

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – December 5, 2016

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 5, 2016.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to the audience members in attendance. Trustee McClure also asked for a moment of silence for long time fire department member Bob Young who recently passed away.

Trustee Estep moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the November 21, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Rudy had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported that there had been 5 runs in the last 2 weeks: 3 auto accidents, one illegal burn and one smoke call. Chief Ridenour reflected on Bob Young's number of years of service to the fire department, including a number of years as Chief. A group from the station was going to the services Wednesday morning. The department will participate in a propane burn training on 12/4 at Clark State. December 7 at 6:30 is the Christmas party at The Dock. The department will be participating in another training on 12/14 at the refrigeration plant in Springfield.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tracy Young presented his run report. The parade route for the Santa parade on 12/9 is set and the routes will be posted on the social media sites. December 11 will be the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at Station 50. Chief Young presented Jimmy Powell for consideration of re-hiring. Quint 1 is out of service due to battery replacement. Chief Young also reported that he was working on his CY 2017 budget.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Jeff Wise participated in the Shop with a Cop program with the Enon Department on Saturday December 3. Trustee Estep mentioned her sadness in the loss of Deputy Wise as the Township Deputy.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor reported that road mowing was ongoing, and the tractor had been repaired. Don again wanted to remind the township residents that catch basins are not for disposal of leaves or grass clippings. The department was moving to Hustead Rd at South Tecumseh to start removing dead ash trees and stumps. The trucks were starting to go through the DOT inspections. Don wanted to remind residents to watch out for deer as 2 had been struck on Stine road. In the cemetery, they are mulching leaves as needed and setting the military markers.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufmann was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure started a discussion about the proposed changes to the Cemetery rules and regulations and enforcement of rules and regulations for the Cemetery. The enforcement will be broken up to mowing and non-mowing season. Appropriate decorations will be allowed on the grass from November 15 - March 15, the non-mowing season. A section will be added to the rules to address the new columbarium, including what will be approved containers and the number of cremains allowed in each niche. Other revisions included changing some of the wording for the appropriate decorations including shepherd hooks and solar lighting. The pricing will be established as well for the columbarium niche at \$1000.00 with a maximum 2 cremains per niche, \$450.00 for opening and closing and \$200.00 for engraving.

Trustee McClure stated that the reason for the enforcement of the policies was to help with the maintenance of the Cemetery especially when it comes the mowing and weed eating around the graves and monuments. Mrs. Voytko asked about possibly outlawing decorations all together. Trustee Estep understands that to some the decorations provide a very emotional experience and the Trustees do not want to take that away, just enforce the policy for everyone. Trustee Catanzaro said the appearance of the Cemetery will improve dramatically.

Trustees Catanzaro will check with other cemeteries on the definition of appropriate containers for the Columbarium and the Trustees plan to vote to enact the changes at the December 19th meeting.

Trustee Estep thanked Don and John Cooper for getting the posts and rocks out of the corner of the cemetery.

Trustee Estep brought up Trustee Ferrell from Green Township, JR Routt and the Dispatchers work to merge the Safe and Sound Programs of each township to increase the coverage.

Trustee Catanzaro asked Chief Young about the phone lines and how the calls are handled when they come into the office. He wondered if they would still be forwarded to the Trustees as they currently work. Tracy will contact Nick Williams and discuss the proposed new phone system.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Trustee Catanzaro wants to meet with the newly elected Sheriff to see about the plans for the future. Deputy Wise will see if Sheriff Burchett would be able to attend the December 19th meeting. Trustees also wanted to reach out to Sheriff Kelly to extend their appreciation for the years of service.

Audience Comments

Mr. Clark asked if it would be possible for the Sheriff to assign Jeff to Mad River Township. He believes the local deputy is a deterrent to criminals.

At 8:26pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.