

Madison Township Board of Trustees
November 19, 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. Mr. Ward thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

Mr. Daniel complemented Mr. Farler on the newsletter.

ITEM 2008 - 130 - MINUTES

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008 and November 5, 2008 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Presentation of reports

The Fiscal Officer presented the end of the month reports for October and the October 31, 2008 bank reconciliation for approval.

Chief Kent Hall informed the Trustees that the Fire/Squad annual Christmas Party would be on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm., at the Madison High School commons. He also provided information that the association would be selling Christmas trees after Thanksgiving. He reported that the department had recently provided mutual aid to Wayne Township. He also thanked the trustees for the recent work sessions.

Deputy Chief Brian Sebald informed the trustees that an EMT class had recently started. There was discussion about continuing education credits and members that weren't running /or did not finish class.

Deputy Bronnenberg informed the trustees that recently there had some break-ins. Mr. Ward asked if the report of recent activity would be available in future meetings.

Road Superintendent Todd Daniel provided information about recent increases in salt prices. He reported that the trucks were being readied for the winter season. He provided information about the Ohio Department of Transportation web site www.buckeyetraffic.org. This site offers information on road closures, road conditions, and traffic updates. Mr. Walter asked about the protocol for winter road conditions call outs. There was discussion about who gets called and when. Deputy Hall provided additional information.

ITEM 2008 - 131 - APPROVE FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2008 - 132 - BILLS

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$394,228.16. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2008 - 133 - SIGN CHECK

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the road sign check for November and forward it to the County Engineer. Mr. Ward reported that the No Thru Truck sign at Franklin Madison Road was missing. There were discussions that without the sign trucks are legal. The question was also raised if Franklin Township was aware that Madison Township had placed the sign. Mr. Ward asked that that sign be placed on the monthly road sign check list. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

The trustees agreed to table the new Medicare rates for 2009 until the December meeting.

ITEM 2008 - 134 - APPROVE MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve the Madison Township mission statement as follows:

The mission of Madison Township is to serve the best interests of our residents by providing and maintaining a safe, healthy and enjoyable community in which to live, work and play. To protect the general welfare of our rural community by utilizing efficient and effective public services and being dedicated to increasing the quality of life for our residents.

Mr. Farler provided information that this statement was necessary for grant applications. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was discussion about the current fire/life squad funding levels and future expected expenses. There was additional discussion about pay scales and expanding existing coverage.

Mr. Farler provided information that a vendor's license was currently not required in Madison Township. There was discussion about this issue and more research was going to be done on the legislation that would be necessary and possible consequences of selling without a license.

Mr. Farler provided information that the Fire Chief Hall and Deputy Chief Sebald were working with the trustees on a Standard Operating Guild that would provide uniform policies and procedures for the emergency service departments. This guide is currently being reviewed and is expected to be approved at the December meeting.

Mr. Farler provided information about the bid submission for remodeling the exterior of the South Fire Station. The high bid was \$134,000 and the low bid was \$64,480. There was discussion about the price to repair the roof damage from the wind storm. Types of shingles, roof vents, and metal roofing and the costs associated with these materials were discussed.

ITEM 2008 - 135 REPLACE ROOF AT SOUTH FIRE STATION

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to replace the roof at South Fire station with a quality shingle, by a qualified installer, not to exceed \$12,000. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Mr. Ward reported that at an Eck Road property the grass was not cut, and 5109 Eck Road there was junk in the yard. He asked Mr. Farler to follow up on these properties. Mr. Ward asked what was going on with the 5281 Trenton Franklin Road property. Mr. Farler provided information on the progress of the cleanup of this problem property.

Fire Chief Hall thanked the road crew for their work at the South station.

ITEM 2008 - 136 - ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to adjourn. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting closed at 9:31PM.

 Attest - Fiscal Officer

 Robert J. Ward, President