

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session - June 5, 2017

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, June 5, 2017.

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

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour stated the department had 6 responses during the last 2 weeks, including a lightning strike, alarm drop, lift assist, two motorcycle accidents, an illegal burn and a structure fire at United Fiberglass. The department was able to use the phone system in the new truck, which worked very well. On June 14th the department will have its hose and ladder testing. Engine 2 is back on govdeals with a lower reserve. Rescue 59 needs to have pump and valve repairs. Larry also reported that the training house has been torn down.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated that road mowing was in progress and they were currently on the Jackson/Garrison Road area and also patching potholes in the roads. In the cemetery they have continued to keep up with the mowing and weed eating. Don reported that the spring foundations had been poured and the monument companies had been notified. They planned to start cutting the new roads to the upper part of the cemetery on June 6, depending on the weather. Don reported that they are continuing the summer maintenance in the park. Don stated a camera had been installed in the cemetery. Trustee Catanzaro asked about the wash out holes on the side of the Old Mill near the S-curve. Trustee McClure asked if there were any culverts on Hustead or Arthur road that would need to be replaced with the new paving project. Don also presented the information for a potential new hire for a part-time employee.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kauffman was not present.

Enon Fire and EMS

Assistant Chief Elmer Beard presented the run report for the month of May prepare by Chief Tracy Young, who was on the departments 921 run of the year. May was a record month with a number of accidents and drug overdoses. Elmer reported that the parade line up will begin at Indian Valley on the 4th of July at noon, with the parade beginning at 1pm. The parade will conclude once again at the firehouse. Trustees asked if the schedule was being filled adequately, to which Elmer responded it was, even though 3 members left for the Springfield City training. The burn victim from Enon Beach July 2nd incident was flown to Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the monthly financial reports and bank reconciliations for April.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Catanzaro stated that he received numerous compliments about the cemetery on Memorial Day. Trustee Estep asked if the items that had been removed and stored were being picked up. Don stated that many had not. The discussion was to put signs up to alert visitors where the items were being stored. Mr. Kinamon from the VFW stated that friends and family were impressed with how clean the cemetery looked.

Trustee McClure stated that there are a number of nuisance complaints about grass and weeds. He would like to hire a Sheriff Deputy on a very limited part time basis to approach some of the property owners

about the issue, feeling they would have a better result. He stated he had been in contact with the Sheriff Department and the department does allow its deputies to take on additional duty at a rate of \$25 per hour. Trustees agreed to pursue a possible contract with the Sheriff's Office to hire a Deputy on a very part time basis. Trustee Estep is in favor of placing the Sheriff Levy on the November ballot. Trustee Catanzaro would like the community to respond on the issue before placing it back on the ballot.

The discussion then turned to the Jackson Road nuisance property with the huge odor and water issue. Trustees stated that they had been to the site with Larry Shaffer of the Health Department. Mr. Shaffer had given the owner of the property until June 16th to remediate the situation. That is the date of the County Board meeting where the board could act if the owner had not followed the conditions set forth by Mr. Shaffer, which included the covering of the piles with top soil. Many of the surrounding neighbors were present to voice their concerns over the problem. Other than the horrible smell coming from the property which many of the neighbors stated was hurting their quality of life and property values, the water runoff to the properties adjacent to the property was creating problems as well with erosion, flies and mosquitos. There was some difference of opinion from the health department and the residents on what was being stored at the property. The open piles appeared to be rotting grain, but the residents stated that the large 1,000 pound plastic bags were full of industrial waste, dead insects, from the company Enviroflight LLC in Yellow Springs. Also, animals at the property were living in poor conditions and not being cared for. On June 6th, excavation was set to begin to cover the piles with dirt to help alleviate the smell and standing water, as per the Health Department order. The neighbors voiced numerous times that they wanted the soil and water to be tested and they were not in favor just covering the problem with dirt. The neighbors want all of the waste hauled away from the property, as do the Trustees. The group of concerned neighbors discussed turning to the television reporters as well as hiring an attorney to fight the property owner. The Trustees allowed the neighbors the use the bay of the firehouse to continue their discussion while the township meeting went on.

Chief Tracy Young arrived at the meeting and discussed the tornado response from the May 24th tornado. He did activate the hyper-reach system, which did have issues with a delay that was caused by a problem with the AT&T infrastructure. He did not have an update on the burn victim status. Chief Young said the OD run he was on was for cough syrup. The department was looking to secure a grant from Firehouse Subs to help in the purchase of new cardiac monitors.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep wanted to have an executive session to discuss the hiring of personnel.

Trustee McClure attended an all tax incentive review of all the abatements in the county, to make sure they are in compliance with the tax abatement guidelines. Seepex is the only company in the township with abatement.

Trustee Estep mentioned that Clark County Community Planning was reviewing phase 2 of the Bluffs of Enon. According to Jonathon Burr the roads and drainage issues were addresses and approved. Trustee Estep asked Don to take a look at the catch basins in the development to make sure there were not issues like the ones in Hunters Glen.

New Enon VFW post commander Dennis Straugh was present to ask for donations to the annual 4th of July fireworks, noting donations were down for the year.

Trustee McClure motioned to donate \$1,000 to this year's Fireworks display, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2017-014)

Trustee Estep motioned to enter into executive session after the audience comments of the meeting, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Carrie Betteridge voiced her concerns about theft in the cemetery. She feels strongly that more needs to be done to keep the theft of decorations under control including flood lights, security cameras and possible tracking who goes in/out of the cemetery. She wanted to be kept aware of the actions that would take place to help the situation. Trustee Catanzaro stated he would contact the Mayor of Enon to see if an agreement could be reached on the opening and closing of the gate. Ms. Betteridge asked that copies of the new rules be available at the cemetery.

Mr. Wampler had some notes on the Old Quarries now part of Enon Sand and Gravel, noting that they were not in compliance with a number of the section 129 regulations for mining operations, including fence height, piles too close to the road and broken fencing. Trustee Estep stated that she would forward the

information County Zoning. Mr. Wampler stated it was a safety issue as people could gain access to the quarry through the broken fencing.

Ms. Provence had a concern about the overgrown shrubs and weeds in the back of her property at Schenely and Emerald. She showed pictures to the Trustees.

At 9:05 pm, Trustee McClure moved to go into executive session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:50 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to hire Bryce Alison pending the results of the background investigation as a part time road department employee at \$10 and hour, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Rudy mentioned the need for a motion to move \$47,795.83 from the Fire and EMS Equipment and Building Fund to the Husted Fire Truck Bond Retirement Fund to cover the annual payment of principal and interest.

Trustee Estep moved to transfer the \$47,795.83 from the Fire and EMS Equipment and Building Fund to the Husted Fire Truck Bond Retirement Fund, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:00 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.