walters asking about the Rector-Gard Cemetery status. Mr. Walters said the church association had sent correspondence to Jane Napier and prosecutor Talebi, but has not received responses back from them.

-Mr. Laughman reminded the trustees that they had discussed putting signs up to notify families about the rules regarding Terre Haute Cemetery. The problem discussed was families put things on or around graves that are against the rules and make it difficult to mow and take care of the cemetery. Dale Goddard said he would come up with some sign ideas to present to the trustees.

Equipment

-Mr. Laughman said he was still working on getting quotes for chairs for the township hall, but had had some preliminary info. He said one vendor he talked with said that the best quality folding chair is made by K.I. and are about \$39 each. He also said he saw some options for chair racks too that the trustees may want to consider purchasing. No action taken at this time.

-Mr. Ford asked trustees about the status of the cemetery mower trade in. He said he had completed a purchase order for the trade in. Mr. Laughman said he will contact the vendor tomorrow.

Zoning

-Mr. Purk said he sent out the certified letters and had received a reply from Ms. Basham, lives on County Line Road, and Mr. Thockton, lives on Deercreek, but had not heard back from Mr. Humphrey, lives on Nettlecreek. He said the two he heard from said they would have their issues cleaned up by April 1. Mr. Laughman asked Mr. Purk about the process after the time limit for response expired on the certified letters.

He said he thought they had discussed the trustees making the decision on which court to send the noncompliant violations. Mr. Purk said he thought the only real problem with noncompliance was Mr. Humphreys since he had been in contact with them for a couple of years.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to refer Mr. Humphrey's zoning violations to Jane Napier, county assistant prosecutor. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Purk said he would contact Jane Napier about Mr. Humphrey's zoning violations.

-Brent Laughman said he was contacted by Todd Walters about putting a drainage tile through the township property to allow proper drainage from his property to the ditch. Currently it floods both his yard and the township property. He said it wouldn't cost the township anything. Trustees didn't think there was an issue with it.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to allow Mr. Walters access to put drainage tile using part of the township property. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Dale Goddard abstained. Motion passed.

-Bob Purk said he was contacted about the signs put up by Josh Shumaker regarding the cell tower. (Mr. Shumaker had left earlier in the meeting). Mr. Purk said the zoning rules only allow for temporary signs and that he would have to send Mr. Shumaker a letter providing a 30 day notice to take down the signs.

-Mr. Purk also said he was contacted by someone who was interested in putting up a "tiny" house (280 sq. ft.). He said our current zoning rules don't allow them since we have a minimum square feet requirement, but that the township may want to review our policy on these type of houses due to the popularity of these "tiny" houses from the TV series.

-Richard Ford said he received a call in the office today with a concern about the property at 902 Eris Road. The caller said there was trash in the front yard and animals roaming freely. Mr. Purk said he was contacted by the health department about this property. The health department had been contacted by the neighbors and they were looking into it.

Other Administrative

-Dale Goddard asked trustees about waiving the fee for the rental that Karen Bailey had reserved. The reservation is for the leadership academy and Karen is providing training that night about local governments. Since it is a community event, Mr. Goddard recommended waiving the fee.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to waive the fee for the township hall rental for that event. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Brent Laughman said he had received a quote from Tim Jordan to purchase and install carpet squares in the township hall. The quotes were \$2.02 and \$2.30. The \$2.30 was for the rubber backed carpet squares which were supposed to reduce/eliminate the runs in the carpet. Trustees agreed to get additional quotes for purchase and install carpet squares. Dale Goddard agreed to contact Dale Thornton who had installed similar carpet for Johnson Township.

-Mr. Ford presented the trustees with the Security National Bank Deposit renewal agreement for our checking account.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the Security National Bank Deposit Agreement. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mr. Ford presented the trustees with the OTARMA liability insurance renewal. There were quotes for optional \$50,000 and \$100,000 cemetery headstone coverage requested by the trustees.

Motion: Dale Goddard motioned to approve the liability insurance coverage with the additional \$50,000 optional coverage for cemetery headstones. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Ford presented the trustees with two worker's comp group coverages. One by CompManagement with a group fee of \$100 and the group would be through the Ohio Public Treasurers Association. The other through Careworks with a group fee of \$75 and would utilize the Ohio Township Association.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to use the Careworks group rating program. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm. Dale Goddard seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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