

# Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Tuesday, May, 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, Bob Purk (Zoning)

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

## Minutes and Financials

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

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting of 5/6/14

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

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve minutes, Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.  
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## Community Discussion/Concerns

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

Discussed Mr. Shoemaker's prior concern brought up in prior meeting regarding Mr. Matthews' trailer. See section under zoning for additional details.

## Roads and Bridges

Brent Laughman presented new quotes from the County Engineer's office which were much cheaper than the Kleem, Inc quote. All Trustees agreed that since they were cheaper, we should purchase the signs we needed from the County Engineer.

Dave Riley gave an update on the quotes needed for the culverts (two of the worst roads mentioned for repair were Rhodes Road and Coffin Station) with both Rsey and Hensley to show them the culverts and roads we needed repaired. Each company gave quotes regarding the projects that they could do.

Mike Ward provided an update regarding Pauline Vulgamore's ditch/yard. The property and ditch still need some work. Trustees discussed different options to solve the drainage problem. Mike Ward look at it and asked if Brent Laughman would look at the property with him to decide the best plan. Brent Laughman had received from Bob Heitman regarding an old fence on Rhodes Road. He they no longer use the old fence and if it was causing problems with drifting, the township could take what's left of the fence. After discussing it, the Trustees decided it was in the best interest of the Township to remove the old fence. Richard Ford recommended getting something in writing giving the Township permission to remove the fence. Brent Laughman will follow up with Mr. Heitman on the Township decision as well as contact Jane Napier on the legal recommendations regarding something in writing.

## Cemeteries

Updates: Cemetery Spring Preparations are complete. Waiting on 1 more order to come through and Cemetery bases will be poured in. Flags for Veterans Cemetery Bequest Flowers were ordered and placed.

Richard Ford gave an update on the signs for Cemeteries. Trustees had asked Richard to talk attorney with prosecutor's office, to evaluate the legality of different signs at Cemeteries. It appears people are there at dawn obviously are visiting grave sites, and are driving 4 wheelers around the property. Jane recommended signs that say closed at dark or something to that affect. She recommended notifying the Sheriff's department if they suspected illegal activity going on in the Cemetery.

## Equipment

Update: the Ford Tractor used for mowing road berms has a flat tire and will need to be fixed.

## Zoning

Bob Purk (Zoning Officer) provided an update regarding the trailer at Mr. John Matthews' property. Mr. Matthews signed a letter to Trustees stating he and the zoning officer came to an agreement the trailer completely removed by July 15, 2014. If not completed he would be subject to the penalties stated in the zoning resolution under section 350 (Penalties and Violations) regarding a concern of Mr. Matthews that he felt singled out since there is an old building on Mr. Humphry's property that has not been addressed.

Bob Purk also gave an update regarding the complaint about the modular home on Charlie Schwinn's property. The County Health Department is working on a solution and will notify Bob once a plan of action is put in place.

Mr. Purk also updated that he received a call from Toby Savage regarding a possible Lot split, but no action made on this as of yet.

## Other Administrative

Richard Ford presented a recommended records retention program for Ohio Townships which was published by the Ohio Historical Society. Trustees discussed the need to have something in place for various reasons and in case we wanted to get rid of certain records.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to approve the record retention program for Mad River Town. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Brent Laughman brought up for discussion the outdated Fire Extinguishers. Brent presented MegaCity Fire and Security to service them annually. Mike Ward said he would get a quote for them. He had previously taken care of them.

Trustees discussed the Regular Township meeting changing to the First and Third Thursday schedule. Richard updated that he had notified the Urbana Daily Citizen of the change and they were updating their community calendar section. Bob Purk recommended adding it to the Saint Paris Booster as well.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to put it in the Booster as long as the cost was less than \$50.00. Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Richard For will notify the Booster to see if we could add it to their community calendar and if the cost is less than the \$35.00 approved. Trustees will work on updating the sign in front of Township to reflect the new meeting days.

Trustees also discussed fire trucks in the Terre Haute parade. All trustees thought it would be a good idea. Harold Dixon and Dave Riley will drive the trucks in the parade.

Mike Ward asked if there was any other business. No other business.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:50. Dave Riley seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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