

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session - December 19, 2016

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 19, 2016.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to the audience members in attendance.

Trustee Estep moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the December 5, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the November 2016 reports and requested a motion for the equipment bonds for the purchase of the new Dump Truck with Plow.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported that there had been 7 runs in the last 2 weeks: 3 auto accidents, 2 structure fires, and 2 alarm drops. Chief Ridenour reminded the public to drive according to the weather. The department participated on 12/14 at the refrigeration plant in Springfield. He is working on his budget.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufmann was not present.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tracy Young presented his comprehensive run report for November. He also mentioned Mike Newkirk and Jay Coppock for their completion of the Clark State Paramedic Program. Chief Young did contact Nick Williams, the phone consultant, about the communications infrastructure. He mentioned that there were three parts to the plan. The Enon Fire Station, the Dispatch option and Hustead option and that it can all be tailored to the Township needs. Chief Young stated that there was a reoccurring electrical issue with Medic 2 that was repaired under warranty. He also wanted to remind the community that with the Holiday season neighbors need to watch out for neighbors since some people suffer depression at this time of year. Chief Young submitted an application for a new hire, Kiley Heath. Trustee McClure commended Mike and Jay for leading the way in the department. Trustee Estep thanked Kenny Bostick for putting the lights up at the fire station. Chief Young presented a draft of the CY 2017 budget.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor reported that the roads were very slick on the Sunday, December 11. He plans to work with Elmer about any slick spots with the buses are on the route. The department used about 25 tons of salt and 30-40 tons of grit. There was one mailbox hit by the plow, but others hit by non-township vehicles. The cemetery had been quiet, but there was a burial scheduled for tomorrow.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Jeff Wise reported multiple crashes due to the weather. Trustee McClure presented Jeff with a plaque for his years of service as the Township Deputy. Bob stated that he worked well with all aspects of the community policing for the township, including his work with the schools and training with the residents. Deputy Wise mentioned that Sheriff Elect Burchett could not make the meeting but would like to meet after the 1st of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep addressed the final issues before approval of the new cemetery rules and regulations, including Article 2 Section 2 – cremated remains are to be in an urn or appropriate container. The same language will be in the Columbarium rules as well. Decorations in Section 5 will be changed for special holidays during the growing season to state that flowers after burial or on special holidays will be removed after 5 days. Trustee Catanzaro stated this is due to the mowing taking place weekly during most growing seasons. Trustee McClure mentioned that the revisions have been discussed extensively with the sexton and the community and felt they were ready for approval.

Trustee Estep motioned to approve the new rules and regulations for the cemetery effective January 1, 2017. Motion was seconded by Trustee Catanzaro and motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2016-20).

Trustee Estep met with JR Routt and Dave Farrell regarding the Safe and Sound Program throughout Mad River and Green Townships. No paperwork changes will be needed for residents of Mad River Township and only minor changes will be needed in Green. The dispatchers will follow the exact same protocol for all residents. Approximately 42 persons are being served with a lock box and another 9 residents are receiving daily calls. Trustee Catanzaro felt that this was a service that Senior Services needed to push. JR mentioned that most of the persons that sign up do so after receiving EMS services. Mrs. Collins mentioned that she attended a luncheon of a number of the program participants and the dispatchers and they have a special bond.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep introduced the motion authorizing the issuance and sale not to exceed \$142,308.66 of Township Equipment Bonds, Series 2016. Trustee Catanzaro seconded and motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2016-21).

Trustee Estep made a motion to hire Kiley Heath. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep made a motion to have a work session on January 3, 2017 for the purpose of discussion the telecommunication systems for the Township after the Organizational meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motioned carried 3-0.

Audience Comments

Mr. Clark asked about the possibility of keeping Deputy Wise and about the plans for the Deputy vehicle. Discussion followed with regards to the estate tax money received in the past and the COPS FAST program. Trustee Estep mentioned that she applied for the grant numerous times after the initial receipt, but there was less money going to small town governments. Mr. Clark also asked for a copy of the Public Records Request policy.

Mr. Price asked why the levy was not on the ballot prior to May and if the insurance rates were Single, Single+1 and Family.

Mrs. Collins stated the Village of Enon was looking to place another levy in May, and thought a committee to promote the Sheriff levy if placed would be a good idea to help with the confusion ballot language.

At 8:36pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.