

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session - January 17, 2017

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Rudy had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour was not present.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufmann was not present.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tracy Young presented his report for the month of December 2016. Ben Beair was presented with the Emergency Service Provider of the Year for 2016. Chief Young praised Ben for his tireless work ethic and his leadership role within the department. Chief had received the feedback from the dispatchers on the Safe and Sound program for Green Township and the dispatchers were on board if it was like the Enon program. Mike Gardone will be training to help offset some of the scheduling problems with dispatch due to injury and illness.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated the department was obtaining more cold patch for the pot holes that have shown up. The trucks were being cleaned and service to insure they are ready when needed. They will be removing a section of fence on Jackson Road. In the cemetery, they had to pick up decorations that had been blown all over. Don also noted that there would be 2 funerals on 1/18.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure mentioned the Joint Board meeting with Hustead. The savings on the phone bills once the communications is switched to Spectrum will be significant.

Trustee Estep wanted to contact Dave Ferrell about the Safe and Sound program and look to roll it out to the Hustead/Green Township residents.

The emergency line 864-1994 had been down a few times recently, which really shows the need for the communications upgrade. Chief Young had been in contact with Nick Williams about the scope of work decided on at the Joint Meeting for the dispatch and the changes should lower costs significantly and raise reliability. He also reiterated that dispatching can be done from the station.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep mentioned that she would be attending the OTA conference along with Don, Tracy and David.

Trustee Estep said that the Township had been approached by Chuck Bauer from Solid Waste for the purpose of having the township have a drop off recycling location. The items included were paper, glass, plastic bottles and jugs, metal and other cartons. The Solid Waste District had partnered with Rumpke and they thought the Road Maintenance building would be a good location. There would be no cost to the township. The funding is coming from fees the waste haulers pay to dump the waste at the landfill. The Solid Waste District would take care of the signage, fencing and staffing to manage the site as well as remove any illegally dumped items at their expense. The trustees discussed other possible locations including the Driveway at the Firehouse and the possible need for extra lighting and security cameras as well as hours of operation. There would be a yearly contract for the site with an opt-out clause if the township deemed the program to not be working.

Trustee McClure asked how many runs Ben went on last year and commended him for his dedication to the community. Chief Young also mentioned the number of events that Ben was involved in, including the wheelchair basketball game, the softball games and his willingness to be Santa Claus with his wife being Mrs. Claus on the Firetruck tour. Trustee Catanzaro spoke about the great family values of the Bear family, many of whom were in attendance.

Trustee McClure made a motion for a special work session to discuss the Fire/EMS budget for 2017 on January 30, 2017 at 4:30pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, carried 3-0.

Audience Comments

Mr. Clark wanted to know if the recycling center would take racing tires and asked if there would be video surveillance at the site.

At 8:02pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.