

Mad River Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session – March 6, 2017

The Mad River Township Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, March 6, 2017.

Present: Trustee President Kathy Estep, Township Trustees Robert McClure Jr. and Joe Catanzaro

Absent: Mad River Township Fiscal Officer David Rudy

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Estep asked Trustee Catanzaro to record the minutes of the meeting.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Tuesday, February 21, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular session as presented, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Department Reports

Enon/Mad River Township Fire and EMS

Enon/Mad River Township Fire and EMS Chief Tracy Young reported that the fire and EMS department had a combined total of 332 responses to date and 154 responses for the month of February.

Significant Events:

- Consultation with Medicount: EMS Billing Questions
 - Young reported that he consulted with Ted Jennings at Medicount about collection rates.
 - Jennings said rates are currently steady but will climb and exceed the 2014 and 2015 numbers.
 - Hard billing
 - Jennings discussed sending non-residents' bills to a third-party collection entity.
- Specifications submittal for new rescue engine. (\$577,498.56)
 - Young asked trustees to refer to attached information in their packets
- Repair of air compressor for air bottles
 - Young said that department personnel had done everything they could do on their end.

Hustead Fire Department

Husted Fire Chief Larry Ridenour presented his report for February.

Recent Runs:

- February 25 – 7:05 – Raymond Drive in Enon – dryer fire
- March 1 – 5:55 – Intersection at Fairfield Pike and Old Mill Road – Down tree, along with down wires, blocking roadway.

- March 2 – 1:15 – Fairfield Pike – down tree with wires

Total runs for January and February – 20 runs

- Fire – car, house, or brush – 4
- Auto Accidents – 7
- Fire Alarms – 3
- Others – down poles, lines, and trees – 6

Yearly inspection was conducted on all trucks

A special training session for fire fighters will be conducted at the training house on Saturday, March 18.

Hustead EMS

Hustead EMS Chief Heather Kaufman reported to trustees that the Hustead EMS Department had made 21 runs for the month of February 2017 in comparison to 35 runs in February 2016.

Number of Runs to date for 2017 – 68

Last year on this date, runs totaled – 66

Chief Kaufman broke down the runs by townships.

- Green Twp.
 - Part-time paid – 3
 - Volunteer – 1
 - Pitchen part-time – 2
- Mad River Twp.
 - Part-time paid – 5
 - Volunteer – 1
- Mutual Aid Given
 - Enon
 - Part-time paid – 3
 - Volunteer – 2
 - Springfield Twp. – 0
 - Yellow Springs
 - Part-time paid – 0
 - Volunteer - 1
- Mutual Aid Received
 - Enon – 0
 - Springfield Twp. – 0
 - Yellow Springs - 3

Township Roads and Cemetery

Roads

Township Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton Don O'Connor reported to trustees about an issue with the township's F350 dump truck - part broken on the bed of the truck.

The road crew has also been cleaning out catch basins in Green Meadows.

O'Connor reported that the 40 mph winds, which had hit the area the previous week, had blown down trees on Hagen Road.

- Crew cleaned up debris there

Also, the road crew had been out filling pothole in Green Meadows and Holiday Valley.

O'Connor discussed a drainage issue on Rocky Point Road. He said that the ditches along the sides of the road are filled with leaves and debris. O'Connor is asking local residents for assistance with cleaning out the ditches and keeping them free of debris.

Cemetery

The cemetery crew will be removing all winter grave decorations starting March 15.

O'Connor reported that the township had three burials scheduled for the week of March 6.

He said that a number of grave blankets were being temporarily stored along the side of the shed in the cemetery.

Old Business

Joe Garrett, aggregation specialist with Trebel LLC, told township trustees that recent declines in the wholesale electric energy marketplace have allowed competitive electricity suppliers to lower their prices and pass on those savings to local consumers.

According to Garrett, Trebel LLC. solicited bids from four retail electricity suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and found that First Energy Solutions offered the lowest rate among the four. IGS Energy's bid rate was 5.58 cents per kilowatt hour, and Constellation Energy offered a rate of 5.59 cents per kilowatt hour. Capital Energy came in with the highest rate of 5.62 cents per kilowatt hour.

Garrett pointed out that First Energy Solutions' estimated average rates for 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months were lower compared to Ohio Edison's estimated average rates for the company's customers who are not participating in an aggregation program. At the time of the quote, First Energy Solutions' estimated rate per kilowatt hour was 5.65 for 12 months, 5.63 for 24 months, and 5.39 for 36 months. Ohio Edison's estimated average rate per kilowatt hour was 5.80 for 12 months, 5.73 for 24 months, and 5.45 for 36 months.

Garrett said the 36-month contract with First Energy Solutions offered the best rate for the township.

He also noted that the township's current contract with IGS, at an aggregated rate of 6.83 cents per kilowatt hour, would be ending with the May billing period. The estimated start date with First Energy Solutions would probably commence with the June meter reading.

Township Trustee McClure moved to approve the 36-month contract with First Energy Solutions at an electric supply rate of 5.39 cents per kilowatt hour. Trustee Estep seconded the motion. (Resolution 2017-008)

The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Trustee Estep stated that Chuck Bower from the Clark County Solid Waste District would be visiting an upcoming township meeting to discuss a proposed drop-off site for recycling items. She noted that the township is waiting on the county prosecutor's office to complete the review of the proposal before all parties move forward with this project.

New Business

Trustee Estep discussed the proposed modifications to a mining permit, which involves 199 acres of a 400+-acre property, once owned by Demmy Sand and Gravel and purchased by Enon Sand and Gravel LLC in July 2015. The property is bordered on the north by Rebert Pike, on the south by Garrison and Husted Roads, on the east by South Tecumseh Road, and on the west by Hagen Road. The acreage is located near 200 homes, including homes in Echo Hills Estates and near Greenon High School. The property also borders the Greenon High School property line, and is close to a number of township businesses.

Estep told all township residents in attendance that the township had invited Larry Shaffer, Director of Environmental Health at Clark County Combined Health District, and Allan Neimayer, Senior Planner at Clark County Community and Economic Development, to the township meeting to address certain concerns of the residents and to answer some of their questions.

Audience Comments

Lengthy discussion about proposed permit for gravel pit – mining of limestone

- A significant number of township residents voiced their concerns over the possible contamination of their private wells, and less quantity of water in those wells. Several residents express their fears about declining property values that would bring about the loss of funding to the local school district and government entities. One resident pointed out that blasting and increased truck traffic would raise the level of air and noise pollution. Another resident expressed her fears about the possible release of carcinogens into the air and water supply. One man stated that he had recently completed construction on a large barn and was concerned about potential damage to the structure as the result of repeated blasting. Other residents also discussed the possible harm to protected and endangered wildlife in the area.

There being no further business, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn at 9 p.m., seconded by Trustee McClure.. Motion carried with all trustees voting yes.