

# Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015,

Meeting time: 7:30 pm

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

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Terry Griest, Neil Stevens, Jason Hamilton, Jane Napier, John Ridder, Randy Bair, Edwin Davis, Gina Van Hoose-Levy

Meeting called to order followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

## Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the minutes from meeting date 4/16/15.

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

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

## Community Discussion/Concerns

-Jason Hamilton was present on behalf of his brother. He asked trustees with help taking down a tree on his brother's property that overhangs the sidewalk where people gather during the Memorial Day parade while the band performs. Their concern is that limbs may fall and injure people since the tree is dead. Trustees recommended that he contact the county since the location is on Storms Creek Road which is a County road.

-Edwin Davis was present to ask for permission for encroachment on an alley in Terre Haute that is no longer used. Jane Napier presented a resolution option for the alley.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to adopt the resolution to permit encroachment upon the right-of-way for the alley. (Resolution 5-7-2015). Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Resolution unanimously approved.

-Terry Griest and Neal Stevens asked if the Trustees would approve the selection of Terre Haute being presented as a Purple Heart Community by the Order of the Purple Hearts.

**Motion:** Brent Laughman motioned to allow the Order of the Purple Hearts to present Terre Haute as a Purple Heart Community. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-John Ridder was present to follow up on the Zoning change recommendations he has emailed the Trustees. Mike Ward said he would follow up with John Steinberger (chair of zoning board) and Mark Navarre (chair of the zoning appeals board).

## Roads and Bridge

-Trustees discussed the road repairs that need completed.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to have the County spot chip and seal repair Vance Road, Wodburn, and Coffin Statoin. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Dave Riley said there was a complaint on Zerkle Road. He will follow up with Bob with the County on a solution.

## Cemeteries

- no updates.

## Equipment

-Mike Ward said he had ordered new blades for the road tractor bush hogs.

-Trustees discussed the written quotes for the 4900A Truck bed and plow repairs. Randy Knowles quote came in the lowest.

**Motion:** Dave Riley motioned to approve Randy Knowles quote of \$2,800 for repairs. Brent Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

## Zoning

-Dave Riley said there was a complaint on Route 36 about a property where there were possible health issues. He will contact Bob Purk about the complaint.

-Bob Purk had updated Brent Laughman regarding Mr. Humphrey's property cleanup. Mr. Purk said that Mr. Humphrey had said he would bury the junked barn once he had his back hoe fixed. No apparent changes on the property to date.

**Other Administrative**

-Richard Ford mentioned to Trustees that UAN had notified them that starting in June the UAN fees would increase by \$50.00 per month for an equipment fee. This fee has been being waived over the past few years. Mr. Ford said they would need to reallocate some appropriations to account for the fee increase. He will have options for the Trustees at the next meeting.

Motion: Brent Laughman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Dave Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

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