

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – July 1, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 1, 2019.

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

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

Trustee Estep moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the June 17, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kauffman reported the department had 30 runs in June 2019 compared to 36 runs in 2018 and overall they are down 28 runs versus 2018. The department will be serving a pancake breakfast during the July 13-14 Barnstorming Festival at the Springfield airport. On July 3rd, the department will help with the VFW fireworks and then will participate in the Enon 4th of July parade. Heather stated the department will be out at the Clark County Fair on July 20th and July 26th. The department attended a First Responders service at the Fowler Road Church.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling discussed the busy weekend that included 3 water rescues on the river, which included deploying the rescue boat. The department responded with the help of mutual aid from Hustead and Springfield Township to a detached garage fire on Sunday June 30th. The fire was very intense, but the departments did well to knock the fire down. On June 19th, the department handled four drug overdose calls. Other recent calls included a rollover on a concrete truck headed to the new school and a car fire that spread to a number of other cars in the driveway. The VFW fireworks are scheduled for dusk on July 3rd and will be attended by the department as well as assistance from Hustead Fire and EMS. The parade will be at 1pm on July 4th followed immediately by a picnic at the Firehouse. Tim presented an application for the Trustees to approve. Year to date runs are 1009 compared to 916 in 2018. Lieutenant Sells reported that June had 176 runs compared to 144 runs in 2018 and that 44 of the 176 runs were overlapping runs, where a crew was on a run when another call came in. Mutual aid given were 4 and received were 6.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour was not present.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor was not present. Trustee McClure noted that work was being done on Broadway Road, however many of the ditch areas were still too wet to work. The department was also handling a number of burials.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin was involved in a motorcycle accident and would be off work until Tuesday. He did report to the Trustees that he had sent certified letters for tall grass to a number of residents, beginning the process that could lead to the property being assessed with the cleanup charges.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the most recent credit card statements for Trustee McClure to review and noted that the Village of Enon was requesting a donation for National Night Out. He also told the Trustees that he would be obtaining an extension to adopt and file the annual budget for 2020, which would allow additional time to make sure the estimates are correct for the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

The aggregation contract was signed at an amount of .389 cents per CCF for the gas supply to the township residents.

Trustee Catanzaro noted that he had received calls about the ditches on Broadway Road thinking that the work was done. Trustee McClure did visit with a number of residents and assured them that the process was just beginning and the wet weather had slowed the process.

The center joint of Stine Road is scheduled to be repaired until the road will be placed on the schedule to be repaved.

The Gas tax increase will soon be in effect and the estimated increase in revenue to the township is \$80,000, which will pave approximately .8 of 1 mile without any repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep moved to hire Sarah Handwerker pending completion of pertinent background and reference checks to be completed by Clemens-Nelson Associates and subject to a one-year probationary period as mandated by the policy manual, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to donate \$700.00 to the Village of Enon to help with National Night Out, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Ned Clark asked about the use of a front-end loader on or about June 26th, 2018 in the removal of items from the firehouse being placed in a dumpster. It is the position of Mr. Clark that 2 metal filing cabinets were among those items. Chief Wendling noted that Kenny Bostick and John Heath were in charge of the old equipment clean up.

Mrs. Kathy Clark read a couple of articles from the Springfield News Sun about private patient records from Mercy Medical found in a public dumpster.

Mr. Mike Gardone spoke about being a witness to the incident on June 26th, 2018 and also of his concern about possible policy violations in the last couple of weeks within the department.

Mr. Dwight Whipp asked the Trustees if they were looking at the issue of Central Dispatching versus using the local dispatchers. A discussion followed in which the Trustees stated they constantly look at the cost vs benefits of having the secondary PSAP and currently believe the local dispatcher's knowledge of the area and the fact that the local dispatchers have the same training outweigh the costs. It was also noted that the countywide system is still a work in progress.

Mrs. Brooke Whitacre spoke about the response time delay in using the local dispatchers. Trustee McClure told her the Trustees are looking at all items.

Mr. Cody Stanley, who has worked as a dispatcher in Clark and Champaign counties, spoke about how the process works with only 4 to 5 persons in the center at one time to dispatch the entire county. He mentioned that there were always a number of new employees who were unfamiliar with the area.

Mrs. Maxine McKee reminded the public about 864-1994, which is the direct line to the local dispatchers. The number will be distributed by the department to the public at future events including National Night Out.

Mr. Rick Hanna asked if the response time for the run could be obtained from the original contact with the central dispatch station. Trustee Estep noted from a prior county dispatch meeting that the records were too hard to obtain.

At 8:29 pm, Trustee Estep moved to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:35 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to adjourn at 9:36 pm, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.