

Madison Township Board of Trustees
September 17, 2008

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, Robert Ward, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

ITEM 2008 - 115 - MINUTES

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the August 2008 minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Fiscal Officer

Amy Schenck provided the trustees with the August end of the month reports.

ITEM 2008 - 116 - APPROVE FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

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

Fire/ EMS

Fire Chief Kent Hall reported that the last few days had been very busy. He informed the trustees that Catalina trailer park had no water or power; the fire department was assisting Duke Energy with traffic control. There had been some grass fires due to wires arching. The wives of the firemen had cooked a meal for the fire and life squad volunteers. Mr. Daniel commended Chief Hall and the fire and squad volunteers for their service during this difficult time. Chief Hall reported that the department had received training for the upcoming air show. He reminded the Trustees that Fire Prevention Week was October 5-9. The Primary School will be coming to the Fire House for a field trip. He also reported that the department had received a grant from the ELKS Lodge for \$400 to purchase new gloves. Deputy Chief Sebald reported that the life squad had 68 calls in August. He also thanked everyone for their service during the storm. He informed the Trustees that the squad was in the shop.

Road Department

Road Superintendent, Todd Daniel thanked Mr. Daniel, Mr. Walter and Mr. Farler for the work they did during the storm. He reported that Larry Reed was working on an as needed basis to help clean up the storm debris. He provided a list of the roads that have been serviced since the storm. He commented that the cemeteries needed a lot of cleanup and also thanked the fire department for a great job during the crisis.

Mr. Alan Daniel commented that Steve Fraley and Mark and Kyle Hawkins had volunteered working to clear the roads during the storm. He stated that the township building and the fire stations need backup generators.

Todd Daniel asked for clarification on the policy of limb/brush removal. Mr. Ward stated that the township should take care of all residents. Mr. Daniel explained that the township did not have the manpower or the signs to ensure a safe environment to chip brush on county roads or St. Rt. 122. There was additional discussion and it was agreed that the township would chip storm debris on all township roads. The debris should be placed at the road with the cut end toward the road up to eight inches with no custom cuts; any resident living on a county road or St. Rt. 122 can bring their debris to the township building. There was additional discussion about how to notify residents about the storm cleanup.

ITEM 2008 - 117 - APPROVE SENDING FLYER

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to send a double sided flyer to let residents know about the storm cleanup and the upcoming park dedication. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2008 - 118 - BILLS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$73,814.97. Fiscal Officer, Amy Schenck provided an explanation for all bills over \$500 excluding payroll. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2008 - 119 - DECLARE 7830 BERTHA AVENUE A NUISANCE

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to declare 7830 Bertha Avenue a nuisance for noxious weeds. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Mr. Ward asked Mr. Farler to check on the house on West Alexandria Road to see if it could also be declared a nuisance to get it cleaned up. He also reported 4836 Eck Road for tall grass, and 5658 Howe for tall grass. He asked about the progress of the property on Trenton Franklin. Mr. Farler provided information on the issue.

ITEM 2008 - 120 - BEGGARS NIGHT

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to set Thursday, October 30th from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. as Beggars Night in Madison Township. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2008 - 121 - APPROVE FIREMAN

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve Tony Johnson as a volunteer fireman for Madison Township. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2008 - 122 - APPROVE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

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

Discussion Items

Mr. Farler provided information about changing cell phone carriers from Nextel to Verizon to improve service and to lower costs. He will follow up on this matter. He also provided information about acquiring a new heart monitor for the life squad to allow both squads to be ALS ready. This new monitor would be purchased by grants from several sources.

ITEM 2008-123- PURCHASE AND INSTALL EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to purchase and install emergency lighting at the fire and life squad buildings. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Communications

Mr. Farler discussed the park dedication and announced the opportunity to support the troops on September 27, 28th.

ITEM 2008 - 124 - ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting closed at 9:02 PM.

Attest - Fiscal Officer

Robert J. Ward