

Madison Township Board of Trustees Regular meeting
July 18, 2007

The Madison Township Board of Trustees met this day in regular session at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by the President, Alan Daniel, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Alan Daniel-Present, Dwight Walter-Present, Robert J. Ward-Present, Amy Schenck-Present.

ITEM 2007 - 085- MINUTES

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as printed. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 086 - CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the June reports as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion among the Board about the necessity of a resolution authorizing the removal, repair or securance of insecure, unsafe buildings pursuant to the ORC section 505.86. Mr. Ward felt that it was important. Mr. Walter was concerned that the township would become some kind of collection agency. Mr. Daniel stated that it hadn't ever happened before and that it wasn't a priority.

There was also discussion about the potential problems on garbage, refuse and debris. There was additional discussion about vegetation control. Mr. Ward stated that the current policy is not correct. The township is using the wrong O.R.C. Mr. Ward also stated that grass a foot high is not a noxious weed. It was discussed that noxious weeds are a specific defined group of plants per the ORC. Mr. Walter stated that he would support the measure if it did not include garbage, refuse and other debris. Mr. Daniel did not like the word debris. There was discussion about additional man hours and the potential to subcontract the work out.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a motion for Prosecutor's office to draft a resolution authorizing the removal, repair, or securance of insecure, unsafe buildings or structures pursuant to the authority granted by the ORC section 505.86. Mr. Daniel called for a second. Mr. Daniel again called for a second. The motion died for a lack of a second.

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Mr. Ward moved to approve a motion for the Prosecutor's office to draft a resolution the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris pursuant to the authority granted by the ORC section 505.87. Mr. Daniel called for a second. Mr. Daniel called again for a second. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Ward reported that at the last meeting the bush at Thomas and Franklin Madison Road was determined to be in compliance but after another complaint it was reviewed again and determined to be in the right of way and the homeowner was given thirty days to remove the bush.

Mr. Ward stated that he was still waiting to hear back from Denny Krall of the BCEO to set up a meeting to review all road maintenance agreements with neighboring townships and counties. Mr. Ward stated that there were additional items to be considered in the updated agreements. Mr. Ward asked Mr. McGuire to contact Mr. Krall since Mr. Krall had returned Mr. Ward's emails.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2007 - 087 - BILLS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$80,946.07. Mr. Ward had questions on a few bills, and questioned why the bid opening was not done in a public forum as per the resolution passed. It was explained that the road superintendent awarded all work to Madison Township based firms and that bids were not required by law for work done at the park. Mr. Ward also questioned if the life squad cots were purchased with a purchase order or a blanket certificate. Mr. Ward stated that this was an illegal purchase because the cots were not discussed in a meeting and no one trustee can make this decision. Mr. Ward also questioned if a purchase order could be issued without a board resolution, the Fiscal Officer provided information on purchase orders. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 088 - APPROVE EXPENSES EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES AND CLASSES

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the necessary expenses for the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Administrator to attend the OTA summer conference, and the National Association of Towns and Townships National Conference in Washington D.C. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 089 - RENEW HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to renew health insurance coverage at the current level of benefit with Burnham and Flower through OTARMA. Expected increase in premium is 15.98%. The Fiscal Officer explained that she was working with the representative to lower the rate if possible. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Mr. Ward asked that township administrator job vacancy advertisement be prepared. Mr. Daniel suggested a work session be set to discuss the administrator vacancy before preparing the advertisement. There was discussion about date and time.

ITEM 2007 - 090 - SET WORK SESSION MEETING

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to set a work session to discuss the administrator position for Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 6:00pm. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved. The Fiscal Officer asked to be excused from the work session due to a prior commitment.

There was discussion about the necessity for increased security and accountability at the life squad and at the fire houses. The discussion focused on the purchase of security locks that would enable each member to have their own individual code and that code could be deactivated if they were no longer there. Mr. Daniel stated that this would not make the stations theft proof and he questioned warranty information. After more discussion it was determined that the greatest need was at the life squad. If the locks proved to be a success they could possibly be installed at the fire house.

ITEM 2007 - 091 - PURCHASE LOCK FOR LIFE SQUAD

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to purchase a security lock model no DL2700 from Grainger that would enable 100 individual security codes to be set for the Life Squad. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Mr. Daniel explained the situation at the last executive session that Mr. Ward had intended to record that meeting and that the executive session was adjourned immediately. Mr. Daniel asked Mr. Ward for his opinion on the matter. Mr. Ward stated that he could record executive session because the Prosecutor's opinion did not site a particular section of the O.R.C. Mr. Ward read the opinion of the Chief, Opinions Section of the Ohio attorney General's Office; which states" The provisions of the O.R.C. say nothing about a township trustee making an audio recording of an

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executive session that is part of a meeting of the board of township trustees." The Fiscal Officer read the opinion from the Butler County Prosecutor's office.

ITEM 2007 - 092 - RESOLUTION PROHIBITING RECORDING OR NOTE TAKING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve a resolution prohibiting recording or note taking during executive session. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 093 - APPROVE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK MATERIALS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the purchase of Fire Prevention Week materials at a cost of up to \$900.00. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Alan Daniel shared information about the three stops signs to be installed at Mosiman and Howe Road. He also shared information about the property tax exemption available to senior citizens in Butler County.

Fire Chief, Kent Hall provided information about upcoming training and presented the statistics for the contract B.C. Sheriff's Officers.

ITEM 2007 - 094 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss the promotion of personnel. The Fire Chief, Kent Hall and Life Squad Deputy Chief, Brian Sebald were invited by the Board. The Fiscal Officer did not attend. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

The Board adjourned at 8:22pm.

The Board returned at 9:10pm.

ITEM 2007 - 095 - APPROVE PROMOTION

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the promotion of Mike Dawson to Lieutenant subject to a six month to one year probationary period. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 096 - ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to adjourn. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting closed at 9:12pm.

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Attest - Clerk

Signed - President