

Mad River Township met in regular session Monday March 3, 2014. Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee McClure, present, Trustee Estep, present, Trustee Catanzaro, not present. Fiscal Officer Leonard present.

Trustee McClure motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes from the prior meeting, seconded by Trustee Estep, both Trustees voting yes. Motion by Trustee McClure to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Estep, both trustees voting yes.

Reports:

Hustead Chief Young – they got the truck repaired and its back. They had a total of 8 runs in Feb. He asked if Mad River Township is being pressured to join with the Clark County central dispatch. Trustees Estep and McClure stated they had not been contacted further after Commissioner Lohnes was here a while back.

Hustead EMS Chief Kaufman – they have had 30 runs for Feb, 12 in Mad River Twp, 6 mutual aid were mutual aid, 18 in Green Township.

Trustee Estep asked if they were on the active 911 yet. Heather said that yes they were in the process of getting on.

Enon Chief Young – 145 responses for the month of Feb. They received 3 free spots at the Ohio Fire Academy. They acquired 3 MARCs radios. They will have access to various other departments. A discussion ensued on the MARCs radios capability.

Statewide tornado drill is coming up March 5, and this week is severe weather week. Chief Young offered some severe weather advice which is also available on the website.

The Tahoe is at the garage for an annual inspection. The brakes and rotors need looked at. One they get it back, they will start equipping it.

Good news, one of our FF/EMT Josh Wendling just got hired on at the Sheriff office so he is on a leave of absence.

Trustee McClure received a call from a resident that wanted to comment on the level of professionalism from his staff. She mentioned Josh Wendling and Jeremy Leist by name.

Don O'Connor – unable to attend tonight.

Deputy Wise – several slide off crashes in the area in the last few days. No major injuries.

Of all the vehicles that were tagged, only 2 of them had to be towed and three parking citations were issued. Don said that helped out a lot in getting the roads cleared quickly.

He spoke to the property owner with the junk cars. The owner spoke to the zoning board about rezoning the property. He is planning on putting up a privacy fence on Collier and selling the property on Husted.

Fiscal Officer Leonard –

Has mail to pass out, provided the department heads with Fund ledger reports and the Trustees with Fund Status, Appropriation Ledger and Payment Summary reports.

I also wanted to address the meeting held last Thursday by request from the Enon Eagle with Trustee McClure, and Enon Fire/EMS Chief Tracy Young. As I understand it was to write a “positive article” about the township. I did not attend as I felt if employment matters or EMS procedural matters was what was to be discussed, I as the fiscal officer, did not have anything to further add and that these would be more appropriately addressed with the Chief of Fire and EMS Services and the Trustee who was over the Enon Fire and EMS Dept during the year in question.

Monthly Revenue reports were provided to the trustees which showed a significant decrease revenues in the EMS Billing line item.

At the June Tax budget hearing, I emphasized the YTD EMS Billing revenues were at less than one third of the budgeted amount.

I continued in the Fall to have numerous conversations in regards to the decreased revenues, and a text message dated 10/30 stating that I had found out the reconciliations were not being performed.

At the last meeting it was noted that monies had been “recovered.” I want clarify that funds were not found, in fact what had occurred was that my efforts as fiscal officer of Mad River Township got through to our Fire Chief, and he required the 2012/2013 EMS billing reconciliations be performed and therefore the Trustees and the Fire Chief were able to locate the cause to our decrease in revenues.

As Fiscal Officer, I will continue my due diligence to make sure that public funds are appropriately accounted for.

Old Business:

Trustee Estep mentioned that the WestCat Bus Transportation will be making a change in the schedule beginning March 31, for the first full week of April providing earlier and later transportation to provide opportunities to commute to jobs and schools. This allows residents to get to schools and jobs in Springfield, Fairborn and the Beavercreek area. Unfortunately the Village has reduced their contribution by 2500 which means a loss of 5000 to the program due to the loss in Federal match. We are going to forge on, and by an increase in scheduling hoping to generate more ridership.

Trustee Estep would like to publicly thank Elmer for reworking the routes and with his expertise in transportation this has helped out a lot.

New Business:

Mr. O'Connor is not here tonight due to his crazy winter. Trustee McClure has had numerous compliments on our roads and they have done a great job. Trustee Estep also has gotten some compliments. She hopes Don is taking a well-deserved nap.

Trustee McClure would like to entertain a motion for executive session after the audience segment.

Audience:

Ned Clark attended the meeting at the village last week and noticed that the council members had several reasons to oppose public transportation. Trustee Estep said she was disappointed as she thought they had agreed to a two year trial but would not like to comment on how they run meetings.

Ned stated that they want to spend money on decorative street lights but not public transportation for their citizens and he felt they were rude to Trustee Estep.

Linda Collins would like to make a statement that he appreciated Elmer's statement. She did not understand why council would not take a statement from Glen Massie prior to taking a vote.

The Enon Eagle is here tonight to ask a few questions of the township. Kathy Voytko introduced Maggie Yowler, Editor, and Brandie, a new photographer.

Kathy Voytko stated that she was asked to ask these questions: A Township fleet card was declined in January. Who would assume the liability should an emergency occur and a fleet card is denied. Trustee Estep stated that it would be the responsibility of the joint board. It is their understanding that both a Green Township trustee and Mad River Township trustee were notified that payment had been made by phone.

Have you ever been made aware that several accounts have had interest and late fees on them? Trustee Estep noted that sometimes due to timing of the meetings that does occur. Delays are due to meeting dates and bills being brought for payment.

Can you explain that to the tax payers of Mad River Township? Trustee Estep explained that due to the timing of the meetings and when the bills are presented to the Fiscal Officer to pay, there are times when bills will be paid late. This is not unique to Mad River Township, it is an issue that affects all townships.

There being no further business, Trustee McClure motioned to enter into executive session to for the purpose of discussing employment of a township personnel, seconded by Trustee Estep, all trustees voting yes.

Motion to return from executive session by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Estep, both trustees voting yes.

Fiscal Officer Leonard asks the trustees to reenter into regular session to discuss a few things.

I wanted to point out several bills I received tonight that are already a month late. I have discussed this with you, the trustees before. How can I pay the bills in a timely manner when they are presented to me late? I have brought this to your attention quite often and nothing has been done. Trustee McClure said that as the trustees are the supervisors, they will get involved and maintain some accountability. Trustee Estep agreed procedures need to be implemented in order for the bills to presented timely. Trustee Estep agrees there are problems in the bills getting to the fiscal officer in time to get paid and that they have the legislative authority to fix it.

A fleet card bill fuel bill that was paid late over the phone was discussed tonight, which Trustee McClure was aware of. This was paid late due to the weather delay of the meeting. I paid it over the phone, when the issue was brought to my attention as this was the quickest and most efficient way of taking care of this issue.

Trustee Estep asked if I would prefer the bills scanned, mailed to me or dropped off to me. I stated as long as I get them in time, I have no preference.

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