

Mad River Township Board of Trustees Special Session - August 2, 2017

The Mad River Township Board of Trustees met in special session August 2, 2017.

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

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

Trustee Estep read a statement emailed from Tracy Young that detailed his resignation effective July 31, 2017.

Trustee Estep then read the following prepared response from the Board of Trustees: We would like to thank Chief Tracy Young for his service to Mad River Township as Chief of our Fire Department. His professionalism and extensive knowledge were valuable assets to our department and will be missed. We wish him continued success as he moves on in his career. We continue to be proud of the excellent fire and emergency medical services provided by the members of our department.

Trustee McClure wanted to thank Tracy for his years of service and his ability to come in to a tough situation when he was hired.

Trustee Catanzaro was disappointed in his decision to step away but also appreciated his service to the job and the community.

Motion was made by Trustee McClure to accept the resignation of Chief Tracy Young effective July 31, 2017. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Trustee McClure to appoint Assistant Chief Elmer Beard as the acting Chief effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

The appointment was accepted by Mr. Beard.

Kathy Voytko asked if there was an ongoing investigation regarding allegations of Chief Young and if a letter had been presented to the board. She requested a copy of the letter. Trustee Estep said that they take most of notices received with a grain of salt especially if they are sent anonymously. She also stated that an employee relations audit was being handled by the law firm of Clemons Nelson. To date there are no results of the audit.

Mr. Ned Clark asked if the person or persons making the accusations were the same ones who made the allegations against David Leist. Mr. Clark requested the public records as well.

At 8:30 am, Trustee McClure moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment with Mr. Beard. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:05 am, Trustee McClure moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:07 am, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.