

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – February 19, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated the department had a new Dispatch Enhancement Procedure which included the dispatcher dropping 3 tones 1 minute apart and if there is no response move on to mutual aid on the 4th. Year to date run totals are 277 compared to 270 in the prior year. Chief noted that the ice machine needs to be replaced at the station and that Medic 1 had an issue with no heat. All of the trucks are going through the DOT inspection and annual maintenance. Tim stated that the annual protocol and skills check offs were being completed by the department. Trustees had some discussion about the Dispatch procedures and possibly changing protocols with regards to the Sheriff department staying on the line, and a call back from the dispatcher if the response is taking longer than normal. It was noted in the Grand Valley incident the Sheriff department did not stay on the line.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour was not present.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufmann was not present.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor was not present. Trustee McClure noted that the road crew had been working on tree and debris cleanup on Mud Run Road and in the cemetery. Trustee Estep said that Ryan Raiff told her the trucks were ready for the next snow event. Trustee Catanzaro said he had received a few complaints of damage to grass from the plows.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Ben Barrett was not present. It was noted that the road crew and deputy were working on some of the debris and trash at a foreclosed home on Enon Xenia. Trustee Estep said that Ben had been writing tickets for people driving around the high-water road closed signs.

Fiscal Officer Rudy is working on year end 2018 and the EMS and Fire budget with the Chief. He also noted that per the Ohio Revised Code, a renewal of an existing levy can not be placed on the ballot for renewal until the General election of the last tax year. A notice of withdrawal will be sent to the Board of Elections and the issue will have to be placed on the November ballot.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure stated that the Springfield News Sun had an article about the new school and the fact that the County Commissioners gave approval to research the upgrades needed on Enon Xenia with regards to traffic patterns, paving, drainage and turn lanes.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Catanzaro received a complaint about water issues at a home on Broadway Road. There are drainage issues.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Price voiced his concerns over the hiring of Mr. Schaefer. Trustee McClure noted that there is an investigation into that situation.

Mr. Ned Clark asked about the January 29th interaction stating again he felt there was a violation of the Sunshine Laws. Trustee McClure responded that there was no official public meeting on that date. Trustee McClure and Chief Wendling initiated the process to remove Mr. Schaefer from the department, which was formally done during the February 4th, 2019 regular session meeting. Mrs. Estep noted that after discussions with an attorney, the Trustees can be in the same place receiving information from attorneys and other specialists, like the county engineer as long as there is no interaction or discussion between the trustees.

Mrs. Kathy Voytko asked about the storm sewer on Oak Hill and Enon Xenia being blocked. It was noted that was part of the county system.

Mr. Rick Hanna spoke about the dispatch procedure and if there was some protocol that could be changed to have a point person when there is a lengthy response time.

Mrs. Kathy Clark asked for a response from Mr. Pickering as to why the January 29th situation was not classified as a meeting.

Mrs. Pam Weaver stated that the dispatchers back each other up often handling 3 or 4 calls. She stated that maybe the person responding should give an ETA as to when they will be ready to respond to the run. In the case on Grand Valley, the responder from Husted was still some distance from the Fire House when he stated he would respond. She also noted it is not uncommon for a call back from the Sheriff department.

Ms. Marth Frock noted that the dispatchers do often call back with updates.

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