

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session – December 2, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 2, 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 November 18, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief Tim Wendling reported that John was doing well with his recovery. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a spaghetti dinner to benefit John at Knob Prairie Church from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. The damaged medic was held at the OSP for investigation and has not made it to Horton yet. Last Sunday the department worked with Fowler Road Church to put together shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse for those less fortunate. Over 40 shoeboxes were filled from the donations of the department and the church. The Santa parade going from Indian Valley to the firehouse will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. The run totals for November 2019 were 141 compared to 169 in 2018 and the department gave six mutual aids while receiving four mutual aids, which was down from eight mutual aid received in 2018. Year to date runs are 1,799 compared to 1,751 in 2018. Total mutual aid received was 74 in 2019 compared to 136 in 2018. Trustee Catanzaro stated the numbers looked good and the service is great. Trustee Estep asked about members in training classes. Chief noted that six persons were completing a firefighting class and another six members were in an EMS class. There are approximately 44 members on the department roster.

### **Hustead Fire**

Chief Larry Ridenour reported 8 runs in the last 2 weeks and 143 runs YTD. The recent runs included a possible silo fire, a mutual aid for a structure fire, multiple calls for wires and trees down, a structure fire on W Jackson, an auto accident, and a call from OSP to use the thermal imaging camera to look for a horse. The Fireman's banquet will be December 4<sup>th</sup> and Larry invited the Trustees.

### **Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kaufman was not present.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Don O'Conner thanked Hustead Fire for cutting up the trees that fell on the road during the high winds. The F550 was in the shop with a bad injector and metal in the fuel filter. The '94 International is back in service after multiple repairs. The highly reflective signs for the Fowler and Broadway are up, the signs for Mud Run Creek are up, and the signs Coyote Run Creek are ordered. The department has been patching some potholes. In the cemetery, they have been mulching leaves and working a large number of funerals. Don worked on measurements in the new sections and it appears there will be more gravesites than originally thought. They borrowed a backhoe from the Village of Enon and a window was broken. Trustee Catanzaro asked about the cracks in Arthur Road.

### **Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported for the last 2 weeks responding to 39 calls, with 2 arrests. He completed fifteen traffic stops and had nine assists to other departments. Brandon has increased traffic enforcement and criminal interdiction on Interstate 70 within the township. On Thanksgiving, Brandon responded to a crash on State Route 4 near Route 369 with other members of the Sheriff Department. An 18-month-old girl was in critical condition and required CPR; however, she succumbed to her injuries. Brandon asked for prayers for all involved. A critical de-briefing was held in reference to the crash by the Sheriff's department. Brandon had the cruiser in the county garage for the spotlight.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the most recent credit card statements and noted two items listed in new business on the agenda. The needed supplemental appropriation for Fund 2281 (EMS Fund) for \$30,000 is due to the increase in training and equipment costs for the new members of the department. The Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue was received from the auditor's office for the renewal of the .80 mill levy on the fire equipment, building and EMS equipment levy. The estimated

revenue is \$196,899 annually over the 5 years. The levy is not an increase in taxes and will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$26.25.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Estep made a motion for a \$30,000 Supplemental Appropriation for the EMS Fund 2281 for other expenses. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-030)

Trustee Estep made a resolution to proceed for the purpose of placing a renewal of an existing 0.80 mills outside of 10 mills on the residents of Mad River Township (including the Village of Enon) for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore; or the purchase of ambulance equipment pursuant to ORC Section 5705.19(l) to be placed on the March 17, 2020 primary ballot for the tax years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-031)

Trustee Estep moved to accept the Sheriff Contract for the Township Deputy for 2020. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-032)

Trustee Estep moved to enter into executive session (after the public comments) for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ned Clark asked about the theft of the medic bags on July 5<sup>th</sup> and the ongoing investigation.

Mrs. Kathy Clark agreed with Mrs. Ladislaw that a microphone at the podium would help the audience hear the comments. She also stated that it would be a benefit to the public if some of the questions presented were answered prior to the adjournment of the meeting, instead of waiting until the next meeting.

Mrs. Marian Ladislaw thanked the trustees for allowing her to speak. She spoke about the kindness of angels helping her recently.

Trustee McClure asked Deputy Baldwin about the theft investigation. Deputy Baldwin stated there is an active investigation ongoing.

Trustee McClure asked Chief Wendling how people could make donations to benefit John. Chief noted the spaghetti dinner, a go fund me account or they could bring the donation to the firehouse and that donation would be made through the Fire and EMS Association.

At 8:11 pm, the trustees entered into executive session.

At 9:45 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:46 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.