

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting time: 8:00am

Trustees Present: Brent Laughman, Dave Riley, Dale Goddard

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: David Patrick, Diana Wallen, Craig Glidden

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers

Dave Riley turned the meeting over to the fiscal officer for the election of the township officers.

Mr. Ford opened the floor for nominations for township president.

Motion: Mr. Riley nominated Dale Goddard for president. Mr. Laughman seconded the motion. Roll was called. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford opened the floor for nominations for vice president.

Motion: Mr. Goddard nominated Brent Laughman for vice president. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Roll was called, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford turned the meeting over to Dale Goddard.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks and meeting minutes for 12/14/19, 12/19/19 and 12/31/19.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to approve the minutes, financials, bills/checks. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Mr. Patrick was present to introduce him to the township officials and let them know he is running for Sheriff in the upcoming primary.

-Mr. Glidden said he has a neighbor who has a lot of junk in the front yard. He showed the trustees a picture of the property. He asked the trustees to help him get this cleaned up. Mr. Goddard said we would send Bob Purk our zoning officer to check it out to see what zoning violations are there.

Roads and Bridge

-Mr. Goddard said the County had contacted him about a Stop ahead sign down on Bair Road just before Dallas Road. Mr. Goddard put it back up and picked up trash he found in the ditch.

Cemeteries

-Trustees discussed the Purple Heart sign at Terre Haute cemetery. Mr. Laughman said the sign is busted and asked if we wanted to replace it. Trustees agreed to replace it with something more sturdy. Mr. Laughman will get some quotes.

Equipment

-No updates

Zoning

-Trustees discussed the pay rates for zoning board and zoning board of appeals.

Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to pay the same rates as last year. \$50 for the Chairman and Secretary for each meeting and \$20 for all other board members who attend the meeting. Mr. Laughman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Administrative

-Mr. Goddard asked about rehiring seasonal workers.

Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to rehire seasonal workers Diana Wallen, Everett Keller, and Brooke Schneeman at \$13/hour (Linden Hoblit is still employed per school agreement). Mr. Laughman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Ford reminded trustees they needed to set a limit on the Purchase Orders that the Fiscal Officer can approve.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to allow the Fiscal Officer to approve purchase orders including blanket and super blanket certificates up to \$100,000. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Trustees discussed the 4H group rentals.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to waive the rental fees for all 4H groups for 2020. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mrs. Wallen was present to ask for a raise up to \$15/hour. Trustees discussed it and said they were not in favor of it this year due to the increase this past year and budget limitations.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23am. Mr. Riley seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

