

Madison Township Board of Trustees

July 16, 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 J. Ward, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

**ITEM 2008 - 089- MINUTES**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the June 16, 2008 minutes as printed. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rob Beckett informed the Board about recent problems with the life squad being down and Middletown responding through Mutual Aid. Joe Drury reported that he had called the life squad for his mother and had to wait several minutes and Middletown responded. He urged the trustees to fix the problem.

Connie Back questioned why the cost of copies went from four cents a copy to ten cents a copy. There was discussion about the resolution 2008-72 passed in May 2008; Mr. Ward questioned the ten cents a copy cost. Mrs. Back went on to say that emergency services need to be the top priority, then the road department and then if funds were available park development. She commented that money is tight but there have been raises given, a full time administrator hired and work done at the park. She encouraged the trustees to cut back but take care of priorities.

Mr. Hickman suggested that life squad volunteers park the ambulance at their homes and respond to emergencies from there. Deputy Chief Brian Sebald provided information that the drug license only allows the ambulance to be kept at the life squad building.

Deputy Chief Brian Sebald responded to the audience and said he feels the same way about the life squad being out of service and having Middletown respond to the calls; he stated that he is working diligently to solve the problems.

Mr. Walter stated that the trustees are aware of problems and are working to find realistic solutions. Mr. Farler also commented that the township must balance the level of service and the cost of that service.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

Fire Chief Kent Hall reported that the fire department had been very slow the last few weeks, he also introduced prospective fireman Chris Bjorklund.

Deputy Chief Brian Sebald reported that the squad had 315 runs so far this year.

Road Superintendent, Todd Daniel reported that paving was finished. There would be preconstruction meeting for the work done on the park driveway. He commented that the paving work at the park was being done with grant money.

Fiscal Officer, Amy Schenck presented the June 2008 reports and

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provided information about the tax exemption status of the life squad property. The exemption had been filed in February and she had an initial response from the State that the exemption was going to be granted but until the final determination was complete the liability of \$4,816.06 was still an issue. There was no appropriation prepared for the property tax bill because it was expected that the exemption would be granted in time to meet the August 4, 2008 deadline. She suggested that the bill be paid out of the general fund and when the money was refunded, after the final determination was granted, then the money would be put back into the general fund; the trustees agreed.

**ITEM 2008 - 090 - ACCEPT FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to accept the fiscal officer's reports for June 2008 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 2008 - 091 - BILLS**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$95,473.45, with an explanation of all bills over \$500, excluding payroll. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 092 - ROAD SIGNING INSPECTION**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the inspection of road signing for June in Madison Township and forward to the BC Engineer. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

There was discussion about developing a resolution and a policy for approving expenditures and purchases. There was discussion about practical spending limits for department heads and the administrator.

**ITEM 2008 - 093 - DECLARE PROPERTIES A NUISANCE FOR VEGETATION**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to declare the following properties a nuisance for vegetation: 8146 Keister Road, 556 Hill St., 6195 Otter Creek and declaring 7089 West Alexandria a nuisance for a junk vehicle. Administrator, Todd Farler provided photos and documentation for the trustees review. He also commented that there had been positive feedback received about the results of the grass cutting contractor. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 094 - ACCEPT IRS MILEAGE RATE**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to accept the IRS mileage rate from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 of \$.585 per mile. Mr. Ward commented that he felt the increase was unnecessary. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 095 - APPROVE FIREMAN CHRIS BJORKLUND**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve fireman Chris Bjorklund as a volunteer fireman. Fire Chief Kent Hall commented that Mr.

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Bjorklund was already certified. Mr. Daniel asked Mr. Bjorklund how many points he had on his license. Mr. Bjorklund reported that his driving record was clean. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Mr. Farler provided a draft of the township newsletter to the trustees and encouraged them to write an article, or submit ideas of articles of interest to the residents.

Mr. Farler announced that beginning August 1, 2008 all township vehicles using diesel fuel will utilize the diesel fuel pump located at the township administration building. He discussed the procedure that was to be followed for refueling all vehicles.

Mr. Farler demonstrated the tasers purchased for the Madison Township contract deputies to use. The cost of these tasers will be deducted from the total cost of the annual contract.

**ITEM 2008 - 096 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to adjourn to executive session to consider the sale or purchase of property. The Trustees, Administrator and the Fiscal Officer attended. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

The Board adjourned at 8:33pm.

The Board returned at 9:41pm.

**ITEM 2008 - 097 - ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to adjourn. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting was closed at 9:42pm.

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Attest - Fiscal Officer

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Signed - President