

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Organizational Meeting 2020 – January 6, 2020

Fiscal Officer David Rudy called the 2020 Organizational Meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Trustees Pettit, McClure and Catanzaro were present.

Township meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month informally at 7:00 pm, with the formal meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Meetings falling on a federal holiday will be postponed to the following day. Work sessions will be the 4th Monday as needed, motion by Trustee Catanzaro, seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Election of Officers - Motion by Trustee Catanzaro to name Trustee McClure as President for 2019 and Trustee Catanzaro as Vice President for 2019. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. Trustee Pettit will be Member at Large for 2020.

Assignments – Any department can go to any trustee. Motion by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Roads – Motion by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro that any trustee can be called by residents regarding roads in any part of the township, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to place Trustee Catanzaro on the Planning and Parks committee to replace former Trustee Estep, seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to end the Organizational meeting at 7:08 pm, seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

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Regular Session – January 6, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, January 6, 2020.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure, Joe Catanzaro and Todd Pettit and Fiscal Officer David Rudy.

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

Trustee Catanzaro moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling commended the department personnel for all the work they have been doing. The members of the department have completed a number of trainings; including swift water techs (7), firefighters (6), EMTs (6), Paramedics (2) and dive techs (2). Nine members have signed up for the school shooting task force, which will lead to training and equipment in the event of a school shooting. Chief said the department had 1,966 runs in 2019 compared to 1,884 runs in 2018. Mutual Aid given was 56 in 2019 compared to 55 in 2018 and mutual aid received was 78 in 2019 compared to 140 in 2018. There were 407 overlapping runs, where the crew was responding to a run, when another call went out. The most active times of the day are 8am to 1pm and 6pm to 10pm. Chief presented an application for the trustees review. Trustee Catanzaro also commended the department for their dedication. He asked Chief if there are more options to insure the safety of the crew on the highway responses. Chief Wendling stated they are always looking for ways insure safety, like installing more lighting and asking for more police presence.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported 8 runs in the last 2 weeks including lift assist, a couple of mutual aid calls (cancelled in route), a couple of auto accidents and multiple reports trees and poles down. Chief noted the interstate is a scary place for a call and he is glad that his department does not have any to cover. Larry reminded the public to use caution on the snowy and icy roads. In 2019, the department had 161 calls. The Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9th.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman was not present.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated the department had been out with cold patch. The main drive of the cemetery is going to need attention. The road equipment is in good shape and the current stock of 100 tons of salt and 200 tons of grits is available. The signs for Coyote Run are in place. Don noted that the tree removal program along the roadways is working, as there have not been many calls for downed trees with all the wind events. In the cemetery, a number of funerals are planned. Don noted that the new sections of the cemetery will provide more graves than originally thought, and some surveying will need to be done in one of the sections. Trustee McClure noted that the land for the new sections, which will provide 1,000 plus graves, was purchased in the 1980s and a lot of work in moving dirt around was undertaken.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 30 calls, 2 arrests, 16 traffic stops and 10 assists in the last 2 weeks. Brandon completed the Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training. Brandon arrested an unconscious person in a vehicle at UDF for OVI and seized some drugs. In February, he will be certified to operate the Intoxilyzer and then be able to administer breathalyzer tests. He will be going to Pursuit Termination Technique training as well as Basic Traffic Crash Investigation training. Brandon noted that most people do not slow down or move over on the highway and the township crews do a great job with accidents on the highway.

Deputy also asked the public to allow extra time when the snow does start. He noted a man was going door to door on National Road asking for money, so he advised residents not to open their doors.

Fiscal Officer Rudy noted the temporary appropriations were entered for 2020 and provided Trustee McClure with the most recent credit card statements.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Catanzaro moved to move forward with the purchase of a new police pursuit SUV for the Township Deputy. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. It was noted that the current 2012 vehicle has 88,000 miles and does not have breaks that are rated for police pursuit. The new Ford SUV will have the standard color wrap. (Resolution 2020-001)

Trustee McClure addressed the question of Trustee Catanzaro's residency raised at the last meeting. Trustee Catanzaro has informed Trustee McClure that he does reside in the township. Trustee McClure noted that the scope of his duties as Trustee does not include governing where an elected official resides.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure noted the trustees would act on the application for employment from Chief Wendling at the next meeting.

Trustee McClure noted the next schedule meeting of the board would be January 27th, 2020 due to scheduling conflicts. The informal portion will start at 7pm and the formal meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Public Comments

Mrs. Kathy Voytko requested the addition of a sound system for the meetings and requested increased patrols on New Horizon Ave and Schenley St. She also asked about the time of the Joint meeting. The Joint Board meeting is at 8:00 pm on Thursday, January 9th.

Mr. Chris Price asked about the break issue on the police vehicle and noted that one of the emergency vehicles went by his truck with lights on very close to his vehicle after he had pulled over. Deputy Baldwin noted that the current Tahoe did not have the police rated breaks or transmission at the time of purchase.

Mrs. Marion Ladislaw said hello and Happy New Year to everyone. She was glad to see Pablo the County Sheriff's service dog at the last meeting. She also mentioned the Air Force Museum had an exhibit on dogs in the military and an exhibit of old posters, including the "We Want You" poster.

At 8:16 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.