

Mad River Township Trustees

Regular Meeting: Thursday, Aug 17, 2023

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Trustees Present: Brent Laughman (president), Dave Riley (vice-president), Dan Blake
Fiscal Officer Present: Richard Ford
Others Present: John and Lori Huffman

Meeting called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Financials

Trustees reviewed the financials, bills/checks and meeting minutes for 7/20/2023.

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

Community Discussion/Concerns

-Mr. and Mrs. Huffman were present to ask about how the right of way for ditches work. Mr. Laughman said anyone that wants to work in a ditch would need to get a permit from the County Engineer. He said Mr. Brown, their neighbor, had requested a permit from the County Engineer but was denied since they said that the ditch was working fine the way it is currently. If they saw Mr. Brown doing something with the ditch, they should call the County Engineer.

Roads and Bridge

-No updates

Cemeteries

-Trustees discussed the tree that fell in Nettle Creek Cemetery and destroyed the bench style headstone that was broken up when the tree fell on it. Mr. Blake got a quote from Lasting Legacy Memorials, Inc. to replace the headstone bench for \$870.

Motion: Mr. Blake motioned to approve the quote from Lasting Legacy Memorials for \$870. (Mr. Ford will also turn it into our insurance). Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Equipment

-Trustees discussed the items they were going to put up for sealed bid (truck, tractor and shed). Trustees agreed to do a more simple ad in the papers and direct everything to the website for a complete description.

Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to run the ad in the Marysville Tribune and Springfield NewsSun up to \$500 total in advertising. The bids to be opened on October 5th at 7:30pm. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Zoning

-No updates.

Other Administrative

-Trustees discussed the street light assessments for next year.

Resolution: Mr. Riley Motioned to adopt the Street Lighting Assessment for 2023. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Ford said there was an error on the June 22, 2023 minutes which was noticed at a later date than when they were approved. He had put the incorrect road name. He put County Line road for the ditch repair and it should have been Terre Haute Road.

Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to adopt the corrected minutes for June 22, 2023. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

-Mr. Laughman said the hall rental on 8/16/2023 was reserved by Mr. Lutz. He didn't state at the time he reserved it, but he was reserving it on behalf of a church function for Terre Haute Methodist Church. Mr. Laughman asked the trustees if they wanted to waive the rental fee as we normally do for nonprofits that operate within our township.

Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to waive the rental fee for the 8/16/23 rental. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Laughman said he called today about propane for the Winter. Heritage Co-op said pre-buy was \$1.499. The other option is pay the \$.10/gal. and then lock in the 1.499 but we would pay less if it went down.

Motion: Mr. Riley motioned to pre-buy 2,000 gal. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Mr. Blake motioned to adjourn at 8:19pm. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval Date: _____ by Trustee: _____

Attested _____

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