

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session – May 18, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, May 18, 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 7:44 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the May 4, 2020 regular session, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 regular session, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Hustead Fire**

Trustee Young presented a report from acting Chief Hirtzinger. The new helmets were distributed to everyone. The department is at 45 runs YTD. The runs since the last meeting included downed power lines, three alarm drops, one lift assist and a couple of tractor fires. The rescue truck had a sensor replaced. The department is good on PPE at this time and they are holding monthly meetings again and hope to return to training next week.

### **Hustead EMS**

Trustee Young noted Chief Kaufman said things were running smoothly.

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Trustee Pettit presented a report from Chief Wendling. The department is still on lockdown following all the recommended guidelines and the supply of PPE is good. The department is going through the annual Protocol certifications for the department and will have Dr. Fryhof, the department medical director out to conduct the Megacode. The trucks are completing the scheduled maintenance with Ehman's Garage. Chief presented two applications to be approved by the Trustees, Becky Spence for support and Breanna Powell, a trained EMT. Both applicants have passed all background checks (BCI and Clemans Nelson) and required physicals. Run totals for May 2020 are 81 compared to 91 in 2019. Mutual aid given in May 2020 is two compared to zero given in May 2019. Mutual aid received in May 2019 was 8 versus 3 in May 2020. Year to date runs in 2020 are 624 compared to 750 in 2019. Mutual aid given in 2020 is 18 compared to 12 in 2019 and mutual aid received is 18 in 2020 compared to 43 received in 2019. Fire runs have been about 28% of the May volume. Some of the highlighted runs included a tractor fire on Rebert Pike, a skid steer fire, a fatal car fire on I-70 and six runs today, including multiple accidents on the highway, 1 involving the rollover of a tractor-trailer hauling cars and a response to an apartment fire. Chief noted that everyone was doing an outstanding job and morale was high.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Trustee McClure noted that Don had ordered the culvert pipes for the Fowler Road, with an anticipated start date of May 11<sup>th</sup>. The department does not anticipate any road closures, but there will be some inconvenience when the culverts are placed. In the cemetery, mowing and weed eating are ongoing as they gear up for Mother's Day and Memorial Day. In Holiday Valley, there are eight catch basins that need repaired or replaced. The Speedway Drive project will have new pavement from Dayton Road to Enon Road. The state and county road projects are currently on hold due to Covid-19 and the state shutdown. The culvert projects will go on since the work needs to be completed before the resurfacing of the roadway and with the lighter traffic; it is a good time to complete the project.

### **Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Baldwin reported 35 calls for service, 2 arrests, 7 traffic stops, 7 assists to other departments, 24 business checks and 60 citizen contacts. Brandon has responded to numerous nuisance complaints for tall grass in the Township as well as nuisance vehicles. The number of reckless driving complaints in some of the neighborhoods as well as Dayton Road. The individuals cited for speeding are going in excess of 20 MPH over the posted speed limit. Brandon stated he was having issues with the in-car radar system and recommended that the trustees look replacing the unit with a Stalker Radar, which is the unit installed in most of the county sheriff fleet. Brandon asked for the citizens of the township to slow down especially with the number of children outside. Trustee McClure asked for an update on the new vehicle. Ford is currently focused on ventilators and there is a significant delay in the new vehicle. Trustee McClure asked about the previous Pine Ridge address that has been abandoned for multiple years. The property was deemed a nuisance last year. Brandon will consult with the prosecutor about the process. Cruiser was in the garage for a check engine light on May 12<sup>th</sup>. There have been a number of accidents on the Interstate 70 past 2 weeks, including a semi rollover and a fatal.

Fiscal Officer Rudy noted an increase in the repairs for the year to the medics. He requested a supplemental appropriation of \$25,000. Currently the buildout for the new Horton Medic on a Ford chassis is on hold as is the new cruiser for Deputy Baldwin.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit is going to meet with a contractor and Don in Holiday Valley to review the 8-10 catch basins that need repairs.

Trustee McClure noted the Fowler Road culverts are in including the 60" culvert. There will be approximately nine new culverts on Fowler, Jackson and Garrison Roads.

Trustee McClure talked about the request from Brandon for a new Stalker Radar system, which can be transferred to the new cruiser. Trustee Young made a motion to purchase the new Radar from Stalker for \$2,454.89. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-010)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit made a motion for a supplemental appropriation for EMS Fund Repairs and Maintenance of \$25,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-011)

At 8:01 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 8:45 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young discussed the review of the applications and background checks from BCI, FBI and Clemons Nelson for a support position, Becky Spence and an EMT position, Brenna Penwell. Trustee Young made a motion to approve the hiring of Rebecca Spence and Brenna Penwell. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Chief Wendling presented the trustees with a proposal to change the software at the station to Office 365 that will aid in efficiency, access and provide a possible savings in \$4,800 over a three-year period. Trustee Young made a motion to move to Office 365 in the firehouse. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young started a discussion on the status of the road projects, due to the cuts at the county engineer's office and the state budgets due to the current situation. The Fowler Road project on the OPWC grant which is on hold. The discussion included possible other areas to pave or chip and seal this year, including Tiffany Acres including Chico Court. Trustee Young asked about the effect of the shut down on the gas tax. Fiscal officer Rudy noted that there had been a reduction in the receipts. The culvert replacement areas will need patched. Trustees will follow-up with the county on the options for the year.

The trustees reviewed some questions and comments received during Facebook Live.

Leslie Gardone said that Bethel showed up at the semi rollover accident on Interstate 70 and their assistance to the township is appreciated.

Mr. Looper called the county regarding the parking of an oversized commercial vehicle in a yard on Green Meadows. The county stated that would look into the situation, but also noted that they were considering loosening the restrictions on allowing commercial vehicles to park in a neighborhood overnight. Trustees were not aware of the possible change and noted that if the semi-tractor without a trailer is not parked on the road it could be ok overnight. The trustees will follow up with the county.

Mrs. Kathy Voytko asked about the flooding issues. Trustee Pettit noted that there is a plan in place for southern Green Meadows. With the new school project, Enon Xenia will be redone and a larger main storm sewer carrying the water down Enon Xenia to Mud Run Creek will be installed. Once that project is completed, Trustee Pettit noted he is currently planning four phases to the project to help with the flooding.

The trustees said any further questions could be emailed to [madrivertwptrustees@gmail.com](mailto:madrivertwptrustees@gmail.com)

At 9:00 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.