

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session – July 6, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 6, 2020 via Facebook Live from the township road department building due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure, Todd Pettit, Jay Young and Fiscal Officer David Rudy.

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from both the June 15, 2020 regular session and the June 26, 2020 special session. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 regular session and the June 26, 2020 special session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Hustead Fire**

No report from acting Chief Hirtzinger, however, Trustee Young reported the department has restarted trainings.

### **Hustead EMS**

No report from Chief Kaufman, however, Trustee Young noted they were slow.

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief Tim Wendling noted the department is down 163 runs from 2019. Year to date for 2020 is 847 compared to 1,010 from 2019. For the month of June, the totals were 151 in 2020 compared to 177 in 2019. The average response time continues to be lower than the prior year. Chief highlighted some of the activity from that last couple of months which included a number of motor vehicle accidents on the highways, microwave fires, several responses involving Care flight, a gunshot through the window of a semi on the highway, a dump truck fire on Haddix Road, a response to the ATV park on Dayton Road, where the new ATV unit was used and a car versus motorcycle on Dayton Road. The new Speedway building will begin occupancy this week and the department has conducted multiple inspections. The VFW fireworks display went well and the department had a number of representatives present. The bomb squad detonated a couple of unexploded shells. Chief also presented 3 applications for employment for the Trustees to read. Trustee Young asked what the new occupancy number would be at the Speedway building. Chief was asked to detail the responsibility of the fireworks show. He noted that a permit application from the VFW is sent to Pyrotechnics who then forwards the application to the Chief who has to sign off on it along with the county Sheriff. When the fireworks arrive onsite, a check off list is gone over, including an inventory of the shells and inspection of the launch tubes and racks for debris. A member of the fire department is on site from the time the fireworks are delivered until after the show. An inspection of the launch area is completed after the show and again early in the morning. If there is an unexploded shell located, the bomb squad is called in to detonate. Tim then has 5 days to submit a report to the State.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Trustee Pettit read a report from Don O'Connor. Crack sealing on Speedway Drive was completed and the paving should begin this week. The department is going to asphalt patch the culvert cutouts as well as repair the dip in Fowler Road at the crest of the hill between Fairfield and Rebert. Repairs will also be made to lateral cracks on Garrison Road between Jackson and the Vanderglas residence. Don is getting a quote to repair a damaged driveway on Old Mill Road from the mowing tractor. The ditch projects will begin after the road projects are completed. In the cemetery, mowing is down to 3 days a week and Don is looking to crack seal the roads in the cemetery. Section F in the upper section of the cemetery is laid out and will contain approximately 170 graves. The trustees discussed the possibility of chip and sealing the cemetery roads with a slurry topcoat and removal of the loose stones.

### **Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Baldwin stated that in the last 3 weeks there had been 37 calls for service, 6 criminal arrest, 6 traffic stops and 9 assists to other departments. The new cruiser was picked up on June 26<sup>th</sup> and is at the county garage for the placement of the decals. The cruiser will then go to P&R Communications for the rest of the equipment and lights. P&R Communications will install a warning brake light bar that included by Ford on the vehicle. The antifreeze leak in the current cruiser has been fixed and the vehicle is running well. Brandon noted that several properties have been advised of the tall grass and the residents were addressing the problem. Trustee McClure asked what Deputy Baldwin could do for when a property has overgrown vegetation in the fenced in back yard.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks for the Trustees to sign and the latest credit card statements for Trustee McClure to review and sign off on.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Multiple quotes were received for the catch basin work in Holiday Valley. Some of the man hole covers are needing work due to water intrusion. It was also noted after the repairs of the catch basins are complete; maintenance will need to be kept up to prevent water intrusion.

Trustee Pettit noted the new website was close to going live. The template is ready and the trustees were sent over a sample web site for review.

Trustee McClure commented on the meeting with Clemans Nelson regarding the payment of hours for the members of the fire/ems department. Chief Wendling has been in contact with other departments who faced similar issues. Trustee McClure noted the township wants to make sure there is compliance with all labor laws.

Trustee Pettit thanked the Brentlinger family for the use of their property at the VFW near the football field for the firework display.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit stated he had received a text about the electric aggregation program and if the previous contract had expired.

Trustee McClure stated he would contact Trebel on the issue.

Trustee Young asked if Don had been able to demo other skid steers.

There was some discussion about surplus road and fire items and possibly listing them on govdeals.

At 8:35pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.