

Madison Township Board of Trustees

May 27, 2009

The Madison Township Board of Trustees met this day in special session for the purpose of regular business at 6:30pm. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, by the President, Alan Daniel.

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

ITEM 2009 - 064 - APPROVE MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Norm Sampson thanked the township for the assistance from the Butler County Engineer's office to clean the ditch line near his home and he praised the recent newsletter; many other residents in attendance agreed that the newsletter was great. Mr. Farler encouraged people to provide input on future articles.

Resident, George Parshall thanked the township for removing the sign near his home.

ITEM 2009 - 065 - APPROVE FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Fiscal Officer commented that the revenue received and the expenses for the year were on target for the year; and asked if the trustees had any questions on the monthly reports. Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the Fiscal Officer's report as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Fire Chief Kent Hall reported that the South station engine had crashed on Howe Road last night. The firemen involved had minor injuries and were evaluated and released from Atrium Medical Center. Chief Hall reported that the truck sustained serious damage; a representative from Fire Apparatus looked over the truck and will provide a written report. St. Clair Township provided a backup engine for use at Station 1 until the truck is repaired or replaced. Chief Hall provided additional information about the truck. Chief Hall reported that a fourteen month old child had fallen into a pool recently on Lorraine Drive and that the personnel that responded did an excellent job and that the child was expected to make a full recovery. He commented that the mural on the side of the South station was about eighty percent complete and invited anyone that hadn't seen it to drive by and take a look. He provided information about possibly looking into implementing a first responder program.

Deputy Joe Agnew provided a detailed written report from the Sheriff's Office and reported that the department was busy.

Road Superintendent Todd Daniel reported that in the last six weeks the road department had replaced culverts on Dickey and Streebee Roads. He mentioned that the township had started the crack fill program and that it was going well. He reported that the road mowing program was on its second mowing and that the local Boy Scouts had decorated the veteran's graves in the township cemeteries for Memorial Day. He asked the trustees for their input about replacing driveway culverts that are on state highways; he provided information from ODOT about a necessary

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permit and discussed the safety issues of the township doing culvert work on a busy highway. There was discussion; the trustees will think about the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ward provided information about a HSA, health savings account; there was some discussion. He stated that he would make a motion at the next meeting for the township to adopt this type of health savings account that the employee and the employer would pay into. The Fiscal Officer asked Mr. Ward to provide additional information about how this HSA would work with the current insurance plan; there was additional discussion. Mr. Ward commented that the houses on Trenton Franklin were still a problem with garbage and vegetation; there was discussion about the current situation. Mr. Ward asked if there was a demo date for the house on West Alexandria. Mr. Farler stated that the County hadn't received the funding yet so no date could be set until that funding was received. There was discussion about what it would take for the township to demolish the house. Mr. Ward stated that he will make a motion for the township to demolish the house on West Alexandria if the County does not establish a demolition date; the demolition would be done by the fire department and the road crew.

ITEM 2009 - 066 - APPROVE BILLS

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the bills for this period of \$94,609.42 warrant #22188-22309. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 067 - AMEND CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve amending the Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes:

1000 General	+\$35,864.00
Received from Duke Energy	
2191 Fire/EMS	+\$7,000.00
Received local grants for EMS equipment	
4951 Cemetery Trust	
Interest rate lower than expected	(16.00)

Total of new certificate \$1,636,542.02

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

ITEM 2009 - 068 - APPROVE ROAD/ SIGN CHECK AND FORWARD TO B.C. ENGINEER

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the road/ sign check for May and submit the report to the Butler County Engineer's Office. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 069 - AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO PETITION THE 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Farler commented that this grant application was for 10 new sets of bunker gear for the fire department. Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to authorize the Township Administrator to petition the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 070 - AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO PETITION THE 2009 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to authorize the Township Administrator to petition the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant Program. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 071 - GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Madison understands that the US Congress and President Barack Obama will address the issue of global warming and climate change and by taking such action could impact the electric rates of consumers in Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, The Township of Madison understands the importance of addressing global warming and the resulting health implications on societies throughout the world and supports efforts to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy, but maintains that clean coal must be part of a diversified power supply, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Madison believes that as a nation and state with traditionally cost competitive energy prices, we cannot afford to close down all of the existing coal-fired generation because the victims of such a strategy will be consumers, business, and industry and the economy as a whole, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Madison believes the overall goal of federal legislation should be long-term in nature with a clear time frame, and allow the economy and the industry the necessary time to transition to the changes that lie ahead, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Madison supports a policy that emphasizes a cap and trade approach that places a declining limit on emissions over several years and allows utilities to meet the cap by reducing emissions or purchasing emissions allowances from others, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Madison supports a cap and trade system that focuses on an emission allocation system and not an auction process or carbon tax; with emission allowances need to be allocated at no cost to all existing coal-fired facilities, as well as future coal-fired facilities under construction, just as the same approach utilized by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 has demonstrated success in reducing SO2 and NOx emissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Section I. That the Township Council of the Township of Madison concerned about the rising cost of electricity and the financial impact of potential climate change policy on its citizens and

Section II. The Township of Madison hereby requests the citizens of the Township to contact our Members of Congress to support a CO2 cap and trade approach that has a no cost allocation system that addresses global warming and reduces emissions of carbon dioxide without causing an unreasonable burden on the Ohio electric consumer.

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

ITEM 2009 - 072 - DECLARE PROPERTIES A NUISANCE ACCORDING TO ORC 505.87

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the following properties a nuisance according to ORC 505.87: 8414 Ora Ln.; 7149 Dickey Rd.; 5109 Eck Rd.; 6583 Lorraine Dr.; 7001 Trenton Franklin Rd.; 7128 Trenton Franklin Rd.; 5294 Trenton Franklin Rd.; 6796 Middletown Germantown Rd.; 7830 Bertha Ave.; 7835 Bertha Ave.; 8256 Thomas Rd.; 8366 May Ave.; 8320 Keister Rd.; 8505 Keister Rd. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 073 - SPEED STUDY ON HOWE RD

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater (or less) than that considered reasonable and safe on Howe Road from Wayne Madison Road to Elk Creek Rd;

WHEREAS, this Board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described above, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Madison Township Trustees, Butler County, Ohio that:

Section 1. By virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio, the Director of Highways is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Howe Road from Wayne Madison Road to Elk Creek Road in Butler County, Ohio.

Section 2. That when this Board is advised that the Director of Highways has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

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

ITEM 2009 - 074 - SPEED STUDY ON WAYNE MADISON RD

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater (or less) than that considered reasonable and safe on the northern section of Wayne Madison Road until it enters Trenton City limits;

WHEREAS, this Board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described above, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation

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confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Madison Township Trustees, Butler County, Ohio that:

Section 1. By virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio, the Director of Highways is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on the northern section of Wayne Madison Road until it enters Trenton City limits in Butler County, Ohio.

Section 2. That when this Board is advised that the Director of Highways has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Discussion Items

Mr. Farler provided information from Larry Helton about placing a sand stone plaque from the United Brethren Church near the historical marker at the South fire station.

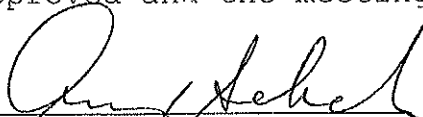
Ms. Schenck opened a discussion about a need for a specific protocol that all employees and volunteer personnel should follow after an accident. There was discussion that in the private sector a drug test would be ordered for any employee involved in any way with an accident. She explained that without an approved, written procedure to follow the decision has to be made at a time of crisis and puts people in a difficult position. There was additional discussion. Mr. Farler will have a draft policy for discussion at the next meeting.

Announcements

Mr. Farler commented that some grateful residents recently provided lunch for the road department. He also urged people to return the surveys.

ITEM 2009 - 075 - ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daniel moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn.
Ayes: Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting was closed at 7:27pm.



Attest - Fiscal Officer



Signed - President