

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – July 15, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 15, 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 7:33 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 July 1, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Charles Patterson of the Clark County Combined Health Department was present to discuss the finding of mosquitos in a trap near the water tower near Cardinal Drive that tested positive for West Nile. The Heath Department notified residents within a ½ mile radius of the trap, that they would be spraying the area for the mosquitos. Mr. Patterson noted the treatment is for both the larvae and the adults. A citizen asked if the residue would be harmful to pollinators. Mr. Patterson said no. The mosquitos have to be airborne to be killed. Another citizen asked if animals, including horses could contract the virus. Mr. Patterson said yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling noted that Assistant Chief Ashworth retired. He thanked her for her 40 years of service to the Township. The 4th of July fireworks and parade went well. Tim thanked everyone for their help including members of the Husted Fire and EMS departments. The department purchased a new refrigerator for the kitchen and now has a surplus unit to be sold or donated. Mad River Township is now in a talk group for the MARCS radio system, which will improve the operation efficiency of the radios. Chief noted there was a theft after the parade from the department and the Clark County Sheriff was handling the ongoing investigation. The run volume is up 10% for the year, with 512 runs in the quarter, 85 runs in July. Twenty-seven percent of the runs were overlapping.

Husted Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour 9 runs in the prior 2 weeks, including a couple of auto accidents, a lift assist, a call to a garage on West Jackson for live 1960's tear gas grenades that were disposed of by the Wright Patt Bomb Squad, power lines down, a fire alarm, a large barn fire where over 40,000 gallons of water were used and an assist to Enon for a house with smoke. Chief thanked Enon for allowing the department to help with the fireworks and the parade. The barnstorming event at the Springfield Airport was well attended. The department will participate in the live burn trailer training on August 28. Larry noted that many members of the department are involved with the Clark County Fair, so Enon may be needed for more mutual aid calls. Year to date runs were 83.

Husted EMS

Lieutenant Gary Coy reported the department has had 214 runs YTD compared to 239 in the prior year. The Barnstorming pancake breakfast went well and the department had a volunteer crew on site during the event. The department worked stand-by during the VFW fireworks. During the fair, the department will be on the fairgrounds on July 20 and again on July 26, during the Pig and Calf Scrambles. Gary noted that Medic 95 and 95A have been serviced.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor was not present.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin asked to residents to remember 2 families who recently lost loved ones in the community. He also is continuing to work on the nuisance properties for the tall grass.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the bank reconciliations and monthly reports for May and June to the Trustees for their review as well as the most recent Lowes credit card statement for Trustee McClure to review. Per the new credit card policy, the Trustees must approve new card issuances and limits. The request is made to issue new cards to Brandon Baldwin, David DeVore, Steve Weaver and Scott Sells. The Ohio History Connection did sign and approve the Townships RC-2 (records retention schedule) so now the process can begin to clean up the records according to the schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep reported that the Township is going to be able to partner with the County to apply for the OPWC grant to complete the repaving and other repairs to Fowler Road, which will increase the change for approval.

Trustee McClure noted that progress was being made on Broadway Road and the repairs on Fowler and Stine will be completed as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep moved to approve Brandon Baldwin (limit \$1500), David DeVore (limit \$2500), Steve Weaver (limit \$1500) and Scott Sells (limit \$1500) for the issuance of a township credit card. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-020)

Trustee Estep moved to list the refrigerator as a surplus item and allow for the sale or donation of the unit. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Ned Clark asked about the drug theft that occurred at the station and mentioned a criminal complaint filed with the Enon Police Chief involving public records. Mr. Clark also asked about the directives to comply with the investigations in 2017 and 2019.

Mrs. Kathy Clark asked about a public records request made previously.

Mr. Kyle Bussey asked about the township inventory and read a statement about the Township following rules and policies established. Mr. Bussey referenced the large Clemons Nelson report findings and audio recordings and his concern about a reference to "sexual stuff" happening.

Mrs. Kathy Voytko asked if the person who made the statement had been promoted and what the new assignments and duties were. She did thank Scott Sells and Tom Duffee for responding to her home. She also read a letter signed by citizens of the township asking for the resignation of Trustee Catanzaro.

Trustee McClure responded that it was not his job to regulate another Trustee and he was assured by Trustee Catanzaro that he was following the O.R.C.

Mrs. Kiley Heath asked about the transitions of people into new positions and her concern about sexual harassment.

Trustee Estep noted the department had training on sexual harassment last Thursday.

Mr. Rick Hanna asked if the incident with the missing drugs was classified as a theft or burglary.

Mrs. Leslie Gardone started a discussion on the cleanup of the mezzanine area including the cage in June 2018 about what was discarded.

Mr. Chris Price asked about who was on duty when the theft occurred as well as the cost of the Clemons Nelson report.

Mrs. Voytko asked about if the new gas tax money could be used for drainage issues in the township.

Ms. Michelle Valley asked about the competitive bid process requirements and if the website could be updated with current information including the meeting minutes. Mr. Hanna noted that the Village was redoing their website and may be able to share resources.

A resident of the township asked about the protocol for the drug bags on the medic units after she suffered an allergic reaction to a sting.

Mr. Kenny Bostick noted that the only cleanup he was in charge of with John Heath was the barn and lean to behind the station.

A discussion began on the process of exit interviews and whether or not they were or would be conducted with the personnel that recently left or if the process would be looked at in the future.

A question was asked about the possibility of rehiring the personnel who recently left. Trustees noted there would have to be some serious discussion before that could happen.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn at 9:41 pm, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

