

## 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, Sonny Shirk, Dennis Bok  
Others Present: David Ropp, Glen Shoemaker,

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 4/15/2014.  
Trustees reviewed and financials and bill/checks to be paid and signed.

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

### Community Discussion/Concerns

Mike Ward opened the floor to community for discussion/concerns.  
Glen Shoemaker asked what the next step was regarding Mr. Matthew's trailer as it still has not been moved and the permit expired May 1, 2014. Brent Laughman said he talked with Bob Purk (Zoning) and he said he talked with Jane Napier (the County assistant prosecuting attorney) about it. Jane recommended having Bob Purk meet with Mr. Matthews and find out what his plan is to move the trailer. If the plan is within reason, to draw up a document (contract) describing the plan and putting a consequence in writing if the plan is not completed as documented. Brent Laughman will follow up with Bob Purk on the resolution.

### Roads and Bridges

Discussed road signs. Brent Laughman updated Trustees on County Engineers feedback on usage of children at play and hidden drive signs. They said that those signs are not used anymore and recommended using "Hills block view" instead of hidden drive. They recommended using a suggested 30 MPH sign with the Hills block view sign on Vance Road. Mr. Laughman also stated that they recommended getting signs from their vendor who seemed to be cheaper than Kleem, Inc. Mr. Laughman will contact their vendor for some quotes on signs.

Also discussed were the road repairs that are still needed. Specifically discussed were road berms on Vance Road. Also discussed was the need for firm quotes on the Culvert repairs and strip patching on the 4 worst roads in the township.

Discussed complaint from Gavin Gift regarding Manure spread in ditch across the road from his home. Brent Laughman followed up on complaint and found out that the manure had spilled into the ditch and the sheriff's office had the responsible party remove the manure.

Discussed complaint that was phoned in regarding a pot hole on Country Road. Complaint resolved on May 1, 2014 by Harold Dixon by filling in hole.

Also discussed was the complaint by Pauline Vulgamore regarding the dirt the township dumped in her yard this winter when they worked on the ditch in front of her home. Mike Ward received the call and asked Brent Laughman to have Harold and Everett work on removing the dirt and re-grading and reseeding her yard. Mike will follow up with Mrs. Vulgamore once the project is completed.

Trustees would like to get a quote on getting the berms and cracks on Vance repaired by the same company that quotes out the County Line Project.

There was further discussion on the overall road repairs that were needed, but all major repairs will need to be put on hold until we have an idea of the cost of the County Line Road project. Brent Laughman said the County needs a resolution from township to be part of the County Line Road project.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to approve a Resolution to be a part of the County Line Road project with the County and allow them to get quotes on the portion of the work the Township is responsible for. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

### Cemeteries

Signed the McGilvray Cemetery deed transfer.

Discussed the Cemetery Spring preparations and maintenance.

There are currently 2 orders for Cemetery bases. Dave Riley said that one of them is from November 2013 that doesn't appear to have been completed. He has requested a copy of the order from Dodds Monuments.

Brent Laughman brought up the need to post signs in the Terre Haute Cemetery about trespassers. There appears to be some people hanging out in the Cemetery with inappropriate reasons to be there. Brent Laughman will contact Jane Napier our attorney (County Assistant Prosecutor) to see what she would recommend.

Discussed the flags that need placed for Veterans at each Cemetery. Brent Laughman will pick up flags that need placed. Discussed the Plaque we received from the Veterans Administration that needs placed on a grave.

Discussed the Myrtle Tree Cemetery fence repair. Township received a check from Jeffrey Buell's insurance company for the repair of the fence from his accident. Check amount was \$4860.00 which matched the quote from Joe Reese Welding to complete the repairs.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to approve the supplement to the Cemetery budget of \$4860.00 for the repair of the Myrtle Tree Cemetery fence by Joe Reese Welding. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Discussed the Cemetery appropriations for Insurance benefits. Our current appropriation for Insurance benefits within the Cemetery fund is \$9,100.00. We have spent \$697.41 year to date. Due to changes in insurance benefit needs, township no longer has a need for the \$8,402.59 difference.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to move the Cemetery Fund Insurance benefits encumbered funds to unencumbered and to transfer \$1,500 of the Cemetery Fund Insurance benefits to Cemetery Repairs and Maintenance and to move \$6,700.00 to Cemetery Salaries Trustees Staff. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Equipment**

Trustees updated that the Ford F550 is now fixed.  
The back lights and turn signals on the 350 pickup are not working and Mike Ward said we need to send it to White's as it appears to be more extensive than just replacing bulbs. Mr. Ward will take it into White's Ford for repair.  
One of the tractors used to mow road ditches needs a rear tire fixed.

**Zoning**

Discussed a complaint from Jim Hahn regarding health concern coming from a modular home possibly owned by Charlie Schwann on Thackery Road. Bob Purk notified the Health Department

**Other Administrative**

Old Board minutes were put on pending as Trustees have turned in their notes from their review, but Richard Ford was not able to review those as yet.

Propane credit has not been credited to our account.

Mike Ward still working on the Township Hall Sign and shrubs project. Still working on getting volunteers to help with the project.

Under pending of the agenda was the weather strip seal for the garage doors for township hall. Dave Riley presented quotes from Oakes Door Service for a total of \$542.00 for complete replacement, Champaign Garage Doors LLC for a total of \$555.00 for replacement, and a price list for seals needed from Home Depot for \$8.47 and Ebay for \$15.89.

Trustees agreed it would be cheaper for the Trustees to do the work and purchase the parts.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to approve the purchase of the door seals needed to fix township hall garage doors and complete the repairs by trustees. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Also discussed were the Appropriations for Insurance benefits in the general fund. Current appropriation is \$37,050.00. Year to date expense for General Fund Insurance benefits total is \$5,191.38. The estimated need for the balance of the year is \$4,168.29. This leaves an excess in the General Fund Insurance Benefits of \$27,690.33.

Also discussed was the need to approve additional funds for propane expense. Due to the cold and snowy winter, township used more propane than was budgeted.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to move \$5,000.00 from the General Fund Insurance benefits to the General Fund Utilities to help cover the additional propane expense. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

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

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:15pm. Dave Riley seconded motion. **Motion** unanimously approved.

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

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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