

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – January 22, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the January 7, 2019 organizational meeting and the January 7, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 organizational meeting and the January 7, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour stated the department had 6 runs in the prior 2 weeks including a large structure fire, 2 auto accidents, a tree into a house and a couple of calls that were cancelled in route. Chief thanked Enon Fire and EMS for their help on a head-on collision on Route 68. The 2018 run total was 172 which was up about 20 runs. They current year to date total is 10 runs. The new gear has arrived. Chief stated that Enon would be helping complete the SCBA testing on equipment. On January 13, the department participated in a walk through at the Guard Base and Larry noted that there was a new procedure at the base that will eliminate most of the false alarm runs.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated the department had received 8 mutual aid runs in November and December and only 1 run in the last 2 months was not covered. Of the mutual aid runs – 4 occurred when 1 medic was on a run and 7 were when additional resources were needed at the scene. During the weekend of January 12th & 13th, the Enon department covered all 13 runs and for the weekend of January 19th & 20th, the department covered all 15 runs. The annual banquet took place on January 12th. Year to date runs for January 2019 were 115, compared to 120 in 2018 and 106 in 2017. Chief reported a number of resignations from the department including Michael Halloran, Chelsea Brooks and Jimmy Carpenter, and also presented an application for employment. Assistant Chief Jackie Ashworth presented a detailed run report to the Trustees. It was noted that the new reporting system has really helped with the billing and timing of collections.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufmann was not present.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor commended his personnel for their work on the roads the past 2 weekends due to the wintry weather. He stated they had 20 tons of salt on hand, but had another 100 tons on order. The turnaround time for the new salt delivery company seems to be 7-10 days instead of 72 hours. The new truck had a broken mirror bracket from hitting a low tree branch. Don reported that all 5 trucks were in good working order. In the cemetery, they are under winter operations and covering funerals. Trustee Catanzaro commented on the roads being in good shape after each winter storm.

Trustee McClure wanted to thank all the Fire, EMS, Road and Sheriff personnel who did great job over the weekend dealing with the winter storm and bitter temperatures.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Ben Barrett was not able to attend the meeting. Trustee McClure noted that Ben had been dealing with an incident where a suspect has spit in his face. Trustee Catanzaro said that Ben had mentioned the IRS telephone Scam was going around the county and urged citizens not to respond to the call.

Fiscal Officer Rudy mentioned the need for the resolution of necessity for the renewal of the fire equipment, building and EMS equipment levy as well as the need to adopt a new credit card policy per HB 312.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep made a resolution of necessity for the purpose of placing a renewal of an existing .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 (I) to be placed on the May 7, 2019 ballot for the tax years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-002)

At 7:58 pm, Trustee Estep moved to enter into executive session for the investigation of a complaint against a public employee, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

At 8:24 pm, Trustee Catanzaro motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure stated that the Trustees had asked for a 3rd party review of the incident on January 4th, where a complaint was made about a call for an ambulance that took too long for a response. Mr. Colin Altman, Chief of the Miami Township Fire-Rescue was asked to perform the review. Mr. Altman presented his findings to the Trustees along with some recommendations for the Trustees to strongly consider.

Trustee Catanzaro noted that the complaints raised by resident Joe Smaldon had been addressed within the legal boundaries of the township. He noted that some of the zoning issues may be addressed in the future and he was going to meet with Mr. Tom Hale at the county to review options.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep moved to adopt a new credit card policy per HB 312, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-003).

Trustee Estep moved to proceed with the hiring of applicant Bryanna Howard, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep discussed a couple of re-zoning cases in the township going before the Board of Zoning. One was a request to change the parcel of land adjacent to the road maintenance building to B-4. Trustees are opposed to this change due to the potential for future use of the property under that designation. The second was for a splitting of a lot on Mud Run with less than 90' of road frontage.

Trustee Estep noted she would be attending the Ohio Township Association conference.

Audience Comments

Mrs. Brook Whitacre thanked the Trustees for reaching out to a 3rd party for the investigation, noting she believes there was no ill will in the response from the department and stating she knows what the EMS personnel go through. She did like the proposed recommendations. She also loves what the department does for the Community and especially for the kids.

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about the response by EMS to the call when his mother passed away, noting the dispatcher kept him on the line until the EMS personnel arrived. He also asked about the resignations and in particular one from an employee who asked not to work with a particular supervisor, asking if there were any allegations. Trustee McClure stated they would look into the situation.

At 8:59 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.