

# Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Meeting time: 7:30pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Everett Keller, James Riley, Dennis Bok, Bob Purk, Josh Shoemaker, Gerald Blair

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials and 3/16/17 meeting minutes.

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

## Community Discussion/Concerns

-Josh Shoemaker informed the trustees that he is looking into historical areas within a ¾ mile of the proposed cell tower site on Nettlecreek Road. He said that if there is a registered historical site, the cell tower can't be built there.

-Dave Riley updated the trustees that the historical society has postponed their township day until later in the year.

## Roads and Bridge

-Trustees discussed the Ash trees along the roads.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to approve Nelson Tree Service to trim back trees on the north end of Vance Road. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Dave Riley said he would include the "hills block view" sign in the safety grant application.

-Dave Riley said that the missing signs along River Road and Willow Dale have been replaced.

-Brent Laughman said he was contacted by Jackson Township again about exchanging plowing obligations. He said they asked us to snow plow their end of Hampton Donnelsville Road and in exchange they would snow plow our end of Conrad Road. This would benefit each township so that they would not have to turn around in driveways.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to accept the proposed agreement with Jackson Township to snow plow their end of Hampton Donnelsville Road and in exchange they would snow plow our end of Conrad Road. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Dave Riley said he attended the required meeting for the safety grant which would pay for the township to put up new signs to try and reduce/prevent accidents along roads that have high accident rates. In addition to assisting with signs, the township would be able to use a speed meter from the state highway patrol to measure average speeds along those roads. The township will be notified in July if they are approved for the grant.

-Mr. Riley also said he had talked with Dave Gulden with the LUC and he said the CDBG grant is coming up again and he will submit our application again.

## Cemeteries

-No update on Rector Gard Cemetery

-Trustees discussed putting up a notification sign at Terre Haute Cemetery letting people know that they will be doing a complete cemetery clean up next spring. Dale Goddard will work on the wording for the sign and try to get some quotes on getting a sign made.

## Equipment

-Trustees discussed the chairs for the township hall. They had ordered 4 from Uline and 4 from Fastenal to see which they preferred.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to purchase an additional 36 chairs from Fastenal. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Trustees also discussed the new table carrier. It currently has a strap that holds the tables up, but can be challenging to hold the tables up until strap is secured. Brent Laughman will check with Uline to see if there is any type of brackets that would help with the problem.

-Mr. Riley updated that both road tractors have been serviced in preparation for summer mowing.

**Zoning**

-Bob Purk updated the trustees that he has asked the Sheriff's department to deliver the notice of the zoning violation since it was returned back to us. He said he is also following up on the other properties that he had previously sent letters to since the time for correcting the violations has expired.

-Trustees received a letter from the zoning board for recommendations of changes to our zoning regulations.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to hold a public hearing on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm followed by our regular meeting. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Bob Purk submitted two additional changes to the zoning regulations related to signs in our township. Section 1202,1 General Requirements for all Signs and Districts, and section 1211 Signs Permitted in any District Requiring a Permit.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to the approve sending the changes to section 1202,1 and 1211 to the zoning board. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Purk said there have been advertising signs being posted in our township ditches and he is going to pull them and store them at the township building for a little while in case the vendor wants the sign returned. If no request is made, he will get rid of the signs.

**Other Administrative**

-Mr. Laughman said he has noticed that the walls that were repainted last year have some minor repairs and touch up that needs done. He asked Jeff Hoblit what it would cost to repair and touch up the minor spots. He said it would be around \$260.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to contract with Jeff Hoblit to repair and touchup the township hall. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mr. Ford presented the trustees with a copy of a proposed letter from the Champaign County Township Association on behalf of the townships thanking the health district for the tire pickup last year.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to approve the letter. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mr. Ford asked the trustee to approve payment to the zoning board members from the 6 meetings from last August through March 2017.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to approve payment of \$50/meeting for the zoning board chair and secretary and \$20/meeting for other members of the zoning board. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ by Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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