

# Mad River Township Trustees

Tax Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 6, 2017

Meeting time: 7:00pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Karen Bailey, James Riley, Everett Keller, Dennis Bok

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Tax Budget Hearing

-Mr. Ford presented the proposed 2018 tax budget and summary. There were no comments from the community.

Fund Name	Est 2017 EOY Balance	Est 2018 Property Tax	Est 2018 Other Revenue	Total Proposed 2018 Budget
General	\$419,666.30	\$52,500.00	\$32,200.00	\$504,366.30
Motor Vehicle license	\$26,283.70		\$18,375.00	\$44,658.70
Gas Tax	\$46,097.21		\$81,800.00	\$127,897.21
Road & Bridge	\$34,605.81	\$52,000.00	\$9,100.00	\$95,705.81
Cemetery	\$20,261.52		\$25,293.00	\$45,554.52
Fire District	\$187,451.60	\$67,389.00	\$9,100.00	\$263,940.60
Outside Road	\$68,507.01	\$87,480.00	\$14,028.00	\$170,015.01
Street Lighting	\$1,227.87		\$2,832.00	\$4,059.87
Cemetery Bequest	\$2,940.20		\$400.00	\$3,340.20
Total Budget	\$807,041.22	\$259,369.00	\$193,128.00	\$1,259,538.22

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to approve the 2018 proposed tax budget. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting went into regular business.

## Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills, checks and 6/15/17 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

-Brent Laughman said he had received an email from Brent Horwath asking if the township was going to pay for a replacement mailbox for him. Mr. Laughman said he had been contacted this past winter by Mr. Horwath stating he thought his mailbox had been hit by a snow plow. Mr. Laughman at that time went out and inspected the mailbox and found that the snow plow blade marks were not near enough to the mailbox to hit it. In addition, only the top part of the mailbox door was damaged and if the snow plow had hit it, the whole mailbox would have been damaged. He had responded to Mr. Horwath's most recent email and invited him to come to this meeting at 7pm. Mr. Horwath was not present at this meeting. Trustees discussed the issue and felt that the damage to the mailbox could not have been done by the snow plow and agreed not to pay for a new mailbox. Mr. Laughman will respond back to Mr. Horwath and let him know the trustees' decision.

**Roads and Bridges**

-Mr. Riley presented information provided by Dave Gulden and the County engineer regarding the proposed CDBG grant for River Road. The grant request would be to widen, stabilize and asphalt River Road. The total cost for the reconstruction would be approximately \$276,092.50 and the grant would cover 90% of the cost and the township would be liable for 10% of the cost if the grant is approved.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to approve the resolution approving submission of the grant and paying for the 10%. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Resolution was unanimously approved.

**Cemeteries**

-No update on Rector Gard Cemetery

-Mr. Laughman informed the trustees he had been contacted by someone who thought there were grave markers put on the wrong graves. Mr. Laughman was researching the issue but initial research was confirming that they were put on the correct graves. The two graves in question were buried within a month of each other and Mr. Laughman was pretty sure that the person in question was confused as the graves were in close proximity of each other and buried within in a close time frame of each other. He will confirm additional information with the funeral homes who performed the burial services and then respond back to the person who had contacted him.

**Equipment**

-Mr. Riley said the annual fire extinguishers inspection had been completed.

-He also updated that the township had to replace a weed eater.

**Zoning**

-no updates on zoning.

**Other Administrative**

-Trustees discussed the Miami Valley Lighting contract. After discussing the contract, there were concerns about replacement costs and if there were requirements to replace the existing lights. Mr. Riley will follow up with Miami Valley Lighting to get further answers. Contract was tabled until next meeting.

-Karen Bailey, County Auditor, was present and informed the trustees that they would be performing their revaluation of properties effective in 2019. She said they had taken pictures this past spring of all the properties and were using a new software called Eagleview and she provided each of the trustees with user ids.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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