

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting, Thursday, Sept 3, 2020

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Trustees Present: Dale Goddard, (president), Brent Laughman (vice president), Dave Riley

Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford

Others Present: Chief Massie, Diane Cox, Katie Jordan and a friend

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks and meeting minutes for 8/20/2020

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

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Chief Massie was present to discuss our current contract. He found in an ORC 575.375 which limits the Fire District to contracts of only three years. Richard emailed Jane Napier at the prosecutor's office to review the ORC code and copied Chief on the email. Chief provided revised copies of our contract for the trustees for review once Jane responds to Richard's email.

-Some residents (Diane, Katie) from Terre Haute were present to ask about their property lines on their property in Terre Haute. They said the County Auditor's website shows the township owns some property at the back of their property. Trustees said the property isn't the township per Mr. Riley's discussion with the County Engineer's office. Mr. Laughman recommended them to go to the County Engineer's office to find the actual property lines. He said they have to approve every deed's property dimensions. The residents said that there used to be an alley at the back of the property but now there's some confusion to whose property it now is. Mr. Riley recommended the residents to start with an inquiry at the County Engineer's office who should have a copy of their deed.

Roads and Bridge

-Trustees reviewed the change orders from the Coffin Station Road project that the County put together for us.

Motion: Mr. Laughman motioned to approve the change orders which reduced the total price quoted. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Laughman spoke with Nelson Trees about the tree trimming on Stony Creek. He said they sent new quotes for hourly rates. Mr. Riley said he talked with one of the residents (Mr. Dewitt) on Stony Creek and he said they don't want it trimmed because they like the canopy look. Trustees discussed maybe just taking out the dead limbs so they don't fall during the Winter. Trustees discussed some other dead ash trees on other roads that need to come down as well. No action taken at this time.

Cemeteries

-No updates

Equipment

-No update

Zoning

-Mr. Laughman said he made some phone calls to some local trucking companies about the problem we are having with the use of the "jake brake". The companies were going to address it with their employees He also followed up with Mr. Tuttle and about it and he said it has reduced the noise for now.

-Mr. Purk sent an email update on zoning.

Other Administrative

-No updates

-Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Mr. Laughman seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____