

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session – April 6, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 6, 2020 via Facebook Live from the township road department building due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure, Todd Pettit, Jay Young and Fiscal Officer David Rudy.

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular session and the March 10, 2020, March 12, 2020 and March 31, 2020 special sessions, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular session and the March 10, 2020 and March 12, 2020 special sessions, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2020 special session, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0. Trustee McClure welcome Trustee Young to his first regular meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Trustee Pettit presented information Chief Tim Wendling had forwarded via email. Chief stated the department was put on lockdown March 17 to all non-authorized personnel including family, due to the Coronavirus and the department is getting updates daily from multiple sources on COVID-19. The department has help to fit test personal protection equipment for 9 other police, fire and ems departments. As of April 6, 2020, the number of coronavirus cases in Ohio were 4,450 with 142 deaths and 1,214 hospitalizations. There were 10 cases in Clark County and 1 in Mad River Township. The number of runs has slowed and the department has 459 runs year-to-date. Chief stated everyone is doing a great job and morale in the department is good.

### **Hustead Fire & Hustead EMS**

Trustee Young reached out to Acting Chief Hirtzinger and Chief Heather Kaufman and both stated the number of runs were down due to the COVID-19.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Trustee McClure had been in contact with Don O'Connor. Don and Ryan are working with one part time employee each on opposite day schedules to minimize the exposure. Don or Ryan are on call on the days they are not working. The program is modeled after the procedure the county is using. The roadwork and grass mowing are continuing and they have been able to handle the workload in the cemetery.

### **Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin was present and was helping the video camera. He presented his report from March 3 to April 6, 2020, which included 76 calls for service, 5 traffic stops, 23 assists of other departments, 77 business checks and a few nuisance complaints. Brandon completed Basic Traffic Crash Investigation Training at the Ohio State Patrol. Due to the concern of COVID-19, safety precautions have been implemented regarding contact with people. Brandon noted that he and Deputy Mark Lane went to Greenon High School to conduct safety drills. The lockdown drills went smoothly with all the staff and students.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented a number of checks for the trustees to sign as well as the January 2020 bank reconciliation and accompanying reports. He also presented the most recent credit card statements for Trustee McClure to review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee McClure discussed the road paving projects for the year. The OPWC grant for Fowler Road would cover about half of the total paving project with Mad River Township paying about \$200,000. The amount of township funds available for road projects this year is approximately \$380,000. There is a large amount of culvert and ditch work that needs to be completed on Fowler Road. The trustees noted that there has been some communication from the county that the OPWC and other county contracts could be on hold due to the Coronavirus impacts. The trustees feel that the culver and ditch work should proceed especially with the reduced amount of traffic due to school and business closures. The trustees had tried to prioritize the worst roads in the township. That included Stine Road, Jackson Road from Fowler to Garrison, Tiffany Acres Plat (including Chico Court). The trustees try to make sure

that asphalt is used on the repairs since that is what was promised to the votes when the levy was passed. Don noted that Jackson was probably the worst area in the township. The roads in Tiffany Acres are 30' wide, which adds to the paving costs. The discussion included making repairs with patching on Stine and Jackson. Stine at Enon Xenia may have some work after the completion of the schools.

Trustee McClure discussed the burning regulations sheet provided by Chief Wendling. The public can call the trustees or dispatch if there are questions about the burning. Trustee Pettit put a copy of the regulations on Facebook. The dead ash have created a number of issues.

At 8:10 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.