

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2014, Meeting time: 7:30 pm

Trustees Present: Mike Ward (president), Dave Riley (vice president), Brent Laughman

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Harold Dixon, Everett Keller, Dave Ropp, Dakota Riley, Glenn Oglesby

Meeting called to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Fiscal Officer presented Trustees with Minutes, financials, and bills/checks.

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting date /03/2014.

Trustees reviewed the financials and bill/checks to be paid and signed.

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

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Jane Napier was not able to attend due to a funeral, but rescheduled to Aug 21, 2014.

-Glenn Oglesby asked the Trustees to pay him for the last 4 years. He stated that after he was cleared by doctors to return to work, the Trustees at that time did not rehire him. He said that others had been hired since then and that he should have been rehired since he had seniority. Mike Ward asked him if he was asking to be rehired now and he stated no that he was too old and didn't want to work now, but thought that he should be paid for the last for years of not working for the township since they didn't rehire him back then. Mr. Ward stated that the Township wouldn't pay him for the time off since he was not rehired and had not worked for the Township during that period of time.

-Received a complaint regarding a ditch on Vance road near the township hall. One of the neighbors had a farmer clean out part of the ditch in her yard since the runoff from his field came through the culvert and was backing up the culvert. The farmer apparently used a front end loader to clean it out which created a large puddle of standing water. Neighbors were concerned that the standing water was turning into a health concern. Brent Laughman will follow up with the resident. The ditch is on personal property so the resident would be responsible for repairing the drainage.

Roads and Bridge

-No discussion on the Road repair list as we still have not had our final invoice from the County on the large project on County Line Road.

-Pauline Vulgamore's ditch is still pending.

-Trustees updated that the tree that Tim Colchin wanted the township to take down was on his property and not the township's.

Cemeteries

-Trustees updated that the fence repair in Myrtle Tree Cemetery was still not put in. Was supposed to be completed by now. Brent Laughman will follow up with Reese welding since he wanted him to quote out repairs on the snow plow.

Equipment

-Harold Dixon said we were almost out of Hydraulic fluid. Mike Ward said he would contact Westville Grain to get another 55 gallons.

-Brent Laughman was going to ask Reese Welding for a price to repair the snow plow. Mike Ward asked Mr. Laughman to have Kaffenbarger Trucking to price out repairs on the snow plow too since it was taking Reese Welding so long to complete the fence project at Myrtle Tree Cemetery.

Zoning

- Bob Purk was not present to provide an update on Zoning.

-Mike Ward said that it appears that Mr. Matthews' trailer is now completely removed.

-Township received a complaint regarding a property on Coffin Station in the Deercreek Estates area. Mr. Laughman had a phone conversation with Mr. Purk who had taken some pictures of the property in question and it appears they are in violation of the zoning codes. However, Trustees stated that they need to verify the maps Bob Purk has with the ones they have as there seems to be some discrepancies between his maps and the ones the Trustees have.

Trustees also stated that the Zoning Board and Zoning Appeals Board need to meet to elect officers. They said they would contact the Boards and schedule a meeting for 7:00pm on Aug 21, prior to our regular meeting.

Other Administrative

-Richard Ford updated Trustees regarding their motion from the July 3rd meeting about getting quotes from the County Auditor regarding mil levy information for the General Fund. Mr. Ford stated that a .25 mil levy would raise around \$13,000 - \$14,000. A .5 mil levy would be around \$28,000. To get the exact \$20,000 as stated in the motion from the July 3rd meeting it would fall somewhere in between.

- Mr. Ford stated that another option to raise money in the General Fund was to increase our CD investments. He stated that according to the 2014 Township Handbook we should be able to invest in longer term CDs now. Prior year Handbooks specified only 1 year CDs, however, it appears that that rule had changed. He was unable to contact a Senior State Auditor who could confirm the rule change, but it appeared the rule had changed. By increasing the CDs to a 4 year term, we could get an interest rate of 1.98% instead of a .5% for a 1 year. We currently have 2 CDs up for renewal in July. One Cd is for the Bequest Fund and the other was the \$20,000 pooled investment. Mr. Ford stated that there was enough cash in the checking, around \$480,000 (due to a recent \$57,000 settlement from an estate), that we could add \$80,000 to the \$20,000. By increasing it to \$100,000 and reinvesting the interest for a 4 year term, the township would raise around \$2,000 a year in interest from that CD. Since it is a pooled investment about 77% would go to the General Fund. If we did the same with the other CDs when they come due, we could raise around \$8,000 to \$10,000 in interest a year which would help with our short fall of revenue in the General Fund. In addition the \$20,900 in the Bequest fund would raise around \$400 per year which would then cover the cost for the expense need in that fund. At the current 1 year rate of .5% the interest would not cover the current expenses in that fund. Mr. Ford stated that he had checked interest rates posted at First Central National Bank in St. Paris, Security National Bank in Urbana, and Perpetual Mutual in Urbana. Perpetual rate of 1.98% for 4 year CDs was the highest rate.

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to Increase the \$20,000 CD to \$100,000 and to invest it and the Bequest Fund CD of \$20,900 CD in the 4 year Perpetual Bank CD at 1.98% (pending verification of the Senior Auditor, Megan Hall, that Townships can now invest in longer term CDs). Brent Laughman seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Trustees discussed the expiring Fire Levy. Our current Fire Fund Expenses are about \$65,000 per year. We currently have 3 Fire Levies that bring in \$91,000 per year. The current Fire Levy is from 1984 and the current County Auditor Estimate is \$12,500 per year in revenue. Mike Ward stated he wanted to renew the Levy as he was concerned that the contracting Fire departments would increase their rates when their contracts renewed in a couple of years. Dave Riley stated we needed to let it expire as we currently have excess Funds and the other 2 Fire Levies would still cover the contracts. Mr. Riley stated that he felt we could still negotiate the Fire contracts to be within our revenue of the other 2 Levies when it came time to contract.

Motion: Mike Ward motioned to renew the 1984 Fire Tax Levy. Motioned failed due to lack of second.

-Mr. Ford also brought up for discussion Appropriation Lines that needed added and that some Appropriations that needed reallocated. According to the State Auditor's local government services, townships can allocate the Worker's comp premiums proportionately to the Funds in which the wages were paid. In order to do that we would need to create an Appropriations line item in that fund. Also discussed was that we could use a feature within UAN to allocate the OPERS amounts for the Employees if we had a corresponding OPERS line that matched the line we paid the Employees from. Discussed the new requirement from the Affordable Care Act that individual insurance premiums have to be paid as a wage line item and be taxed accordingly. This line item would not qualify for OPERS. The rule is effective as of 1/1/2014 so we will also need to pay a non-compensation amount to include the premiums that have been

paid year to date so that they can be taxed. The line items that need to be created and appropriations that need to be reallocated are:

Account #	Name	Amount	
1000-110-220	Ins Benefits	-7000	
1000-110-119	Other Salaries	7000	For Ind Health Ins Premium
2021-110-220	ins benfits	-2200	
2021-110-230	Workers Comp	2200	Reallocate expense from 1000-110-230
2021-110-211	OPERS	-4000	
2021-330-211	OPERS	4000	For employee retirement
2041-110-121	fiscal Officer	-1700	
2041-410-211	OPERS	1700	For employee retirement
4951-410-590	Other	-20	
4951-110-211	OPERS	20	For employee retirement

Motion: Dave Riley motioned to accept the Appropriation changes. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____
