

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session -December 18, 2017

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 18, 2017.

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

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep led a moment of silence for Ben Ross.

Fiscal Officer read the minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular session.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Acting Chief Elmer Beard stated the department has had 109 December runs and 2009 runs year to date. The Fire Association held the Santa Parade in the cold and snow on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Engine 1 slid off the edge of the road on Coronado and had to be pulled out by the Village Road crew. Chief Beard thanked the Village staff for their help. Medic 2 was at Maine's for the repairs from the accident. The order for the disconnect of the ATT lines has been placed, but not confirmed completed. The last dispatch line is being scheduled for the Burns house. Chief Beard stated that the new Rescue Engine delivery has been pushed back to late February or early March. The department is buying equipment to outfit the engine as well. Chief Beard did highlight the following runs: December 5<sup>th</sup>, a kitchen fire grease being heated up on a stove, the fire was out on arrival due to the homeowner using flour to knock down the flames and a December 17<sup>th</sup>, MVA in front of Aqua Falls, with injuries. Elmer stated that there had been 1 inquiry to the 800 number for the computer breach. Trustee Estep asked if the Holiday schedule was covered. Chief stated that most slots were covered and stated that on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the members can run from home if they are in close response to the district or run the medic from their home or station.

### **Hustead Fire**

Chief Larry Ridenour stated the department had 5 runs in the prior 2 weeks, including a multiple auto accidents and a mutual aid to Cardinal Drive for a possible gas leak. The Christmas party on December 6<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Chief stated that Engine 59 was repaired at Sutphen and had been running better. He is beginning to work on the 2018 Budget and looking to purchase additional gear, hoses and nozzles. The department has been on 146 year-to-date runs.

### **Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kauffman was unable to attend.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Don O'Connor stated the radio was installed in the new truck and is very powerful. The new bed for the F350 is about done. Don said 125 tons of salt had been ordered and there was about 90-100 tons in the shed. The department had removed a dead ash on Fowler and at the road building. The trucks have been cleaned and maintained to be ready for the snow. They have been starting the Township Sheriff Cruiser. Don stated they ordered 4 tons of cold patch to have on hand for pot holes. In the cemetery, the winter operations are in place. Don said there was a possible theft of decorations from a grave, but the camera focused on the grave did not show anything. The park swings had been removed for the winter.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the November reports for review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Estep stated the Ohio EPA meeting had been rescheduled to February 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Greenon High School. The meeting will be limited to water quality only, including particulates in the water. Trustee McClure said quality is important, but wondered if there were concerns about the quantity.

Trustee Estep responded that the quantity would only be addressed by the Army Corp of Engineers if there is a problem, or it could be addressed by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Trustees attended the county dispatch meeting. Trustee Estep said it appears that a number of people are for the service, but no one wants to pay for it. No action has been taken at this time. Mrs. Kathy Voytko stated that they process would have to be restarted since no action was taken and the County Commissioners are facing large budget cuts.

Chief Deputy Russell and Deputy Travis were present to discuss the hiring process for the Township Deputy. The old contract for the deputies will expire December 31 and that contract stated that the Township Deputy was based solely on seniority. The new contract states that the process will be done with a panel, including 1 Township Trustee, and the applicants will be asked a packet of questions and will be scored on the answers. The deputy with the highest total will be the new Township Deputy. There appears to be a lot of interest in the position. The deputy will be able to start as soon as the process is completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Estep moved to approve up to \$2.5 million in temporary appropriations for 2018. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2017-029).

Trustee Catanzaro moved to hold the organizational meeting for 2018 on January 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm followed by the regular session at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Trustee McClure, carried 3-0 (Resolution 2017-030).

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about the accomplishments of Ben Ross and his admiration for his help on the Cardinal Drive drainage problems. He also appreciated the Trustees honoring Mr. Ross with a moment of silence.

Mr. Kathy Voytko asked the deputies about the average number of applications they expected for the township job. Chief Deputy stated that it would vary. She also asked if there were any restrictions to apply for the township job. The applicant will have to have 10 years of experience or 2 years of road duty.

Trustee Estep moved to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of the township deputy. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

At 8:19 pm, the Trustees entered into executive session.

At 10:00 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:02 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.