

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014, Meeting time: 7:30 pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: David Ropp, Harold Dixon, Brian Dixon, Phil Louden, Dave Reed, Glen Shoemaker

Meeting Called to order by Mike Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes and Financials

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

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting date 6/5/2014.

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

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

Community Discussion/Concerns

Mike Ward opened the floor to community for discussion/concerns.

-Phil Louden, representing the St Paris Lutheran Church, brought up for discussion Shaffer Cemetery which is located in Mad River Township. Mr. Louden stated that the St Paris Lutheran Church found out over the past year or so that through a series of different transactions over the years (which did not directly involve the Cemetery) the Shaffer Cemetery is legally owned by the St Paris Lutheran Church. The Church does not want the Shaffer Cemetery and was asking what their options were regarding it. One option he brought up was if the township would take over the Cemetery. Mike Ward said he would need to contact our legal counsel, Jane Napier, as the township does not have the funds currently to take care of the Cemetery. Once Mr. Ward contacted our legal counsel, he would call Mr. Louden back.

-Glen Shoemaker brought up that the ditch on Nettlecreek near Todd Stickley's drive needs some work done on it.

-Dave Reed brought up that the ditch and culvert near his house was backing up. He suggested dipping out the ditch on the East side of the road.

Roads and Bridges

-Brent Laughman updated that they have been putting up the new road signs. They are short on a few posts so Mr. Laughman will pick up the posts needed from the County Engineer's office. He also stated that the Willowdale Road sign was vandalized and needed replaced. County Engineer was going to replace it.

-Trustees discussed the culvert and strip patch repairs. Dave Riley updated that he had asked for additional quotes from other companies but the quotes still were not in. Mike Ward stated that in the interest of time, they needed to move forward with the original quote of Riley Asphalt to at least get some of the repairs completed while we waited on the additional quotes that also involved additional work to be completed.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the original quote from Riley's Asphalt which involved: 10 culverts @ 330 each and 2 roads strip patch repair on approximate 5000 sq ft, is 8,750. Total amount is \$12,050.00. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mike Ward updated that he had talked with Pauline Vulgamore regarding the ditch repair in front of her property. He had told her that the work would involve the drainage pipe coming from her house and part of her yard. He said she was ok with any of the repairs the township needed to do to fix the drainage problem.

-Brent Laughman updated that fence removal on Rhodes Road was on hold until Bob Heitman had sprayed all the weeds along the fence. Once Mr. Heitman completed the spraying, he would contact us to remove the fence.

-Brent Laughman brought up a complaint he received from Brad Cohn. Mr. Cohn had said there was water backing up in front of his house and thinks it is the new culvert. Mr. Laughman said he would call the County Engineer about it.

-Brent Laughman also said he received a complaint from Jerry Brumfield that water is not draining properly from yards on Vance Road. Mr. Laughman thought it was probably some of the drainage tile that was clogged, but that he would call County Engineer about this as well.

Cemeteries

-Dave Riley presented the new quote on the Cemetery signs which included the Township Hall sign update of meeting times. Total cost for signs was \$240.00.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the quote for both the Cemetery signs and Township Hall signs. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-No update at this time for the fence repair at Myrtle Tree Cemetery.

-Brent Laughman updated that the Cemetery grave stone bases were put in on June 7th.

Equipment

Trustees discussed some equipment issues. The snow plow needs some work. The plow is shifting back and forth and needs fixed before Winter. Brent Laughman will check on options for repair. Some options discussed were welding it in place, and contacting Glen Hill Blades to see what the cost would be to repair it.

Zoning

No updates were provided on Zoning since Bob Purk was not present.

Other Administrative

-Brent Laughman updated that Mega City had been out and serviced all the extinguishers. However, the actual work completed was slightly different than the quote as there were some extinguishers in trucks that needed serviced that were not present when they quoted the job originally. Trustees approved the adjusted quote that included the additional work that needed completed.

-The Township Hall sign update was approved per the motion made during the Cemetery sign update. (work to be done by same company). Mike Ward had no update on new shrubs. Mr. Ward still needs to contact 4H group for assistance.

-Trustees discussed Mr. Matthew's trailer removal. Per discussion it appears that he has removed all but what appears to be a small building/shed that had been attached to trailer. Brent Laughman read aloud Mr. Matthew's agreement letter regarding the removal to see if it stated what all was to be removed. Letter did not specifically identify the attached building so Trustees will wait until July 15, which was the deadline, to see if he removed it as well.

-No update on old Board minutes.

-Richard Ford presented Trustees with the 2015 draft Budget. There was discussion regarding the budget. Mr. Ford pointed out the decreased revenue in the General Fund due to the past elimination of the Estate Tax for townships as well as the decreased revenue from the Local Government Distribution. He stated that although expenses had been cut the expenses are higher than expected income in the General Fund. Mr. Ford also pointed out some other areas of concern in the budget. The Cemetery Fund is very tight due to a down year in revenue in 2013. The Street Lighting income is less than the actual expenses and that the carry-over has been being used to offset the expense, but the carry-over is getting close to only \$1,000.00 and they may need to evaluate if there is a need for a slight increase in the Lighting Assessment.

Mr. Ford pointed out that the Lighting Assessment is done yearly and that would be due to submit by September. Mr. Ford also pointed out that one of the 3 Fire Tax Levies is up for renewal this year and had to be submitted to Board of Elections in Aug to be approved for the November elections if they felt it needed to be renewed. The Budget Hearing date was set for July 3 at 7:00pm before the Regular meeting at 7:30pm. Richard Ford will ask the Urbana paper to run a legal notice of the Budget Hearing on July 3.

-**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE Session: Trustees went into Executive Session and discussed personnel issues.

-After the Executive Session, Trustees came back into Regular Session.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to hire Gary Eubanks at \$10.00/hr as a part time employee to fill in while another employee is off for personal reasons. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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