

Madison Township Board of Trustees

June 18, 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 Walter-Present, Amy Schenck-Present.

**PROCLAMATION**

Whereas: The Madison Township Board of Trustees recognize that the most valuable assets to any community are the families that live there and  
Whereas: The Madison Township Board of Trustees realize that the good health and well being of the children of our community is of utmost importance to every family, We hereby acknowledge that the family of Sarah Alward is currently facing a health crisis and is in need of the support and encouragement of the community by whatever means possible and

Whereas: The Madison Township Board of Trustees encourage all citizens of Madison Township to support and encourage the Alward family and all other families facing medical crises through prayers, the donation of blood, thoughtful consideration and financial support.

Now Therefore the Madison Township Board of Trustees has declared Saturday, July 12, 2008 as Sarah Alward Day, as a means of paying tribute to the faith, courage and dedication of this Madison Township family.

In witness hereof and given this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eight.

Robert J. Ward, President  
Dwight Walter, Vice President  
Alan Daniel, Trustee

**ITEM 2008 - 078- MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Andy Alcorn came to the Trustees about loud four wheelers racing up and down his street.(Aljen, Corlee) He asked the trustees what could be done. There was discussion and the Sheriff's deputies said they would try to increase visibility and try to diminish the disturbance.

Mr. James Burns representing the Butler County MRDD spoke about the services that MRDD provides to citizens with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

**ITEM 2008 - 079 - ACCEPT FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

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

Fire Chief, Kent Hall reported that the fire department has been very quiet this month. Duke Energy will be hosting the Butler County Fire

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Chiefs annual dinner. He will present new firemen for approval pending the outcome of the criminal back round checks and the physicals.

Brian Sebald, Deputy Chief over the life squad presented information about staffing the life squad. There was some discussion about the issue. Mr. Walter suggested forming a committee to research needs and potential revenue sources.

Deputy Bronnenberg representing the BC Sheriff's Office provided information about the recent burglaries.

Road Superintendent, Todd Daniel informed the trustees that paving would begin tomorrow. There had been several large trees downed by high wind in the township. He also reported that rip rap was needed and that the recycling containers were doing very well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 2008 - 080 - APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAINING EXPENSES**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the reimbursement to Mr. Robert Childers for the cost of the Paramedic Basic Training that he completed. The total cost of this reimbursement is \$686.83. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 081 - APPROVE COST OF INTERMEDIATE TRAINING**

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the cost of Intermediate training for Mr. Robert Childers at a total cost of \$822.00. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 082 - APPROVE THE 2009 BUDGET**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the 2009 budget of \$1,509,899.84, as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 083 - BILLS**

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$93,039.92, with an explanation of all bills over \$500, excluding payroll. There was discussion about some of the bills, warrant no 20687, was debated. There was additional discussion about purchase orders and spending authorities. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 084 - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MED3000 FOR BILLING SERVICES**

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve a new contract with Med3000 for billing for fire/EMS. There was some discussion about specific issues such as lockbox and start dates. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2008 - 085 - ROAD SIGNING INSPECTION**

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the inspection of road

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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.

**ITEM 2008 - 086- APPROVE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR GRASS CUTTING**

Administrator, Mr. Farler opened the sealed bids that had been submitted. The following companies submitted bids: Nutralawn LLC., Turfworks LLC., Professional Property Maintenance, Westown Construction, Scott Hartmail, and Rodney McGhee Lawn Service. Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded authorize the township administrator to thoroughly research the bids and to award the job to the lowest responsible bidder. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

There was discussion about the possibility of the fire and life squad fueling the vehicles at the township building to save money. Several points were discussed including accountability and responsibility and potential savings compared to buying it from local distributors. There was discussion about purchasing equipment for the contract deputies and having the total dollars spent on equipment deducted from the total cost of the annual Sheriff contract. Mr. Farler asked the trustees about the progress of the self assessment tool he had provided them several months earlier. Bob Strassburger informed the trustees that a historical society had stopped by the North fire house and were very interested in the history of the building. Amy Schenck announced that there would be Community Blood Drive on July 11, 2008 at the Life Squad Building from 1p.m. to 7p.m. Mr. Ward stated that he had met with some of the life squad volunteers and has gotten feedback from them concerning staffing issues. Mr. Sebald stated that he was not doing away with volunteers.

**ITEM 2008 - 087- EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussion of discipline of a public employee. Mr. Hall stated that he was uncomfortable with the situation of executive session while he is in uniform. The trustees discussed the need for executive session. The Trustees, Administrator and the Fire Chief attended. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

The Board adjourned at 9:50pm.

The Board returned at 10:15pm.

**ITEM 2008 - 088 - 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 10:16pm.

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Attest - Fiscal Officer

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Signed - President

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