

Madison Township Board of Trustees
September 26, 2007

The Madison Township Board of Trustees met this day in special session for the purpose of regular business at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by the President, Alan Daniel, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mr. Daniel offered condolences to former Madison Township Trustee Elmer Dietz and his family on the death of his wife Katherine.

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

ITEM 2007 - 126 - MINUTES

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

ITEM 2007 - 127 - APPROVE FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

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

The Fiscal Officer shared information about a shortfall of about \$25,000 of the expected medical billing income for 2007 in the Life Squad Fund. The Fiscal Officer stated that there had been additional members billed by mistake and that she was working with MBI to correct this problem. Mr. Walter stated that it might be good to look at another billing company.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ward brought up the following issues:

Road Maintenance Agreement - Mr. Ward reported that he hadn't heard a word from the Engineer's Office. Mr. McGuire was not present at the meeting so Mr. Daniel offered to attempt to contact the Engineer's Office and set up a meeting to discuss the road maintenance agreements, late afternoon if possible.

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.

Stop Sign on Howe Road - Mr. Ward asked if anything had been done about more notice coming West on Howe approaching Mosiman. Resident, Tom Monce had brought this issue up at the August meeting.

Mosiman Road from Golf Course - Mr. Daniel reported that there had been complaints about drivers not stopping or yielding to continuous turn traffic on Mosiman Road. Mr. Daniel asked Mr. McGuire to check into having sign taken down.

Life Squad Class Reimbursement Contract - the contract had been sent down the Prosecutor's Office and Mr. McGuire was waiting on a reply from them.

Township Website - Mr. Ward presented information about transferring the responsibility of the township website from Doug Lenos to Miami University.

ITEM 2007 - 128 - WEBSITE

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to transfer hosting and up keep of

township website from Doug Lenos to Andrew Dudas of Miami University, this service is free. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Township Administrator Position - Mr. Ward brought up the subject of the job vacancy advertisement. There was discussion about the content of the ad. There was additional discussion about if there should be an application or have résumés sent to the township building. It was decided to run an ad in the local paper for two weeks. The ad was given the Fiscal Officer to post in the paper.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2007 - 129 - BILLS

Mr. Ward had questions about purchase orders and possibly having purchase orders over a certain dollar amount approved in a public meeting. The Fiscal Officer stated that it was possible to place limits on the amounts of purchase orders but the practicality of not having repairs done or having work held up because purchase orders were not yet approved would hinder the work done by the road crew and the emergency services. Mrs. Schenck explained that the purchase orders are signed by at least two trustees just like the checks and that the permanent appropriations actually give the authority to spend, not the purchase orders. Mr. Ward explained that he was voting no on the bills because of the park spending; Mr. Ward asked the Fiscal Officer for a report of all of the money that has been spent on the park and all of the grants that have been received for the park for the next meeting. Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$135,613.94. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 130 - APPROVE ROAD SIGN CHECK AND FORWARD TO THE BCEO

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the road sign check for September 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 - 131 - APPROVE AMOUNTS AND RATES

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the Amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification:

General Fund	.40	(\$ 80,000.00)	Inside mills
Road & Bridge	.86	(\$ 170,000.00)	Inside mills
Fire	1.00	(\$ 73,000.00)	Outside mills

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 132 - SET BEGGARS NIGHT

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to set Beggar's Night in Madison Township for Tuesday, October 30th from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Communications

Mr. Ward reported that he had been to the cemetery and noticed that there were some unmarked sites, broken stones piled up, stones knocked over and he asked what could be done to improve the condition of this

old cemetery. Mr. Walter responded that the burial records for that cemetery had been lost or destroyed many years ago. There was additional discussion about the cost and liability of trying to repair or erect fallen stones it was determined that it was not possible. The Trustees discussed an email received from Barb Upton concerning water service on her Road.

There was discussion about a few individuals who were no longer active on the Life Squad and Fire department that still needed to return equipment. Mr. Daniel asked that those people be sent certified letters requesting that those equipment items be returned.

ITEM 2007 - 133 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Fiscal Officer asked the Trustees for an executive session to discuss pending litigation. Brain Sebald, Life Squad Captain and Kent Hall, Fire Chief also attended. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

The board adjourned at 8:25pm.

The Board returned at 8:35pm.

ITEM 2007 - 134 - CONTRACT TO AUDIT BMV RECORDS

Fiscal Officer presented information to the Trustees about the BMV records and the possibility of losing revenue because of inaccurate data. Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to enter into a contract with Amy Schenck as an independent consultant to conduct an audit of certain Ohio Bureau of Motor vehicle records on behalf of Madison Township. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2007 - 135 - 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 8:41 PM.

Attest - Fiscal Officer

Alan Daniel