

## **Mad River Township Board of Trustees Regular Session - November 16, 2015**

The Mad River Township Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. Trustee President Joe Catanzaro and Township Trustees Robert McClure Jr. and Kathy Estep were present. Mad River Township Fiscal Officer Maralee Leonard was not present.

Trustee Catanzaro called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep moved to dispense with the reading of the Nov. 2, 2015 minutes, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote

Trustee McClure motioned to approve the minutes of the Nov. 2, 2015 regular session as presented, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

### **Department Reports**

#### Hustead Fire Department

Hustead Fire Chief Larry Ridenour reported to the trustees that the Hustead Fire Department had several calls during the second week in November.

- o Nov. 2, 2015 – Chico Court – cushion fell on light which was left on in closet.  
Seven people responded in seven minutes
- Nov. 7, 2015 – Fairfield Pike – vehicle accident
  - o 10 people responded in five minutes
- Nov. 9 & 11, 2015 – Springfield National Guard Base – Alarm dropped on both occasions due to construction in process.
  - o Three people responded in seven minutes on Nov. 9.
  - o Four people responded in seven minutes on Nov. 11.
- Nov. 12, 2015 – Tecumseh Road – vehicle accident, - Car landed in bank.
  - o Seven people responded in five minutes
- Nov. 15, 2015 – Illegal burn
  - o Did not specify location or response time

Chief Ridenour also reported that he had applied for two portable radio units for the fire department with the state fire marshal.

The fire chief also reported that Hustead Fire Department would be holding its annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 2 at The Dock Food and Spirits Restaurant in Enon.

### Township Sheriff's Deputy

Mad River Township Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Wise reported to trustees that a burglary had occurred at a home on Rocky Point Road between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday. The burglar/s entered the residence by kicking in a door. He advised anyone, who may have witnessed anything, to contact the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Wise told township trustees that deputies from the Clark County Sheriff's Department had a good time playing wheelchair basketball with the Miami Valley Adapted Sports Jr. Minutemen Basketball Team at a fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 6, 2015. According to Wise, \$3,000 in donations were raised.

Wise also reported that the Enon Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" is scheduled for the first Saturday in December.

### Enon/Mad River Township Fire and EMS

Enon/Mad River Township Fire and EMS Chief Tracy Young presented the second and third quarters EMS Provider Awards to Jay Coppock and Jackie Ashworth during a brief ceremony.

Young reported that the fire and EMS department had a combined total of 135 responses for the Month of October; 115 EMS and 20 fire runs. He noted that the township fire department had responded to "a ton of illegal burns" during the month.

The chief reminded township residents to follow the rules and regulations for open fires in the township. Young noted that he would post the regulations, regarding the size of fires permitted and the times residents are allowed to burn open fires, on the department's two websites.

Chief Young also reported that the fire and EMS department had six (6) requests for mutual aid and 10 assists during October. He compared the number of mutual aids during October 2015 with the number of mutual aids in October 2014 and was glad to report that the number of mutual aids this year were half the number of what they were last year. Young noted that the department had 13 mutual aid calls in 2014.

### Runs during the second week in November

- Nov. 8, 2015 – Stine Road – A pedestrian was hit by a car driven by Enon resident Kaleb Wallace, 19. Springfield resident Michael Coleman, 69, died at the scene.
- Nov. 13, 2015 – Motor Vehicle accident on I-675 near the Haddix Road overpass
  - EMS unit transported two (2) to medical center.

Young reminded township residents to check their carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. Those who do not have carbon monoxide detectors are encouraged to purchase and install them.

The chief noted that an incident, involving a carbon monoxide leak, had recently occurred at the Hope Hotel on WPAFB. Three victims were treated, and one man remains in critical condition.

Young also reported to trustees that the department was able to purchase four (4) MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communication System) mobile radio units from Wright State University for \$1,600. The chief said the units usually cost around \$5,000 each. The mobile units will be placed in one older medic unit, the new medic unit, and two fire trucks. This brings the total number of MARCS mobile units in the department to eight (8).

Trustee Catanzaro asked Young how often did the department pay fees for service. Young said the fees are paid semi-annually.

Young noted that he submitted the invoice for the new medic unit to Trustee Estep.

Trustee Estep also asked Young what type of illegal burns were being reported in the township. The chief told her that the fires consisted of burning leaves, bonfires, and “a hodgepodge of things.”

Finally, Young reminded residents that they could call the department’s non-emergency number (937-864-7995) regarding climate conditions before igniting an open fire. A member of the department can readily advise them regarding wind conditions and dryness.

### Roads and Cemetery

Township Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton Don O’Connor reported to trustees that the township road crew repaired a pipe on Crest Drive. .

- 12-inch concrete pipe failure - Seven feet replaced

The road crew also worked on a drainage ditch on Broadway Road, and showed the resident how they cleaned out the system.

The crew is still working on catch basins in Green Meadows.

O’Connor told township trustees that the mowing tractor was back from the repair shop. The crew would be finishing up mowing on Old Mill Road.

He reported mulch had been spread around grave stones in the township cemetery.

Lastly, O’Connor said he check with the county about obtaining four warning/caution signs for Stine Road. This inquiry comes following the fatal pedestrian accident on Stine Road.

O’Connor said he was told that certain signs were expensive.

- Inquired about 30-inch sign - “Watch for pedestrians on roadway” and “Share the road” sign.

### **Hustead EMS**

Trustee McClure reported that Hustead EMS Chief Heather Kaufman was attending class on Monday evening and had nothing to report to township trustees.

## **Old Business**

Trustee Estep requested that trustees hold an executive session, following the regular township session, to discuss an acquisition of property in the township.

## **New Business**

Trustee Estep discussed the proposed criteria of the township following the fatal pedestrian accident that occurred on Stine Road. She said she discussed a number of options to improve the safety of pedestrians in the township with the Clark County Engineer's Office and the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC).

The township did place a radar speed trailer on Stine Road.

Estep stated that the TCC shared its preliminary review of the crash data on Stine Road from 2009 to 2015.

- 24 crashes on file since 2009
- Last crash logged into the system was July 15, 2015 for the Stine corridor between Dayton-Springfield Road and Enon-Xenia Drive.
- Of the 24, three accidents were alcohol or drug suspected and discarded from the analysis.
- One involved an animal being hit and therefore, it was also discarded from the analysis.
- Of the remaining 20, six crashes were discarded for the following reasons.
  - Two accidents occurred on Dayton-Springfield Road when the driver was attempting to access McDonald's Restaurant.
  - One was in the McDonald's drive thru.
  - One was a rear-end accident on Dayton-Springfield Road at the traffic signal.
  - Once accident was the result of a vehicle running a red light on Springfield-Dayton Road.
  - One was a failure-to-yield accident at the intersection of Springfield-Dayton and Stine Roads.
- Of the remaining 14 accidents, no annual trend was detected.
  - No day-of-the-week trend
  - No monthly trend
- Majority of crashes occurred between 3 and 9 p.m. (71 percent).
- Twenty-nine percent (21%) occurred in the dark.
- Seventy-one percent (71%) occurred on a dry street.
- One fatality also occurred as the result of a heart attack in 2011.
- There were eight injuries resulting from a total of 18 crashes.
- Nine property owners reported some degree of damage to their properties.

Estep also discussed other contributing factors listed in the analysis. She noted that the TCC data did not include a number of mailboxes that have been damaged over the years because property owners did not file reports. Estep said she encouraged residents to report any accident to the authorities so it can become part of that data.

## TCC Recommendations

- Establish a permanent radar speed trailer on Stine Road.
- Record pedestrian movement and the number of drivers speeding over a lengthy period of time

Trustee Estep said the township does not have enough information collected to take any action at this time.

## **Audience Comments**

Township resident Mary Beth Pilcher, who resides at 7201 Stine Road, said she had never witnessed anything like the fatal pedestrian accident that occurred in front of her residence on Nov. 8.

Pilcher pointed out a number of problems that have occurred over the years in the area of Stine Road and extended an invitation to Deputy Wise to park his cruiser in her driveway to monitor traffic, especially speeding vehicles.

She recommended that a street light be mounted in front of her property and even volunteered to pay the monthly cost for it. Pilcher also noted that sidewalks or walking paths in the area may improve pedestrians' safety because she had witnessed pedestrians having a difficult time crossing Stine Road to access Southern Vista Drive, McDonald's Restaurant, and the shopping center.

Trustee Estep told Pitcher that the township was faced with a significant amount of restrictions regarding adding street lights.

Township resident Loretta Lawrence suggested that township residents wear bright colors and possibly a reflector vest or jacket when they walk at night.

There being no further business, Estep motioned to adjourn into executive session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried with all trustees voting yes.

Trustees returned from executive session and reconvened at 9 p.m. Trustee McClure moved to enter into an agreement with Clark County to purchase 2.26 acres of property located at 0 Enon Xenia Rd. for \$25,000, seconded by Trustee Estep. The property is currently being used by the Clark County Engineer's Department. Motion carried with all trustees voting yes.

## **Adjournment**

Trustee Catanzaro motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried with all trustees voting yes.