

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – December 16, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 16, 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 7:33 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to the audience.

Trustee Estep moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated there was a great turnout for the dinner benefit for John and for the Santa parade and pictures with Santa at the station. The fire truck was very well decorated and Tim gave credit to Louise Fenwick for her lead on the parade and gathering at the station. Time recognized Jenn Wendling for passing her EMT registry and Scott Sells and Dani Walter for completion of the paramedic program. Year to date runs were 1886 up 68 runs from 2018. Mutual received by the department has dropped from 138 in 2018 to 74 in 2019. For December, the department has had 85 runs compared to 73 runs in 2019, with no mutual aid received and 3 mutual aid given. Chief also presented an application. Trustee Catanzaro stated the crew did a fantastic job on the Santa Parade in lighting up the truck and all the work by the volunteers was greatly appreciated. Trustee Estep enjoyed following the parade on Facebook and feels the parade is better than having the crew go through the neighborhoods.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported 9 runs in the last 2 weeks. The recent runs included mutual aids to Pitchin for a CO check and a possible gas leak, a lift assist, downed power lines, a couple of auto accidents and a response to Greenon High School for a report of pepper spray. Fifty-eight students were checked on scene by the members of the fire department, Enon EMS and Hustead EMS. All the departments and dispatch did a great job on the scene. The department missed the parade due to responding to a run. Larry reminded the public to take their time on the roads when the winter weather hits. He also wished everyone a safe Holiday Season.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman reported 20 runs in December 2019 compared to 26 runs in December 2018, and 422 runs year to date 2019 compared to 433 runs year to date 2018. She commented on the response to Greenon where 58 students were checked out and parents of eight students who were asthmatic were contacted. The response was very well coordinated. The Department was unable to attend the parade.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Conner showed the Coyote Run sign that will be placed on South Tecumseh and Fairfield Pike. The department did plow the roads today, December 16th, and pretreated the roads in the afternoon on hills and intersections. There are 75 tons of salt and 180 tons of grit. In the cemetery, they are in winter operations, checking on the equipment as needed. A funeral is scheduled for tomorrow. Trustee McClure asked if the security system is back up. Don noted it was and that the delay of the alarm was reset to give them more time to enter the code.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported for the last 2 weeks responding to 31 calls, with 4 arrests. He completed eight traffic stops and had seven assists to other departments. Brandon thanked Don for the job on the roads with the snow removal. He is completing Advanced Roadside Impairment Enforcement training in London. Brandon noted that accidents were up in the Township, including the fatal accident on December 13th on Dayton Springfield Road. Brandon is increasing traffic enforcement in the Township and residential neighborhoods. He also asked the public to take their time during the winter driving season. Deputy Baldwin then introduced Deputy Weaver and Pablo, the 2-year-old police dog of the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Weaver stated they train 40 to 50 hours a month. Rural King donates the food and Northside Veterinary donates all veterinary care. Pablo is used for tracking missing children, elderly adults, locating narcotics and taking down suspects. A vest has been ordered for Pablo due to a generous donation from Littleton and Rue.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the bank reconciliation and monthly reports for November 2019 and asked for the Trustee approval on the date of the 2020 organizational meeting and temporary appropriations for 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep made a motion to approve up to \$2.0 million in temporary appropriations for 2020. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-033)

Trustee Estep moved to hold the 2020 organizational meeting on January 6, 2020 at 7:00pm, prior to the 1st regularly scheduled meeting in 2020. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-034)

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the application of Kathy Estep for a member of the support person in the Fire/EMS department. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 2-0, with Trustee Estep abstaining. As a support person, Kathy will help on a scene with food and water for members of the department and work to secure grants for the department. Chief presented Kathy with some clothing.

Deputy Baldwin stated that the theft of narcotics was still an active investigation being conducted by Lt. Chris Shultz. Deputy Baldwin cannot release information at this time, but did note that a copy of the report can be requested from the Sheriff's department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about Mrs. Marian Ladislaw's father, killed in action in Germany and her husband a retired Air Force member who died on the 75th anniversary of her father's death.

Mrs. Marian Ladislaw appreciated the research Mr. Clark was doing on her family and expressed her thanks to everyone.

Mr. Chris Price stated that Deputy Baldwin answered some of his questions and asked Trustee McClure about the residency of Trustee Catanzaro.

After the close of the Public Comments, Trustee McClure stated that it was sad to say goodbye to Kathy as a Trustee who has worked for the Township for 20 years, while looking forward to the next chapter in her life. Trustee Catanzaro noted some of the accomplishments while she was a Trustee; including the expansion of the cemetery, the purchase of the former E-check building for the road department, the Rocky Point Bridge Historical Landmark, the work with CAM group against the quarry, work on the levy campaigns and with the parks. He stated it was an honor to work with her. Trustee Estep said it was an honor to serve the community and work with a great group of people. She also said the involvement from the community has always been great. Trustee McClure presented Kathy with an etched piece of glass to thank her for her service.

At 8:20 pm, Trustee McClure moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.