

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – May 20, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, May 20, 2019.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 May 6, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated he just returned from a mutual aid call to Rocky Point with Hustead and he commended the crews for their work. They attended an event at Bud Hilliard's motorcycle park and accepted a donation. The department participated in the Great American cleanup in Clark County and worked on Galloway and Porter Parks. Trustee McClure commended them. Chief is working on the permits and logistics for the 4th of July Parade and the department hopes to have all trucks in the VFW's Memorial Day Parade. Tim mentioned the smoke detector give away from the Red Cross. Year to date runs for 2019 are 760, 2018 were 697 and 2017 were 807. The department had 162 calls in April, of which 15 required a mutual aid responses due to crew already on a run or additional resources needed.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour was still on a run and not available.

Hustead EMS

Gary Coy reported the department had 22 runs so far in May and 155 year to date, compared to 166 in the prior year to date. The department is prepping for the Pancake Breakfast during the July 13-14 Barnstorming Festival at the airport. Trustee Catanzaro asked if more mutual aid calls were coming in because Bath Township dropped Fairborn as the primary responders. Gary did not believe so.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated they have been out filling potholes and the 1st road mowing is complete on the berm only due the ditches being so wet. Don stated the gravel is stockpiled for the Broadway Road Project. Don received complaints from people who were receiving tickets for going around the road closed signs on Snyder during the high water event. Don stressed the danger of driving through floodwaters. In the cemetery, they are preparing hard for Memorial Day and the VFW had started to place flags. Dodds Monuments delivered a large number of head stones. Don said the Pride group would be weed eating tomorrow and the military ID markers have been set.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Baldwin texted Trustee Estep that he was on a call and unable to attend. Per Trustee Catanzaro, Deputy Baldwin should be on the streets officially next Monday, May 27th.

Fiscal Officer Rudy was not present but Trustee Estep noted she had mail from the Tecumseh Land Trust and a citizen letter on the quarry. Trustee McClure relayed thoughts and prayers to David and his family during this difficult time.

Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session to discuss possible discipline of public employees, seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Aaron Weare turned over all the information from their investigation. The investigation concluded that there was no clear evidence to file administrative charges.

Trustee Estep stated the Ohio EPA sent a new letter to CAM about additional testing to be done on the discharge of water into the creek.

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Kathy Voytko asked if Trustee McClure was going to read a statement and about the staff on duty and mutual aid.

Mr. Chris Price asked about the report and if it addressed the hiring process. He understands that no administrative charges were found but stated there are 2 sides to each story. Trustee McClure noted the report will be thoroughly analyzed and will be made available.

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about the investigator being tasked to investigate the hiring of an employee and about the sexual assault claim on WHIO. Trustee McClure told Mr. Clark he would be able to see the report.

Mrs. Brooke Whitacre asked if there were recommendations like those she had previously mentioned and voiced concerns over the problems getting worse in the department even though great people work there.

At 9:37 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.