

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – August 19, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, August 19, 2019.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to the audience.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, carried 3-0.

Director Larry Shaffer from the Clark County Combined Health District was present to discuss the Community Health Assessment completed every 3 years. The results from the assessments can be found at <http://www.ccchd.com/ccchd.com/ccchd/get-info/cha19.html>. Mr. Shaffer noted the assessments need community input from Trustees, EMS and Fire personnel and private citizens. Larry also discussed the 4th finding of West Nile in mosquitos in the county, noting there have been no human cases in the State of Ohio this year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated the department had 85 runs during the first 19 days of August. Two mutual aid requests were for fires, and one was due to four runs being dispatched in 70 minutes. Tim said several members were starting EMT classes. The department is starting preparations for the Apple Butter Festival. The quint ladder truck was used to rescue a tree trimmer whose bucket truck lost hydraulics 60 feet in the air. Chief presented the trustees with an application to review. With school starting this week, Tim asked the public to be alert for children. Mr. McClure asked if there were any grass fires with the dry conditions, to which Tim responded no. Trustee Estep asked if Chief had a chance to review the new harassment policy she had sent to him.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported 2 runs in the last 2 weeks, including a smoke detector alarm and a mutual aid call to Yellow Springs that was cancelled in route. The department participated in National Night Out. Larry stated pump checks took place on August 15 and burn trailer training will take place on August 28th, along with members of Enon, Pitchin and possibly Springfield Township. Chief also asked the public to be on the lookout for schoolchildren and to give school busses room on the narrow township roads.

Hustead EMS

Mrs. Robin Coy stated that Chief Kaufman was dealing with a sick relative and was not able to be present. She noted the department is on run number 250. The department participated in National Night Out and is preparing for the annual hog roast.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated numerous patches were done to Stine and Fowler roads that added 3-5 years to the road surface. The Broadway Road paving project is complete and they will seed and straw the ditches. The department borrowed the Greene County side arm mower to complete some brush clearing near roadways. Don said there have been a number of funerals and asked the trustees if they were ready to open a new section of the cemetery. The new graves are being seeded and the orders for fall foundations have begun. In the park, the department will lay new mulch, continue mowing and look to remove some graffiti.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin presented a report of recent calls, including 4 criminal arrests and 17 assists to other departments or areas. He continues to look into multiple nuisance complaints. Deputy Baldwin noted there have been a rash of car break-ins in the area, and he does have a person of interest in the case, but the investigations are ongoing. After Trustee Estep mentioned the investigation into the theft of drugs from the medic, Brandon noted the investigation handled by 2 detectives was extremely active with a number of interviews taking place but no comments could be made at this time. If the public would like more information, a public records request could be made to the Sheriff's department. Brandon also presented a quote for a new cruiser to the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the July bank reconciliation and monthly reports to the Trustees. He created the Gary Simpson Trust Special Fund and needed the approval for the 2019 Permanent Appropriation.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustees held a hearing on the nuisance property located at 6638 Pine Ridge Ave, Enon, OH 45323. Deputy Baldwin presented photographs of the property taken on August 5, 2019 and had mailed out certified letters to the owners listed on the property records. The front yard has been mowed by the neighbor, however, the back yard enclosed by a 3-4 foot fence, is overgrown with vegetation including trees. The neighbors have complained multiple times. Deputy Baldwin noted the owner of the property is deceased. Trustee Estep moved to declare 6638 Pine Ridge Ave, Enon, OH 45323 a nuisance under ORC Section 505.87 for the overgrown weeds and vegetation in the back yard and order the abatement of the vegetation with 7 days with proper notification to all owners and lienholders of the property. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-022)

Trustee Estep noted she had been reviewing the Township's policies and procedures with Clemans Nelson. Section 13.05 of the Policy Procedure Manual – "Unlawful Discrimination and Harassment" has been reorganized to make items clearer and to clarify the actions that should be taken. Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the revised section 13.05, seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-023)

Trustee Estep announced the Dedication of the Anderson Fen Boardwalk and Observation Deck presented by the B-W Greenway Community Land Trust on September 7, 2019 at 11:00 am. The fen (which is a peat-forming wetland) that helps to recharge the groundwater aquifer is located on Enon Xenia Road and was preserved by the Anderson Family Trust. Clean Ohio Grants were used to clear up honey suckle and other invasive vegetation from the fen as well to preserve the numerous wildflowers and build the boardwalk and observation deck.

Trustee McClure thanked Don for his work on Broadway, which is now a smooth road to drive on as well as the residents for their passage of the road levy to enable the resurfacing projects. Trustee Estep said unofficially that the Fowler Road repaving grant has been approved for next year, which will allow for the paving of Fowler Road from Broadway to the county line at a 50% match. The repaving is estimated to cost \$420,000 of which the township would be responsible for \$210,000. She noted that Jonathon Burr helped 4 townships with the grant.

Trustee McClure reminded the public of the Budget Hearing scheduled for August 26th, 2019 at 8:30am at the Firehouse.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep moved to approve the 2019 Permanent Appropriation of \$27,415.00 for the new Fund 2903 – Gary Simpson Trust Special Revenue Fund. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-024)

Trustee Estep moved to hire Joseph Stafford pending completion of pertinent background and reference checks to be completed by Clemens-Nelson Associates and subject to a one-year probationary period as mandated by the policy manual, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Trustees noted they would look over the proposal for the new Deputy cruiser.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Ned Clark commented on the meeting February 12, 2019, stating his belief that the meeting was not a valid public meeting.

Mrs. Kathy Clark commented on a public records request and audio recordings from 2018 she was given, that had file dates of 2017. She also asked about the Scenic River Committee. Trustee Estep responded that the committee was getting together to revisit the request for State and National Scenic River designation.

At 8:21 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.