

Mad River Township Board of Trustees

Special Session - April 8, 2016

The Mad River Township Board of Trustees met in special session April 8, 2016.

Present: Trustee President Bob McClure and Trustees Joe Catanzaro and Kathy Estep.

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee McClure explained to that we were meeting at the request of County Commissioner John Detrick and that Commissioner Detrick later chose not to attend the meeting or send a representative from the Clark County Board of Commissioners.

Fire/EMS Chief Young Tracy Young explained how the Mad River Township dispatch system works when 911 is called. He described the difference between a Primary PSAP (Clark County Dispatch) and a Secondary PSAP (Mad River Township Dispatch). This type of system is used effectively and efficiently in many places in Ohio and nationally. Mad River Township is not unique and our response times are excellent.

Chief Young then outlined the three major benefits of local dispatch:

1. Knowledge of the area (as opposed to depending on technology that may not be effective.)
2. Accountability (allows us to keep track of units responding on calls.)
3. Safe and Sound Program (run by dispatchers for seniors and other township residents who need assistance regularly.)

Hustead Chiefs Larry Ridenour and Heather Kaufmann reinforced the benefits of local

Dispatching for the Hustead area and thanked the Dispatchers for their service.

Several members of the audience made comments in support of local dispatch.

Ned Clark questioned John Detrick's motives in pushing for County Dispatch.

Trustee Estep moved to request the Clark County Commission support local residents and the Rural Zoning Commission's decision to deny the rezoning of property located at 5370 and 5372 Hunter Road from Agricultural to Residential. Motion was seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. A discussion ensued. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Estep. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.