

Mad River Township Trustees met in special session to discuss the 2015 tax budget. Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 6:18. Trustee McClure, Trustee Estep, and Trustee Catanzaro present, Fiscal Officer Leonard present. Fiscal Officer Leonard went over the document.

The regular meeting of Mad River Township Trustees was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Motion to waive the reading of June 16 minutes by Trustee Catanzaro, seconded by Trustee McClure, all trustees voting yes.

Trustee McClure motioned to approve the minutes of the June 16 meeting, second by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Reports:

Chief Tracy Young – 901 responses YTD, 141 for the month of June. Went over significant events, illegal burn on Old Mill Road, review of policies and procedures and requesting an executive session to discuss possible discipline of personnel.

Assisted at VFW Fireworks, 4th of July Parade was successful. Assisted Springfield Township and City of Springfield for a possible drowning at Buckcreek.

They are looking at vehicle preservation and switching the Engine with the Quint. Discussed the hyper reach notification system. If there is a tornado warning, the National Weather Service will activate it. People should begin to sign up now.

Chief Kaufman, Husted EMS – 198 runs for the year, 15 runs so far for the month of July. They participated in the Enon Parade, beautiful day and great turn out. Husted will be at the Clark County Fair July 19 for their volunteer shift. She will not be at the next meeting due to it being Fair Week.

Don O'Connor – Road and Cemetery – Don went over his report. Hagan is progressing nicely. The Culvert at Laura Lane has been repaired. Any leftover asphalt from Hagan is going to Old Mill to patch in holes.

Cemetery – Mowing and weed eating. Don is going to compile a list of bronze military plaques that people have forgotten that they ordered and draft a letter to funeral homes indicating that the funeral home needs to provide funds and directions as to what should happen with them.

Trustee Catanzaro asked if the Stuart stone had been pulled out. Don will follow up on this tomorrow.

Trustee Estep needs to get with Don to work on the list of roads for the OPWC grant.

Old Business:

Trustee Catanzaro would like to let the public know they are moving forward to hire a company for drainage plans.

Electric and Gas aggregation – Trustee Estep asked Mr. Garrett for some names of townships that have gone through the program with him and currently are doing electric aggregation Concord Township, Village of Sunbury, Madison Township, Franklin County, Berlin Township, Delaware County. Harlem Township in Delaware County.

Trustee Estep attended the Village of Enon Public Service Committee meeting and they indicated they were supportive in the Township getting involved in the electric and gas aggregation.

Linda Collins offered that she spoke to Tim Howard today and that a vote would not be necessary as they all agreed on it.

Mr. Garrett would like to go ahead and get started on community education and awareness. They will start doing that upon hire.

Trustee Catanzaro motioned to pass resolution 2014-001, a Resolution authorizing the execution of an energy consulting and management agreement with Trebel, LLC. seconded by Trustee McClure, all trustees voting.

Trustee McClure motioned to pass resolution 2014-002, a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26 ORC and directing the Clark County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Trustee McClure motioned to pass resolution 2014-003, a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20 ORC and directing the Clark County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Estep reiterated the process that it will go to the voters to pass and individuals can chose to opt out at any time with no fees.

A discussion ensued as Mr. Garrett informed the audience about deregulation and how companies have to compete. Bills are made up of three parts, distribution, generation, and transmission. The generation of the power is where the savings is.

There will be public meetings and mailers sent out to everyone.

New Business:

Motion to pass resolution 2014-004 approving the 2015 Tax budget, by Trustee Catanzaro, seconded by Trustee McClure, all trustees voting yes.

Trustee McClure motioned to pass resolution 2014-005, a resolution of necessity requesting the county auditor to certify the current tax valuation of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by 1.7 mills for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges pursuant to the RC Section 5705.19(G). Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes. Trustee Estep explained this is necessary to proceed with a road levy to try to get the roads in the township fixed.

Mr. McClure will motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of possible discipline of township employees after the audience section.

Audience:

Linda Collins asked about the aggregation program. Mr. Garrett works for the electric aggregation company. Who will be the gas? Mr. Garrett will be doing both electric and gas.

William Grenwald – The minutes that we keep. He would like to get the minutes updated on the website. He would like to review the previous minutes from Oct 7 to present. He wanted to know why they are doing cutouts on the roads and filling them it is like speed bumps. Mrs. Estep explained that that is expansion cutouts and that the project is a county project. He wanted to know if the bridge is a priority. Mr. Catanzaro stated that they can ask the county engineer.

Mr. Clark, asked about the sign in sheet. Is it mandatory? Trustee Estep stated that there is no requirement, it is just convenient to obtain citizen names and contact information.

An audience member asked why the flag at half-staff today? A retired Springfield Fire chief passed away.

Trustee McClure motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the possible discipline of a township employee, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.

Motion to return from executive session by Trustee Catanzaro, at 10:06 pm, seconded by Trustee McClure, all trustees voting yes.

They did review ongoing investigations and expect to have a disciplinary action by the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, all trustees voting yes.