

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – February 18, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure and Todd Pettit. Fiscal Officer David Rudy was absent.

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee McClure stated he had received a letter from Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, Daniel P Driscoll and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Andrew Pickering about the hearing held at the Board of Elections regarding Trustee Catanzaro. It was the opinion of Mr. Driscoll that Trustee Catanzaro failed to maintain the qualifications for the office during his entire term and by doing so ceased to be a Mad River Township Trustee, and his seat became vacant.

Trustee McClure moved to declare the seat held by Mr. Catanzaro vacant. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 2-0.
(Resolution 2020-003)

Trustee McClure noted the trustees would be following the guidelines provided by the Prosecutors Office to fill the vacant seat.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Ned Clark noted a change in the prior minutes.

Trustee Pettit moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular session with the correction, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling reported Medic 2 was repaired and is back at the station. He noted since January 12, the department has responded to several fires, which have displaced families from their homes. On February 16th, the department was invited to Rocky Point Church for an appreciation dinner. Donations were presented to the families displaced by the fires. Trustee Pettit stated it was a nice dinner and presentation. Trustee McClure gave a special thanks to the Rocky Point Church.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour was not present due to the Green Township meeting.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman was not present due to the Green Township meeting.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated the backhoe was down for repairs and he had ordered 100 tons of road salt. Don talked about the grant to repave Fowler Road. The Mud Run Creek signs on South Tecumseh Road were stolen. Don reported that the cemetery has been quiet, but he has received calls about missing decorations. He recommends people put names on their decorations. The removal of the decorations should be done by Sunday, March 15th. Don said the department will begin clean-up in the cemetery starting March 16th.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin noted the Tahoe has 92,000 miles. For the last 2 weeks, Deputy Baldwin has been on 56 calls for service, had 1 arrest, performed 12 traffic stops and had 12 assists of other calls. Brandon will be attending training to become a certified breath test operator for OVI enforcement. He has handled multiple parking complaints in the areas of Green Meadows and Holiday Valley, including the issuance of two parking citations. Multiple property owners had been contacted with regards to the property condition. Finally, the Clark County Zoning Department has deemed the Uplands Drive home that was recently set on fire, an unsafe structure and Brandon will be starting the process with the property owner to clean up the structure and vehicles.

Fiscal Officer Rudy was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Pettit noted that the backhoe was old and needs to possibly be replaced. He is looking at prices for new and used units. Trustee Pettit is gathering prices to replace 1 or 2 mowers in the cemetery. Don asked about the possibility of replacing the backhoe with a new skid steer.

Trustee Pettit discussed the construction at the Speedway Headquarters and the Knob Prairie Cemetery. He noted that people should not enter the construction area, but improvements around the cemetery including a walking path were being completed.

Trustee McClure discussed the residential property values and property taxes going up this year. He noted that approximately 65% of the taxes go to the schools, 20% goes to the county, 10% goes to the township and smaller percentages go to libraries and health in the county. The Fire and EMS equipment levy is a 0.80 mill renewal levy that will be on the March 17, 2020 ballot and will not increase the amount of taxes paid by the residents.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

Public Comments

Mrs. Kylie Heath presented a report of allegations of possible violations within the Fire and EMS department. She noted she had requested a large amount of information from a public records request.

Mrs. Kathy Clark stated that residents should call the number on their tax bill if they have questions about the appraisal or taxes. She also asked what the procedure was to replace the vacated seat of Mr. Catanzaro.

Mrs. Marion Ladislaw praised Don and the trustees for working to make the additional property in the cemetery usable.

Mr. Ken Bostick spoke about the parking problems on Cook Street as well as a large shipping container in the woods near the Rail Road tracks on Old Mill Road.

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about the hearing held on February 13 on the challenge of Mr. Catanzaro not living where he voted.

At 8:30 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.