

# Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Meeting time: 7:30pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Janet Gentis, Josh Gentis, Tyler Laughman

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks, and meeting minutes for 2/15/18.

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

## Community Discussion/Concerns

-none

## Roads and Bridges

-Mr. Riley said he is still waiting to hear back from Hensley and is still holding their check until they respond.

-Mr. Laughman said he found some mattresses and stuff along Stony Creek and keys were found with them. Sheriff came and took a report.

-Mr. Ford presented trustees with the letter from the County Engineer's office with approximate pricing for chip and seal this year on our township roads. Trustees discussed the options for road repairs but need to review the current road conditions before they can give the Engineer a list of roads to chip and seal this year. They will discuss this at the next meeting.

## Cemeteries

-No updates on Rector Gard Cemetery issue.

-Dave Riley said they took down a few dead Ash trees in Terre Haute Cemetery.

-Trustees discussed the request by Carol Rust to sell back her grave plot. Mr. Laughman said we were buying the plot back at the cost she purchased it \$250.

## Equipment

-Trustees discussed a new 4-wheel drive mower John Deere mower from Lakeview Hardware. Mr. Laughman said they would trade our current mower for \$1,000 if we wanted.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to approve the purchase of a new John Deere 4-wheel drive mower with loader from Lakeview Hardware for \$15,592.55 and add a bumper for up to \$500. The cost to be split 50% between Cemeteries and Roads. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Zoning

-No updates

## Other Administrative

-Trustees discussed the land lease bids. Mr. Laughman said we have two sealed bids for the farm lease.

Ronald Goddard's bid stated he would pay \$5 more than the highest bid. Janet Gentis bid \$175/acre.

Trustees Dave Riley and Brent Laughman discussed the two bids (Dale Goddard recused himself from discussion since his father was a bidder). Mr. Riley and Mr. Laughman felt Mr. Goddard's bid did not meet the qualifications of a numerical bid.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to accept Janet Gentis' bid of \$175/acre. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Mr. Riley and Mr. Laughman voted yes to accept the bid. Mr. Goddard abstained. Motion passed. Mr. Laughman asked Mr. Ford to put together the lease agreement. Mr. Ford said he would work on that and then send it to Jane Napier for review.

-Mr. Laughman brought up the issue of the table and chair rentals. He stated concern over both the condition of the table and chairs after rentals and the fact that if the chairs and tables were rented it could hurt or restrict the hall rental for that day.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to end the table and chair rentals. Dale Goddard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Laughman said the Hunter's Education would like to use the building again this fall for classes.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to waive the fee for the hall rental for the Hunter's Education classes. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Dale Goddard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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