

Madison Township Board of Trustees

September 16, 2009

The Madison Township Board of Trustees met this day in regular session at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by the President, Alan Daniel, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

ITEM 2009 - 116- MINUTES

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the August 19th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident, Bill Hickman commented that there should be a speed limit sign put up the park. He suggested trimming back the vegetation at the corner of 122 And Trenton Franklin Rd to improve visibility. He discussed his property taxes and the effect the proposed fire levy would have if it was approved by the voters.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

ITEM 2009 - 117- APPROVE FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to accept the Fiscal Officer's reports for August 2009 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

Deputy Chief, Brian Sebald reported that the departments are working on NIMS training. He reported that only the South station engine is in service currently due to repairs. (This is the truck borrowed from St. Clair Twp.) He briefly discussed the recent house fire on Joann Lane. .

Deputy Agnew, BCSO reported that the township had been quiet the last few months with no reported break-ins.

Road Superintendent, Todd Daniel reported that the paving was complete and that they had done a great job.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ward discussed demolishing the abandoned house on W. Alexandria Rd. He commented that it was not in a target area and that he did not believe that it would be torn down by Butler County using NSF money; He wanted to use it for fire training and have the road crew push the debris into the basement when it was finished. Mr. Farler stated that the house is in a secondary target area and he was still hopeful that the demolition would be done by the County. Mr. Ward stated that he felt it was a shot in the dark that the County would do the demolition. There was discussion about Chief Hall's reservation about the fire department being involved in the demolition because the township had not received permission to burn the structure from the homeowner. There was discussion about potential liability and also about an EPA permit. Mr. Ward stated that several boards had declared the structure unfit, condemned, ect. and that Mr. Farler had followed the ORC; there should be no problem burning it. Mr. Farler cautioned the Board about the

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Prosecutors advice to go before a judge before moving on the demolition. Mr. Ward disagreed. There was additional discussion.

ITEM 2009 - 117- DEMOLISH W. ALEXANDRIA HOUSE

Mr. Ward moved to demolish the abandoned house on West Alexandria Road, use it as fire department training and have the township equipment operators fill the debris in the basement.

Mr. Daniel called for a second. Mr. Daniel asked again for a second. The motion died for a lack of a second.

ITEM 2009 - 118- DEMOLISH W. ALEXANDRIA HOUSE

Mr. Ward moved to pay out of his own pocket up to \$500 for the expense to demolish the abandoned house on West Alexandria Road, use it as fire department training and have the township equipment operators fill the debris in the basement.

Mr. Daniel called for a second. Mr. Daniel asked again for a second. The motion died for a lack of a second.

There was discussion about the abandoned property at W. Alexandria Road being put on the schedule to mow.

Mr. Daniel commented that he didn't second the motion because he believed that the township still had a good chance of having the demolition done by the County and that the Fire Chief had reservations about the demolition.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2009 - 119 - APPROVE BILLS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the bills for this period warrant # 22693-22792 totaling \$87,398.30. The Fiscal Officer provided clarification on a few of the bills. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 120 - ROAD SIGNING INSPECTION

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Walter seconded to approve the inspection of road signing for September in Madison Township and forward to the BC Engineer. Todd Daniel provided additional information about the speed limit on Howe Road. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 121 - AUTHORIZE TWP ADMINISTRATOR TO PETITION GRANT FROM 2010 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded authorize the Township Administrator to petition the 2010 Justice Assistance Grant Program. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

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ITEM 2009 - 122- AUTHORIZE FISCAL OFFICER TO ASSESS PROPERTY OWNERS FOR CUTTING GRASS

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded authorize the Fiscal Officer to assess the following property tax liens for the cutting of noxious weeds and grass/ or debris removal for the following properties:

ATTACHMENT A

Address	Parcel Number	Total Cost
4994 Elk Creek Rd	E2210026000010	\$190.00
5275 Trenton Franklin Rd	E2230121000131	\$755.00
5281 Trenton Franklin Rd	E2230121000074	\$2,075.00
5808 Hamilton Trenton Rd	E2320044000034	\$225.00
7149 Dickey Rd	E2220070000014	\$105.00
7646 West Alexandria Rd	E2210037000014	\$230.00
8397 May Ave	E2220134000027	\$35.00
7835 Bertha Ave	E2220134000033	\$35.00
7830 Bertha Ave	E2220134000014	\$35.00
8505 Keister Rd	E2210042000010	\$55.00
7128 Trenton Franklin Rd	E2220050000043	\$55.00

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

ITEM 2009 - 123 - APPROVE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH BC COMMISSIONERS ON BC 800 MEGAHERTZ PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve entering into a participation agreement between the Board of Butler County Commissioners and Madison Township to utilize the Butler County 800 Megahertz Public Safety Communication System. There was discussion about maintenance agreements and mutual aid communication. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Daniel. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved.

ITEM 2009 - 124 - APPROVE SUBSCRIPTION TO WEATHERTAP.COM

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve an subscription to Weathertap.com to monitor changing inclement weather. Mr. Ward thought that the subscription was silly because the weather channel has detailed weather projections and forecasts. Mr. Farler reported that the subscription was recommended by the BC EMA. There was additional discussion. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Farler introduced the following items for discussion:

- Trading fire trucks with St. Clair Twp- Deputy Chief Sebald presented some pros for the trade of the utility truck for a pumper from St. Clair Twp. Dave Runnels provided an itemized list

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of equipment that they already have to stock this additional truck. There was some discussion; the St. Clair Trustees meet next week.

- Completion of Fire Station #1 renovation- trustees reviewed and discussed three estimates to install siding, soffits, fascia, gutters, and vents. The township crew will paint; the paint has already been purchased. There was additional discussion.

ITEM 2009 - 125 - APPROVE EXTERIOR RENOVATION AT FIRE STATION #1

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Daniel seconded to approve an estimate from Reynolds Siding of \$5,225.00 to renovate (install siding, soffits, fascia, gutters, and vents) the exterior of the South Fire Station. Mr. Ward expressed his opposition. There was additional discussion. Vote: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel. Nays: Mr. Ward. The motion was declared approved.

- Community Calendar with school. Mr. Farler discussed producing a twp/school calendar. The cost would be @\$2,000 for the township. There was discussion about what could be included in the calendar.
- Middlemoor Lane schedule to be paved again. Mr. Daniel provided information that the contractor/ homeowners' association was responsible for paving this previously unpaved road; after quality standards were met the road could be accepted by the County. It had been scheduled to be paved once before but the work was postponed.
- NIMS Certification for elected officials and administrator was discussed, the information is online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ITEM 2009 - 126 - ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walter moved, Mr. Ward seconded to adjourn. VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Walter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Ward. Nays: None. The motion was declared approved and the meeting was closed at 7:41pm.



Attest - Fiscal Officer



Signed - President