

The November 5, 2012 regular meeting of Mad River Township was called to order at 7:30 pm by Trustee Catanzaro. Trustees Catanzaro, Estep, and McClure present, Fiscal Officer Leonard also present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Catanzaro started the meeting reading a statement that the trustees prepared: 'Upon review, the Board concludes that the Investigation Summary submitted to the Board on October 15, 2012 by Tim Holman is only a report and is insufficient to constitute charges under Ohio Revised Code Section 733.35. Without receiving actual charges against Dave Leist, the Board finds that holding a hearing on this matter is improper under the Code. Effective immediately, Dave Leist is reinstated as Mad River Township's fire chief, and he will receive any back pay owed him during the time he was on unpaid administrative leave.

Fiscal Officer Leonard read the minutes from the Oct 15, 2012 meeting, motion by Mrs. Estep to approve as read, seconded by Mr. McClure, all trustees voting yes.

Reports:

Chief Kaufman - Hustead EMS is at 344 runs for the year, everything is running smoothly. They hosted a local cub scout group last night and did a first aid presentation to them. New turn out gear is in and is being passed out. The gear rack is being measured to fit the new gear.

Mr. McClure asked about the Zumbathon, Heather said it was well attended and they raised over \$1800. They received news today that Claire is a candidate for a live donor.

Don O'Connor - the vehicles will be DOT inspected this week. There has been a lot of illegal dumping on the township roads. Don has been talking to Deputy Wise regarding the dumping of leaves and debris on curbs. Deputy Wise will contact the residents. On the cemetery side, the foundations have been poured and sodding and tamping will be done later this week. Trustee Catanzaro discussed the gas line going to the cemetery building. A discussion ensued. They will be doing the trenching in house.

Trustee Estep asked about the memorial trees. Don said he has received 4. The repaired monument has not been done satisfactorily and Dodds will be coming out again.

Trustee McClure asked what the procedure is if a deer is hit and is called in by a resident. Don said they will pick them up off the edge of the road and dispose of it.

Chief Young - not present

Deputy Wise - Regarding the Pine Ridge property, they put the debris out there to prevent people from parking in front of their house. Deputy Wise spoke to the

dealership on the new car and it should be in soon. The radio has been picked up. A new battery had to be installed in the old cruiser. A discussion ensued on the installation of the marcs radio in the new cruiser.

Assnt. Chief Beard – they were at 1267 runs for the year at the end of Oct. There may be a slight coolant leak in Medic 2. Brian Clem just inspected Medic 1 and 2. Beggars night there was a great turn out at the station and the trucks were all out distributing candy. Annual hose testing has been completed. Eight people attended the EMS expo last week. Election Polls will open the doors tomorrow here at 6:30.

Trustees asked Elmer about the fire the other night. About 10-12 guys from our dept. were on scene.

Old Business: Trustee Estep mentioned the Western Clark County Bus Service has been refunded. We are working with the City of New Carlisle to try to get a bus route through western Clark County. This will be available for New Carlisle and Mad River Township. This is funded through a Reverse Job Commute Grant and also bus fare, and advertising space on the bus. The bus service should be starting this spring.

New Business:

Trustee McClure asked Fiscal Officer Leonard about the Ginger Dr. project. Fiscal Officer Leonard explained that the bill for A & B Asphalt was for the Ginger Dr. project and the Arrowcreek/Ashbrook project so the payment made tonight was final for both projects.

Mr. Catanzaro explained that Mr. Riddle came in to discuss the OTARMA insurance which is what was discussed during the informal session.

Trustee McClure explained that on the corner of Fowler/Fairfield, he has been getting a lot of calls about the property construction; it is a sand volleyball court.

Audience: Attorney Mark Baumburger, attorney for Chief Leist. He stated that Chief Leist has provided service to the community since 1994 and became the chief in 2002. He would like to know how the chief is going to get his reputation back. He would like to know what legal action they have to take to let everyone know that the allegations are untrue. He would like to know if the board is going to retract the unfounded allegations via the same publication that the original allegations were printed. Liz Forester, Township Prosecutor commented on the questions asked by Mr. Baumburger. Mr. Baumburger is happy to hear that Chief Leist is back on the dept. but that doesn't reduce the damage that was done to Dave Leist's reputation.

Diana McCubbin – with the allegations that Dave's attorney is talking about she doesn't understand if the citation and reprimand was false and would like to know if there is a policy in place regarding use of departmental vehicles. Trustee Catanzaro

stated that the reprimand was correct and Trustee McClure said the policy is under review.

Chris Price, resident, asked who made the allegations of Chief Leist. He pointed out that his name has been dragged through the mud. Also, he brought up the fire scene and wanted to know why a non departmental member was in charge of our fire.

Stacy Jones, resident wanted it known that the Fairborn paper ran the article on Dave Leist as well.

Ned Clark, this article also appeared in the Enon Eagle so that is another newspaper that Mr. Leist was dragged through the ringer. Ned discussed his own situation.

Tony Downing, resident speaking on behalf of Enon Little League, commended Dave for his volunteer efforts with the little league and assisting his daughter when she cut his head.

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