

Madison Township Board of Trustees
October 17, 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: Robert J. Ward-Present, Dwight Walter-Present, Alan Daniel-Present, Amy Schenck-Present.

ITEM 2007 - 136 - MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Hickman, resident suggested that the Board move public comments to the end of the meeting. Mr. Hickman also had questions about the money that had been spent on the park. The Fiscal Officer informed Mr. Hickman that a report on the park would be given during the meeting.

Mr. Wallin asked that the spelling of his name be corrected. He spoke about his concerns about solicitors in the township. He recently had an experience with solicitors in his neighborhood selling cleanser. He suggested that the township pass an ordinance to prohibit solicitors. He also mentioned that the cul-de-sac near his home needed paved. Mr. Daniel replied that the cul-de-sac had not been certified and approved by the County; so the responsibility of the maintenance of the cul-de-sac was in the hands of the developer. Mr. Wallin asked why no news was reported in the Middletown Journal concerning issues in Madison Township. The Fiscal Officer informed Mr. Wallin that the Journal was notified of all township meetings. Mr. Wallin discussed the problems with four wheelers and dirt bikes operating on the road. He suggested that the Sheriff's deputies cite the offenders. He asked about the Sheriff's Deputy contract and about deputy coverage. Mr. Kent Hall responded to Mr. Wallin and stated that the deputies had spoken with the solicitors and they left the neighborhood when asked. He also responded to the four wheeler and dirt bike issue and explained that the deputies have the option to issues warnings or citations.

ITEM 2007 - 137 - APPROVE FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

The Fiscal Officer gave a detailed report on the money that had been spent on the park project since 2000, along with the grants that had been received to benefit the project. Mrs. Schenck also provided a report that focused on the estate tax revenue and the revenue generated from the Cinergy/Duke Project sidebar agreement. She answered questions from the Trustees and from the audience. She also provided information on the IRS and the compensation paid to firemen and life squad members. She also provided information on the public records training that was required for all elected officials or their designee. Mrs. Schenck asked if there were any questions on the printed end of September reports that the Trustees has received. Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the Fiscal Officer park reports and the reports for August as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Prater - Elk Creek Road - Mr. Ward asked if anything more had been heard from Mr. Prater about the problems he reported with four wheelers and jeeps causing damage to his property. Mr. Ward will check with Mr. Prater this weekend.

Road Maintenance Agreement - Mr. Daniel reported that the Engineer's Office had sent a letter that stated that the Trustees could pass a resolution to change the agreement if they weren't satisfied. This resolution would then have to be approved by the Butler County Commissioners to change the agreements. Mr. Daniel and Mr. Walter both stated that they were satisfied with the current road maintenance agreements. Mr. Ward stated that he was not satisfied with the current agreements.

Life Squad Class Reimbursement Contract - Mr. Ward asked if the Prosecutor had finished the contract for the life squad /fire. The Fiscal Officer stated that the Prosecutor had approved the original life squad class reimbursement contract and that Life Squad Chief, Brian Sebald had been given the contract. There was discussion about the fire department/life squad contract and whether or not to have one contract for both or two separate contracts for each division. After more discussion it was decided to ask the Prosecutor for two separate contracts; one for each division.

Life Squad Class - There was discussion about the cost of the class and the books and the number of students.

ITEM 2007 - 138 - APPROVE COST OF BASIC EMT CLASS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the cost of tuition and books for fifteen students at a cost of \$736.83 per student to attend the EMT basic course offered at the Madison Life Squad building. These students would sign the class reimbursement contract. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Life Squad Volunteer Bonus - Mr. Ward brought up the subject of the bonus that has been available in the past to life squad volunteers in addition to the per run compensation. There was discussion about whether or not there was enough money to cover the bonus. It was discussed to possibly pay the bonus out of the General Fund.

ITEM 2007 - 139 - APPROVE BONUS FOR LIFE SQUAD VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to pay a bonus of \$12,000 to be divided among the qualified life squad volunteers for on call hours. This bonus may be paid from the General Fund if necessary. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Life Squad Grant for Cots - The Fiscal Officer reported that \$2,500 of the the Stryker cots purchased for the life squad had been paid for with grant money received in 2006 for training or equipment for the life squad.

Mosiman Road at Weatherwood - Mr. Walter reported that the in the past a square sign had been placed behind the stop sign. The County forced the township to remove it.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2007 - 140 - BILLS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$56,221.41. Mr. Ward explained that he was voting no on the bills because of the park spending. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 141 - APPROVE ROAD SIGN CHECK AND FORWARD TO THE BCEO

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the road sign check for October and forward it to the Butler County Engineer's Office. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 142 - ACCEPT CHRISMAN LANE

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to accept Chrisman Lane, as it meets all Butler County standards. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Announcements

Mr. Walter stated that former township Trustee, Gerald Cottongim had passed away and ask that his family be remembered in prayer.

Communications

Mr. Ward reported that he would be following up with Mr. Dudas to update the township website.

Mr. Ward also stated that the other Trustees had defied three resolutions concerning the following issues:

1. Discuss raises in December and vote in January
2. Opening of all bids in a public format
3. Obtaining the Prosecutor's opinion without a Board resolution.

Mr. Ward reported that he had contacted Robin Piper, the Ohio Attorney General and the Ohio Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel because of the board deliberately defying the three resolutions.

ITEM 2007 - 143 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Daniel stated that there was a need for executive session to discuss the compensation of an employee. Fire Chief, Kent Hall and Life Squad Captain, Brian Sebald and the Fiscal Officer were asked to attend.

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employee compensation. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

The board adjourned at 8:52pm.

The Board returned at 9:45pm.

ITEM 2007 - 144 - INCREASE FIRE /LIFE SQUAD LIEUTENANT COMPENSATION

Mr. Ward moved to increase the fire and life squad lieutenant annual compensation to \$250.00 each. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 145 - INCREASE FIRE /LIFE SQUAD CAPTAIN COMPENSATION

Mr. Ward moved to increase the fire and life squad captain annual compensation to \$500.00 each. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr.

Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 146 - INCREASE FIRE /LIFE SQUAD DEPUTY CHIEF COMPENSATION

Mr. Ward moved to increase the fire deputy chief annual compensation to \$750.00 each. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 147 - HOLIDAY PAY FOR PART TIME LIFE SQUAD

Mr. Ward moved to pay part time life squad employees holiday pay at a rate of 1.5 for the hours worked on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 148 - APPROVE COST OF INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the cost of tuition and books for Melissa Taylor to attend and EMT Intermediate class at a cost of \$1,000. Ms. Taylor would be required to sign the class reimbursement contract. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 149 - APPROVE COST OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the cost of a Christmas party for the Fire Department up to \$1,000.00. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 150 - ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to adjourn. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting closed at 9:55 PM.

Attest - Fiscal Officer

Alan Daniel