

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – August 5, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, August 5, 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 7:38 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the victims of the shootings in Dayton and El Paso.

Trustee Estep moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the July 15, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Estep, carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated the department had 1196 YTD runs compared to 1128 YTD in 2018. The runs included a structure fire on Arthur Road, a water rescue in Champaign County and a tire fire at Howards Trucking that required the assistance of multiple departments. Other runs included a mower fire, cancelled in route, Care flight called to an accident and an RV fire that spread to a garage in which Husted provided mutual aid to assist with the quick knockdown. The department will attend National Night Out on August 6th at Indian Valley from 6-9 pm.

Husted Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported 9 runs in the prior 3 weeks, including a couple of motorcycle accidents, a lift assist, an outside AC unit that was smoking, a couple of smoke and fire alarm drops, a grass fire that appeared to start in the mulch and the fire involving the RV. The department will participate in National Night Out as well. Larry stated pump checks will take 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 recognized Jerry Beekman for all of his help and dedication to the department, which is still volunteer. Mr. Beekman makes about 90% of the runs. Larry mentioned to the public how dry conditions have become and for them to watch the open burning. Trustee McClure thanked Mr. Beekman for his service and it was noted he responds to EMS calls as well.

Husted EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman stated the department had 39 runs in July compared to 46 in July 2018 and 240 runs YTD compared to 264 in 2018. She provided a breakdown of the volunteer and part time paid runs and noted the department completed 2 safe and sound checks. The mutual aids the department received were due to the department already responding to an incident. Medic 95 is currently having an electrical issue that is causing mechanical problems. The department will be in-service during the National Night Out. Chief reported the department had one transport from the pig and calf scramble at the Clark County Fair. One of the responses the department handled was a motorcycle vs car. Heather asked the public to be alert when driving for motorcycles.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor was not present. Trustee McClure noted the department was prepping Broadway for paving and Don had been busy in the cemetery with burials.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin continues to work on the nuisance complaints including Pine Ridge, which has a very overgrown back yard that may need to be cleaned-up and assessed to the property. Brandon noted the cruiser had brake work completed and he was told that some of the break lines were starting to rust and leak. Brandon handled a hit and run at Stine and Dayton Roads involving an elderly couple and a 15 year old.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the latest credit card statement for Trustee McClure to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep moved to set the Budget Hearing for the calendar year 2020 budget on August 26th, 2019 at 8:30am at the Enon Firehouse. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motioned carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro said he had been in contact with Mote Associates and asked the trustees if they would like to split the project into two sections or leave as one when applying for grants. Trustee McClure noted that there are two separate areas but each partially affect the other. Trustee Estep felt it would be best to leave as one project to obtain points for grant applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep read the new rules for Public Comments during the formal portion of the Township Trustee meetings to be effective August 19, 2019 (Copy attached). Trustee Estep moved to accept the rules for the Public Comments during the meetings, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-021)

Trustee Estep moved to hire (Mike Harcourt, Tevia Carr, Cody Allen, Jim Ailles, Mercedes Rawlison, Carlisa Todd, and Mary Dyke) 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.

The Scenic Mad River Committee has reemerged to try to have the river designated a scenic recreational river. Trustee Estep would like to represent the township on the committee at the August 12th meeting at the Davidson Interpretive Center at 3:00pm.

Trustee Estep noted the Transportation Coordinating Committees annual meeting will be held August 9, at 10:30am followed by a lunch.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Kathy Clark asked for a copy of the new rules and if she should sign up prior to the meeting just in case she would have a comment.

Mr. Kenny Bostick stated that Josh Wendling, Scott Sells and Trace Kinnel did a fantastic job on the accident call for Mike Gardone.

Mrs. Leslie Gardone noted that Mike was in the hospital for a week, but was home now.

Mr. Ned Clark asked if his questions would be answered under the new rules. Trustee Estep noted the trustees would respond, if necessary, after the 3 minute time in order give everyone their allotted time. Mr. Clark noted that some of the records he had received in a previous public records request were not included in a more recent request of the same records. Trustee Estep spoke about records that were recently discovered in the locked desk draw of a former employee. He also inquired about the status of the drug bag investigation and if an investigation was ongoing based on the Enon Eagle post about Trustee Catanzaro. The trustees stated the theft investigation was ongoing with the Sheriff department and no investigation into Trustee Catanzaro.

Mrs. Kathy Clark asked who will time the 3 minutes. Trustee Estep noted it would be either Fiscal Officer Rudy or a designee.

Ms. Deborah Ingram felt a number of the questions were not being answered with regards to the drug investigation and Trustee Catanzaro. Trustee Estep noted that Sheriff Department does not give updates on an ongoing investigation. This was confirmed by Deputy Baldwin, who stated the results will be made public when the investigation is complete. Trustee Catanzaro stated he lives in the township.

Mrs. Robin Coy asked if the time rule applied per topic or per person. The trustees noted it was per person and also the trustees could be contacted at any time to discuss the concerns of the community.

Mrs. Marion Ladislav asked if a microphone could be used during the meeting as it was hard for her to hear some of the reports.

Mr. Clark asked if a 5 minute allotment of time would be allowed, if notification was given prior to the day of the meeting.

Trustee Estep moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.