

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday April 1, 2013. Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Trustee McClure, Trustee Estep, Trustee Catanzaro and Fiscal Officer Leonard all in attendance. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep motioned to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting, as corrected, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Reports:

Chief David Leist, Enon Fire/EMS – Since last Thursday they have been extremely busy. Dave provided the trustees with an End of Month report.

Chief Bill Young, Hustead EMS – discussed the joint training they did with Enon and provided a list of runs to the trustees.

Deputy Jeff Wise – This past month was the first of the crime watch meetings; they will be the last Wednesday of the month here at station. Deputy Wise would like to remind the audience to report anything suspicious and to also watch out for motorcycles.

April 27 from 10 – 2 – Biannual Drug Take Back Day. The Sheriff Dept will be putting on a safety village June 10th and the 13th at Rockway School.

Also there has been a recent increase in phone scams so do not give out any info unless you know who you are talking to.

Old Business – Bus Service will start April 15, the final meeting will be tomorrow on the routes.

Audience:

Dave Stevens, Enon Beach Operator – some months ago, the scenic river designation was announced and he does not have much confidence in what is being proposed and feels the stakeholders, i.e. people along the river, are not being consulted. He is opposed to the designation until he finds the pros.

A Bethel Township Resident spoke up that his concern is that this is a raw deal for the property owners along the river. The river is already a recreational river and he feels that the designation will increase the traffic on the river. He feels it also gives the state power over the property along the river. Their objections are the state control over the property, 1,000 feet from the waterline, which would cover his entire property. Joy McDaniel provided additional information, citing the 'Vermillion Case.'

Ram Ridgeway, new resident and property owner along the river, is concerned that he will lose the rights to his property. He would like to know what side the trustees will take.

Alan Donaldson, volunteer, spoke on behalf of the Mad River Scenic River Designation. The scenic river law does not impact the property owners or the property owner's rights. The 1,000 feet property right of way only affects the Clark County Engineer or the railroads, specifically putting in a bridge which would require a trestle. Alan stated that with the Vermillion case, the issue was during the 30 day

process the residents came out and didn't know a thing about it so they convinced the political entities to vote against it. This process started in 2004, the first thing that was done was to get input from the public. Three mailings were done inviting the property owners to attend meetings, the study was done at a cost of \$10,000. All this was done before it was sent to Columbus. The land owners need to get information before its sent to Columbus.

Ned Clark, Village Resident, would like to know who at ODNR told Mrs. McDaniels that no one has ever opposed the scenic river designation.

A citizen asked if there an agency in the county that will assist with an injured animal in a neighborhood. There was a skunk who had been injured. Jeff Wise stated that there are private agencies that could be called, the humane society will come out during regular hours.

Chris Price – asked if there were any updates regarding the personnel manual and does the new investigation against Chief Leist from a complaint that came from the dept or from the trustees. Trustee McClure stated they have been presented with a rough draft policy manual. Trustee McClure stated that he can't answer the other question.

With no further audience participation, McClure would like to motion to enter into executive session to consider the discipline of a public employee or official and complaints against a public employee, at 8:24, seconded by Mr. Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes. The Trustees returned from executive session at 9:25, motion by Trustee Catanzaro, seconded by Trustee Estep, all trustees voting yes.

Trustee McClure would like make the following motion, that after reviewing the charges and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 733.37, I move to place David Leist on paid suspension, effective immediately pending the hearing to take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 15, 2013, seconded by Mr. Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Trustee McClure would like to name Assistant Chief Elmer Beard as acting chief during the period of Chief Leist's suspension, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Trustee McClure asked Chief Leist and Chief Beard to stay after the meeting.

Trustee McClure made a statement that they have been advised not to discuss the situation with anyone and that any questions can be directed to Asst. Prosecutor Andrew Pickering.

There being no further business, Trustee Catanzaro motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Estep, all trustees voting yes.

Robert W. McClure
Mad River Township
Trustee
Murala A. Leonard