

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – April 4, 2016

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 4, 2016.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion Carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure welcome Fiscal Officer David Rudy to his first official meeting. Fiscal Officer Rudy had nothing to report at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported that for the prior two weeks there had been a total of 8 runs. Six of the runs had been for trees/power lines due to the high winds. Basic firefighter class will begin April 5. April 30 they will be participating in Grain bin rescue training at Alan Armstrong's farm. Hose and ladder testing will be on May 26.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Wise reported that a couple more trailers have been reported stolen in the Green Meadows area. It does not appear any other area has been hit with this type of theft lately. Trustee Estep asked about the heroin problem in the county and if the county was doing any public safety programs to help with awareness. Deputy Wise did mention Neighborhood Crime Watch. Trustee McClure asked about the property at the corner of Hustead and S Tecumseh Rd. Deputy Wise said there was no progress yet. He also mentioned that the some of the trailers stolen have had the hitch locks cut.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor reported that they were cleaning up storm damage from the weekend storms, particularly in the Parkridge acres area. Also, they are servicing the road mowing tractor. Sod laying continues on the winter graves in the

cemetery. The cutoff date for the Memorial Trees was April 1st, but it has been changed to possibly the end of April. Don met with Tim Devore about the placement of the new marker for the Union Soldiers and will set out forms in three locations to find the best possible spot. He mentioned the deadline for foundation orders will be April 22. Trustee Estep wants to split out some of the ornamental grass in the park. Trustee Catanzaro asked about the tires on the tractor, thought they looked damaged.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tracy Young presented his run report . He mentioned the testing of the tornado sirens and also that he had met with the telephone contractor and a number that was unaccounted for was actually a fax line for the cemetery.

Chief Young then presented a detailed timeline of the events surrounding the drowning on March 29, 2016. He commended all responders and dispatchers on their actions surrounding the incident.

Trustee Estep mentioned her disappointment with County Commissioner John Detrick , calling his accusations unfounded and was just using the incident to promote his countywide dispatching program. Chief Young and Trustee Estep had met with Commissioner Detrick and had discussions about issues with him.

Chief Young stated that the clip being reported on the news channel was not the clip from the March 29 incident.

Trustee Catanzaro stated that he was embarrassed by the Clark County Commissioners challenging the system in place by Mad River Township. He stated that the board would challenge any statements or comments. He is proud of the system in place and appreciated the efforts of everyone involved.

Chief Young then proceeded to talk about the technology vs. the knowledge factor in dispatching. He mentioned the county dispatchers have a higher turnover and that leads to unfamiliarity with the Mad River Township Area. He then mentioned a number of incidents since January 1, 2016 where the county dispatching system failed in one way or another. He also stated that the media was irresponsible with their reporting of the incident.

Trustee Estep asked Chief Young about being a secondary dispatch center and mentioned that Commissioner Detrick feels Mad River Township is being stubborn in wanting to keep things the way they are. Chief Young stated that secondary dispatch is not uncommon; in fact Huber Heights is a secondary dispatch for Montgomery County. Chief Young also stated that updates will have to be made to the system with pending new legislation, but some of it has not even been passed.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman reported on a number of couple of incidents as well when the county dispatching was not efficient. She has 100% support for the dispatchers in the Mad River Green EMS/Fire departments. She reported 30 runs in March and a total of 96 YTD 2016 compared to 113 YTD in 2015. She also reported that the Fire Association was holding CPR classes at the station and the money would go back to the Association.

Old Business

Trustee Estep mentioned that the Phase 2 storm water plan would need to be updated with Don as well as debris management plan.

New Business

No new business.

Audience Comments

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about Commissioner Detrick's article from the Springfield News-Sun about the flaws in the Mad River Township in regards to the drowning incident and again questioned Commissioner Detrick's real motives. He also mentioned the number of people who went to the meeting in regards to the possible Hunter Rd development and its impact on the flooding issues that already occur. He asked if Mr. Detrick was going to come to a meeting.

Ms. Maggie Yowler then spoke as a member of the extended Gural family stating that the family had nothing but positives to say about the response. The EMS department had him breathing when they sent him to the hospital. Trustee Estep stated that she was sorry the incident was made so public.

Trustee Estep stated that Commissioner Detrick had suggested another meeting for the morning of Friday, April 8. The Trustees were going to try and schedule the meeting for 3:30pm instead and would let the media know as soon as they had confirmed the time.

The Hunter Road rezoning was mentioned due to the fact that the Village of Enon had received notice about a meeting on April 20 at 10:15 am at the County Commissioner offices. Trustee McClure mentioned the Ag Zoning and the drainage tile that was installed. Mr. Clark had taken a photo of the EPA sign posted.

At 8:42 pm Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion Carried 3-0.

