

Mad River Township Trustees

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Meeting time: 7:30 pm

Trustees Present: Mike Ward (president), Dave Riley (vice president), Brent Laughman
Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford
Part time employees present: Harold Dixon, Everett Keller
Others Present: Cody Riley, David Ropp, Glen Shoemaker, Bob Purk (Zoning)

Meeting Called to order by Mike Ward.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Brent Laughman

Minutes and Financials

Fiscal Officer presented Trustees with Minutes, financials, and bills/checks.
Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting dates 4/1/14.
Trustees reviewed and financials and bill/checks to be paid and signed.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve minutes, financials and bills/checks. Brent Laughman seconded motion.
Motion unanimously approved.

Community Discussion/Concerns

Mike Ward opened the floor to community for discussion/concerns.
Glen Shoemaker thanked Brent Laughman for following up with him about his concern from the last meeting regarding Mr. Matthews' trailer and septic system. Brent Laughman gave a status on the issue. Mr. Matthews' has until May 1, 2014 to move the trailer per his permit deadline. Mr. Laughman also stated that if Mr. Shoemaker witnesses an overflow of Mr. Mathews' septic he needs to take pictures of the overflow and call the county or the township immediately to come investigate.

Roads and Bridges

Mike Ward gave status that the road cleanup is complete.
Also discussed was the need for replacing and adding road signs. Mr. Riley will check into some of the requirements and signs needed. Mr. Laughman will order the signs and posts once we have a list of signs needed.
Trustees discussed the need for road signs. Brent Laughman presented a quote from Kleem, Inc for the purchase of 21 road signs totaling \$700.76 + shipping if needed. Included in the list were 2 signs for Hidden Drive, 2 for suggested speed (MPH) signs, and 2 for Children at Play. Discussed was the need to get County input regarding these signs. Brent Laughman volunteered to contact the county regarding these signs.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the purchase of the road signs from Kleem, Inc pending the follow up with the County approval of the signs in questions. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Trustees discussed condition of the roads. Dave Riley presented a Road conditions listed dated 4/13/14. Mr. Riley compiled the list by going around the entire township and documenting problems on each road. The list rated cracks in the road on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the worst. Trustees discussed different options for road repair but no action taken at this time as we are working with the county on a tentative repair on St Rt 560 and need to know what that cost will be to the township. Once we have a firm quote on that repair, we can see what our budget will allow us to repair on the other roads.

Township had received a call regarding the berm on the new culvert on Rhodes Road. Harold Dixon updated that they had added some rock to the sunken berm to repair it.

Township also received a call regarding sink holes on Walnut Grove Circle. Brent Laughman contacted the County as it seems to come from the culvert.

Cemeteries

Mr. Ward asked employees for an update on Cemetery Spring and Summer preparations. Harold Dixon stated they were about half way through rolling the cemeteries lawns and still had limb pickup to complete.
Mike Ward stated he would contact the state about removing the tree that is in the fence at the Myrtle Tree cemetery.
Trustees also signed a deed on a recent plot sale in Terre Haute Cemetery.

Equipment

Trustees discussed the Ford F550 as it is still not running correctly. It will need to go back to White's Ford for further evaluation and repair.

Employees updated that one of the mowers still needs a front spindle replaced but that all other maintenance on the mowers has been completed.

Other Administrative

Trustees discussed their progress on reviewing the January and February minutes that still need approved. They will try to have any amendments to those minutes ready by the next meeting.

Richard Ford gave an update regarding the propane credit. The propane company is still looking into it and will update us within the next week. Richard asked them to provide usage stats as well. From 7/1/12 - 7/1/13 Township purchased 2,397 gallons of propane. From 7/1/13 - 4/1/14 Township had purchased 2,909 gallons. (part of this is due to the leaking valve which they are to credit the township for).

Trustees tabled replacing the Garage door seals until Fall.

Trustees reviewed the Security National Bank resolution to allow all current Trustees and Richard Ford to have signature and authorization rights for the Township accounts.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to approve the Security National Bank Resolution. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Richard Ford asked about a time line to complete the repainting of the Township Hall office. Dave Riley said he would pick up the paint from Valspar who is supposed to be donating paint for the project. No definitive timeline was given.

Mike Ward brought up for discussion improving our township grounds and sign. Mr. Ward suggested new shrubs around building and replacing our sign. He also suggested incorporating one of our old snow plow blades that is not currently in use to add some historical value. One suggestion was to talk with the local 4H club to see if they would like to help with the project. Trustees will look into different options, but no action taken at this time.

Trustees and Fiscal Officer discussed the regular meeting dates and times.

Motion: Mike Ward motioned to change our regular meeting dates to the First and Third Thursday of each month starting June 2014. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Mike Ward asked if there was any other business to be brought up. No other business to discuss.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm. Dave Riley seconded motion. **Motion** unanimously approved.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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