

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – April 3, 2017

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 3, 2017.

Present: Trustees Kathy Estep, Bob McClure and Joe Catanzaro and Fiscal Officer David Rudy.

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the March 20, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the March 27, 2017 special session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 special session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour stated that there were 2 runs in the last 2 weeks: a field fire cancelled in route and an auto accident at Fairfield Pike and Tecumseh also canceled in route. Engine 2 had been placed on Govdeals.com and the auction was ending in April but had no real bids yet. He thanked everyone for the support during John Glatfelter's funeral.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kauffman also thanked the community for the support since the death of John Glatfelter. John was a big asset to the department as well as to the community. There has been a total of 29 runs year-to-date for March, down 1 from 2016. She extended a big Thank you to German Township who covered the EMS runs while the department attended John's funeral services. Trustee Kathy Estep asked why it was not covered by the Enon Department; Chief Kauffman said German Township wanted to repay a favor from a prior year. Trustee Estep also asked about the progress of the phone lines for dispatch; Both Heather and Larry said they had not heard any progress yet.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated the new truck was delivered last Tuesday and the salesman showing the "bells and whistles" on the truck... It is currently at Rush Transportation for an issue with the lights (a programming error in the computer system). Hustead road drainage problem worked on and the neighbors were happy with the results. The cemetery has been extremely busy with funerals. Don set the cutoff date to order foundations at April 21 and plans to pour them April 27 or 28. The water diversion from the main road to the ditch seems to be helping with the erosion. In the park, thinning of the decorative grass and moving some to the cemetery will occur when grass is dry. Trustee Estep inquired about how many memorial trees have been ordered so the families could be contacted for the dedication. Don stated that the clean-up was going well in cemetery and there had not too many complaints. The new signs are helping alleviate problems.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tracy Young had to leave on a run and was not available to present his report.

Fiscal Officer Dave Rudy presented the January reports and permanent appropriations for approval from the Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep stated that the March 27 special session was a very good meeting concerning the gravel pit. Trustee Bob McClure commented on the meeting serving its purpose with people from various agencies there to present information and ask questions. He did state that he had more concerns about the dewatering. Trustee Kathy Estep said that nothing had been provided to change her mind personally on the permits. Trustee McClure said in the 1970s and 1980s the plans about the Echo Hills plat were developed, and he remembers there being problems with the drainage, water, and septic systems then. The county approved the plat back then. Trustee Catanzaro commented the meeting was great to have a Greenon, but the information provided was vague. Many of the residents had good questions. Trustee Catanzaro said the public wants us (Trustees) to publically respond and take a position. He said the county has a responsibility to make sure that the public water supply is not affected. Trustee Estep said she does not know what will happen with County Zoning process and she did compose a second letter for the Trustees to sign and send to ODNR. The 1st letter expressed the Trustees concerns while this letter strongly opposes the permit modifications. Trustee Estep read the letter.

Trustee McClure made a motion to include the letter from the Trustees to ODNR, Division of Mineral Resources Management strongly opposing the Industrial Minerals Permit Modification IMM-340-4 and A-340-1 requested by Enon Sand & Gravel. Trustee Catanzaro seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2017-009)

Larry Shaffer from the Combined Health District was present and Trustee Estep expressed her appreciation for his presence at the meeting. He expressed concerns over bacterial monitoring which seems to be lacking from prior Jurgens Construction Company's a well monitoring plan. They seemed to monitor PH and water clarity, but not harmful bacteria including e-coli.

If the permit passes, the Health Department will work with residents to monitor their water supply. Larry did state that this was a good time to plug for public water and sewer in the areas like this where there are already existing well issues (the exact number is not known), in addition to existing issues with fractured limestone.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure made a motion to accept the permanent appropriations dated March 28, 2017, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2017-010)

Trustee Catanzaro received numerous complaints about a number of properties in ParkRidge Acres containing large amounts of debris and other items.

Trustee McClure discussed 4H and FFA projects that seem to be throughout the township, asking if any regulations were changing in regards to the projects. .

Larry Shaffer believed the projects require at least 5 acres lots, but if they are on smaller lots they must be at least 50 feet from property line.

Audience Comments

Ms. Marion Latislaw had a couple of requests including the speakers to speak up so the audience members in the back could hear, more detailed financial reports in the future. She was proud of the job that Trustee Estep did at the large public forum. She is still unclear on

whom to ask questions concerning the mining issue. Trustee Estep mentioned that ODNR is the agency that issues or denies the modification permit.

Ms. Linda Hart asked what a regular townspeople could do to help stop the mining. Trustee Estep mentioned the group Citizens Against Mining that had formed with local residents that was meeting regularly. The question was asked if any endangered species resided in the ecosystem of the proposed site and if that would be a way to shut down the plans.

Mrs. Clark mentioned the April 21, 2017 deadline for comments to be sent to the ODNR Director of the Division of Mineral Resources, Lanny Erdos.

Some discussion followed concerning digging deeper, blasting of limestone, dewatering, and combining of the permits. The County has raised questions of the original permits. As Trustee Estep stated either ODNR or County Zoning (Conditional Use) can stop the mining operation but they are totally separate issues. Trustee McClure questioned how active the mining process has been over the years in the area and the county has questions about the additional acreage and what is or could be "grandfathered".

Mr. Chris Price said the Echo Hills subdivision should not have been built and that he used to swim in gravel pits at South Tecumseh and Fairfield. He feels the Trustees should educate everyone about monitoring wells in the subdivision for the quality and quantity of water so that if the mining does occur and there are issues the company has to replace wells. Trustee Estep remarked that those issues were being addressed by the Trustees as well as the Citizens Against Mining, many of whom reside in Echo Hills.

Trustee Estep mentioned the special meeting the Greenon Local School Board was holding at Indian Valley on Wednesday April 5th at 7:00.

At 8:30pm, Trustee McClure moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.