

Madison Township Board Meeting
February 17, 2015
Meeting Held at: Station 32 - 7047 Landersdale Road, Camby, IN 46113

Attending:

Scott McDonough – Trustee
Jim Miles – Board Chairman
Kelly Alcala – Board Secretary

Call to Order:

Jim Miles calls meeting to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Lead by Scott McDonough

1st Order of Business – Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Miles reads previous meeting minutes out loud.
- Miles make a motion to approve; Alcala 2nds, motion passes 2 to 0.

2nd Order of Business – Trustee Report

- Chief Lang – passes out updated PTO policy for the Board to review. PTO time will be earned and any time earned has to be paid out. We can table for further review and can discuss again at the next meeting.
- Miles makes a motion to table until the next meeting. Alcala 2nds. Motion passes 2 to 0.
- Miles – comments that we really like seeing the new maintenance report. It is put together really well and it was just what we were looking for.
- Alcala – asks why the Fire Chief's salary for January was paid out of the Township Fund, when it should have been paid out of the Fire Fund.
- Alcala – asks if we have discontinued service with Verizon Wireless, as it appears that is usually a monthly bill, but it does not look like the bill was paid in January.
- Becky Vanslyke – states that she will take a look at both of those items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Trudy Ellis – what is the payment for \$2,000 to Greg Hubler Chevrolet?*
- *Chief Lang – it is a deposit on two new vehicles that have been ordered. We could not place the order without a deposit. When we order this way off of a package bid, we get a lower cost, which will save the Township money.*
- *Trustee McDonough – states he will look into it.*

3rd Order of Business – 2014 Annual Report

- Jim Bolin – reads the fund balances out loud for the 2014 Annual Report.
- Alcala – asks about the balances in Payroll Deductions. Questions if there is a balance because this is money taken out of paychecks for PERF for December which were not sent because there was a delay in getting PERF started on December 1st.
- Becky Vanslyke – responds, yes that is correct.
- Alcala – questions the \$704.15 that is left in the safer grant fund. The safer grant ended in October of 2014.
- Becky Vanslyke – responds that they have received an extension and additional money will be paid out of this fund.
- Alcala – states that there was \$25,299.00 paid to BMO Harris Bank Credit Card if added up from the Annual Report. However on the detailed credit card report that the Clerk provides the Board the total only comes up to

\$24,018.59. It appears that there were payments of \$1,280.41 more to the credit card than we can see on the detailed report. Do you know what these other payments covered?

- Becky Vanslyke – she is not sure why, but would look into it.
- Alcalá – states that she requested a copy of the November and December credit card bills. On these bills it shows finance charges totaling \$88.95 that the township paid for not paying the balances in full each month. As a township we are not to use tax dollars paying finance charges.
- Becky Vanslyke – stated that was her fault she paid bills late.
- Alcalá – also questioned that the name of Tim Medsker was listed on the credit card statement as having a credit card. He has not been working for the department for 4 years and is no longer the Fire Chief. There should not be a credit card in his name. Any charges on the card in his name were made by others currently at the department, and not Tim Medsker.
- Alcalá – asks what we pay Regions Bank for under Township Supplies. Regions Bank is where the checking account is held, was this for bank fees or other bank costs?
- Alcalá - In 2013 we did not pay Acorn under Supplies for Township Fund or Municipal Emergency Services Inc under Other Services & Charges for Township Fund. Is this something new? Normally these charges are under the Fire Fund. Have they been recorded correctly?
- Becky Vanslyke – not sure on those will have to look into them.
- Alcalá - In October there was a payment to MCPFF Local 4555 for \$750 out of the Township Fund, Other Services & Charges. Do you know what this was for? This is something we did not pay in 2013.
- Tony Slusher – he believes that was a reimbursement check for the band that the Union paid for during the 4th of July Fireworks celebration at the station.
- Alcalá - There is a disbursement for Banning Engineering under Supplies for Fire Fund of \$381.25. Shouldn't that be grouped with the other payments of Banning Engineering under the Rainy Day Fund, as part of the Station 31 project?
- Becky Vanslyke – stated that she thought that payment might have been for the sewer for station 31, and not the Station 31 project, but she would have to check on that.
- Alcalá - Is the only thing we purchase from Mooresville Schools, diesel fuel?
- Becky Vanslyke – yes, I believe so.
- Alcalá - There is a payment to Mooresville Consolidated School Corp for \$1,402.38 under Other Services & Charges in the Fire Fund. Other payments to the school for the year were \$11,945.83, under Supplies for the Fire Fund. It would make sense to me that diesel fuel is a supply and should all be listed together. In 2013 we had all payments to Mooresville Schools under Supplies for Fire Fund.
- Becky Vanslyke – that may have been a mistake, will look into that one too.
- Alcalá – Under the Safer Grant this was Federal Money that was received to pay salaries for personnel. Why is there a payment for Morgan Insurance Group for \$35,000 that was paid out of the Safer Grant? On the 2013 annual report we did not pay anything to Morgan Insurance Group out of the Safer Grant Fund.
- Becky Vanslyke – stated that was to cover workers comp payments. I don't know why we did not pay it out of there in 2013, I would have to ask Kenny Vanslyke.
- Alcalá - I know that the staff vehicles were detailed prior to the end of the year. However I see we have a charge of \$445.00 that was paid out of the Capital Projects Fund to Mooresville Auto Detail. Was this charge for the New Rescue & Tanker? I thought I would check it would seem odd, that we would need something that is brand new detailed.
- Becky Vanslyke – yes, it did get detailed. Kenny had to drive it back from where it was purchased and it had to be cleaned because it was very dirty from the drive back.
- Alcalá – Regarding the screen print out of the checks that are over 2 years old. This print out type of report was presented to us like this last year. At that time we rejected it saying we needed just a list of the checks that were outstanding over 2 years old, and what accounts they were written out of and would be voided back into. This print out, lists other checks that are not over 2 years old. I would reject his report again. We need something more clear just listing the information that has been requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- o *Trudy Ellis – on the Capital Projects, is that balance in another checking account?*
 - o *Becky Vanslyke – yes, it is with First Merchants Bank.*
- Miles makes a motion that we accept the annual report under Option 2, listing “discussion points in the minutes” as what we object to. Alcalá 2nds motion. Motion passes 2 to 0.

Good of the Order –

- Trudy Ellis – The budget was lowered in 2015. We are paying the accountants large sums of money to help with budgeting, and then the DLGF comes in and cuts the budget. It should be noted that we are not living within our means.
- Trudy Ellis – There are only 30 townships in the state that have higher budgets than we have here in Madison Township. There are 125 townships that larger populations than we have as well. We are really out of kilter in this township, we are spending too much money for the population size that we have.
- Greg Terhune – I think what she is saying is that compared to townships similar in size to us; we are spending four times as much money as they are.
- Miles – It is up to the citizens to decide what kind of fire operations we want over here. We have stabilized the thing, it is not perfect but we are trying to make it as efficient as possible.
- Mr. Ellis – I think that the PTO Policy needs to be brought way back down. I also think that we should have bought used fire trucks. We don’t need new.
- Trudy Ellis – we just paid \$90,000 out to Morgan Insurance Group, that is a lot of money right out the window. When you purchase new equipment the cost of the insurance for the new equipment is more expensive.
- Chief Lang - the majority of the payment to Morgan Insurance Group is for workers comp insurance. The cost is so high because of all of the claims we had in 2014. The increase on insurance for the building and trucks was very minimal.
- Lori Head – Thank you for purchasing the 2nd set of turn out gear. Glad that is able to be washed between uses. Keeps the carcinogens away from the firefighters and their families.
- Lori Head – the fire department services just more than Madison Township. Thru mutual aid we help, Gregg, Brown, and Monroe townships as well at town of Mooresville. Looking at just people per capita is a disservice. The methodology of your research is flawed.
- Trudy Ellis – other departments are doing runs in other areas as well.

Motion to Adjourn

Miles makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Alcalá 2nds the motion. Motion passes 2 to 0. Meeting is adjourned at 8:08pm.

Scott McDonough – Township Trustee: _____

Jim Miles – Board Chairman: _____

Kelly Alcalá – Board Secretary: _____

Kenny Johnson – Board Member: _____