

Mad River Township Board of Trustees Regular Session – December 7, 2015

The Mad River Township Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, Dec. 7, 2015.

Present: Trustee President Joe Catanzaro and Township Trustees Robert McClure Jr. and Kathy Estep

Absent: Mad River Township Fiscal Officer Maralee Leonard

Trustee Catanzaro called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep moved to dispense with the reading of the Nov. 16, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Trustee Estep motioned to approve the minutes of the Nov. 16, 2015 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Department Reports

Enon/Mad River Township Fire and EMS

Enon and Mad River Township Fire and EMS Chief Tracy Young reported to trustees that the fire and EMS department had 1,650 responses YTD and 158 responses in the month of November.

Young said the new medic unit had arrived, and the striping and decals would be installed on the vehicle on Dec. 15. Computer mounts still need to be installed.

Chief Young stated that the fire department responded to a structure fire at 64 Western Ave. on Nov. 28. The fire originated in the chimney and caused approximately \$10,000 to \$11,000 worth of damage. Young noted that both Enon and Mad River Township and Husted Fire Departments responded quickly to the fire and kept the fire well contained.

Chief Young recommended two new hires, Joseph Hester and James Carpenter, and presented the hire packages for trustees' review. Young noted that both Carpenter and Hester have a lot of firefighting experience and numerous certifications.

James Carpenter was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself to trustees. Carpenter currently works as an electrician at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and is a lieutenant with the Bethel Township Fire and EMS Department. He also works a lot at the Donnelville's Fire and EMS Department.

Trustee Estep asked Carpenter if he would be staying at the township fire and EMS station when he would be working for the township fire and EMS department. Carpenter replied that he would.

Enon/Mad River Township Fire and EMS (continue)

Chief Young also reported that the annual Santa Parade was scheduled for Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. The department is beginning to prep the fire trucks.

Young stated that the fire and EMS department had received several donations recently.

- \$1,000 from Earl and Diane Swingle
- \$300 from Antonio and Alice Laino

The chief gave a brief account of an emergency situation when Earl Swingle suffered a pulmonary embolism. The township EMS team provided the needed emergency treatment, as part of a tier system, which Swingle believes led to his survival. In a letter addressed to the fire and EMS department, Swingle stated he wanted to donate \$1,000 to the department as a token of his appreciation.

Young also noted that the Enon Community Historical Society pledged to donate the remaining balance for the second Lucas Device (\$7,000). Young publically expressed his appreciation to the Swingle and Laino couples and the historical society for their generous donations.

Trustee Estep expressed the township's gratitude to the two couples and the historical society for their donations as well. She said that the donations were testimonies to the EMS department's great service to the community.

Mad River Township Sheriff's Deputy

Mad River Township Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Wise reported that several daytime burglaries had occurred in the township.

- One occurred at a residence on Rocky Point Road (Nov. 16). A number of items were taken from the home.
- One occurred at a residence on Old Mill Road (Nov. 19). Several items were taken from the home.
- An attempted burglary occurred at a residence on Old Mill Road (Nov. 24). The homeowner confronted the suspect in the garage, and the suspect immediately fled the scene.

Wise also reported that he had received two reports of delivered packages being stolen from the front porches of township residents. He warned residents that this is the time of year when this type of theft commonly occurs.

The deputy said the Enon Police Department annual "Shop with a Cop" on Saturday, Dec. 5 was a huge success.

Mad River Township Sheriff's Deputy (continue)

Wise stated that he also drove to the North Pole on Dec. 5 and transported Santa and Mrs. Clause to the Enon Log House for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and a visit with local children.

Wise presented a book for township trustees to view. The book included a collection of pictures of the township cruiser wrapped in pink, as a tribute to Breast Cancer Month.

Hustead Fire Department

Hustead Fire Chief Larry Ridenour reported to trustees that the Hustead Fire Department had answered several calls during the third and fourth weeks of November and the first week of December.

- Nov 17 at 9:04 - Fairfield Pike - corn field fire - response time: 4 mins. (5 people)
- Nov 21 at 19:32 - mutual aid to Enon Boone Saloon - fire on deck - response time: 4 mins (11 people)
- Nov 23 at 17:35 - Springfield-Xenia Road - auto accident - response time: 9 mins (6 people)
- Nov 24 at 22:55 - Springfield-Xenia Road - CO detector activated - response time: 8 mins (3 people)
- Nov 27 at 18:08 - Springfield-Xenia Road - smoke alarm activated as the result of a man cooking – response time: 5mins (4 people)
- Nov 28 at 14:58 - mutual aid to Enon - Western Ave. - chimney fire - response time 3 mins (5 people)
- Dec 5 at 9:08 - mutual aid to Enon - Rebert Pike - auto accident, canceled in route
- Dec 5 at 13:12 - mutual aid to Yellow Springs - possible structure fire, canceled in route

Ridenour stated that the Firemen’s Banquet was held the previous week.

Township Roads and Cemetery

Roads

Mad River Township Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton Don O’Connor reported to trustees that the “Pedestrians on Roadway” signs had arrived, and the road crew installed some of them on Stine Road. The crew will also be installing highly-reflective speed limit signs on Stine Road.

The 350 truck is being inspected.

The crew is also prepping the truck beds for winter to avoid salt damage and finishing up mowing along several township roads in an effort to curtail drifting snow.

Cemetery

O'Connor stated that several companies were installing headstones in the cemetery, and the crew was still mowing and mulching the cemetery grounds.

Two memorial trees were planted and will be dedicated Memorial Day.

Park

The crew completed mowing the oriental grass in Porter Park so the township deputy can have a better view of the park.

Hustead EMS

No Report

Following the reports, Deputy Wise stated that the TCC had placed cameras on Stine Road.

Old Business

Trustee McClure reported that he had consulted with Ohio Edison representatives about installing street lights in certain subdivisions in the township and the legal process involved. He said that a representative from Ohio Edison has volunteered to come out to the township and explain the process. McClure noted that at least 50 percent of the residents in a particular neighborhood must approve the process, including the overall cost, before street lights can be mounted.

Trustee Catanzaro suggested holding a work session for the presentation.

Trustee Estep recommended that the presentation be made during an open meeting so residents would have the opportunity to learn about the process and ask questions. She said that the meeting needed to be scheduled far enough in the future so residents can be properly notified in advance.

The subdivisions that would benefit from street lighting are West Enon Estates, Ashbrook, Park Ridge Acres, and Lindair Acres.

Trustee Catanzaro expressed his appreciation to McClure for pursuing the street lighting matter.

Estep reported that the TCC would continue their study of traffic on Stine Road, including using cameras to study the patterns of both pedestrians and motorists. She said the cameras would operate 24 hours a day. Estep expressed concern about the cameras recording the patterns during the winter months when pedestrian traffic would be less than in the spring and summer. Hence, she suggested that another study occur during either spring or summer when the volume of pedestrian traffic would be higher.

Estep also asked for permission to attend the 2016 Winter Conference in Columbus Jan. 27 through the 30th. Trustees gave their approval.

New Business

Trustee Estep reported that she had received a number of phone calls from township residents regarding signs on Hunter Road, indicating that the farmland is being used as a class B, biosolids test site. Estep said she contacted the Ohio EPA regarding the sites. The EPA told her the agency issues permits for this type of farming and also monitors the use of the farmland. She noted that this is a regulated industry.

Although he said he was not an expert regarding the biosolids test site, Trustee McClure did explain that the farmland on Hunter Road is owned by a hog producer that is spreading a particular type of hog manure over the farmland. McClure stated that the farmer must meet a criterion when using the method.

McClure discussed the pluses for the farmer, including creating needed nitrogen in the soil by using a safe, organic fertilizer instead of a chemical, commercial fertilizer. According to McClure, the manure is a wet product called **Equate**.

Estep added the methane gas produced by the anaerobic digestion process is captured and is often used to drive electrical generators. She said people can obtain more information from Joe Reynolds, a representative of the EPA Southwest Division. The EPA will also be sending some additional information regarding the regulatory mechanism and copies of the permits. The public is welcome to view this information as well.

Audience Comments

Township resident Loretta Lawrence told trustees that she had noticed that the center and edge lines on Stine Road were worn off and no longer visible to motorists. She asked trustees if the lines could be repainted on the road.

Maggie Yowler (Enon Eagle) asked how long the cameras would be operational on Stine Road. Trustee Estep said the cameras would be recording patterns for only a 24-hour period. Again, Estep expressed her concerns about the pedestrian traffic being recorded during a winter month when pedestrian traffic would obviously be lower than in the spring, summer, and fall.

Adjournment

Trustee Catanzaro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.