

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – November 18, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, November 18, 2019.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 November 4, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling reported the department responded to an accident on I-70 on November 12th and were treating a patient in the medic when the medic was struck in a chain reaction crash where a semi crashed into the 1st patient's vehicle which then hit the medic. John Clark sustained serious injuries, while the other medic and the original patient were treated and released. The driver of the semi was killed. The medic sustained heavy damage to the passenger side rear and was going to be shipped to Horton for repairs. The department also responded to a house fire with 3 units and mutual aid from Bethel. The Association held a turkey dinner on November 16th at the fire house with the proceeds going to benefit John. The Christmas Santa parade will be an actual parade with departments from the surrounding area going from Indian Valley to the fire house. Year to date runs are 1,736 compared to 1,682 for 2018. Chief said the department held a critical debriefing with members of the Bethel department after the I-70 incident. Trustee Estep extended her thanks to all the first responders for the work they do especially on the highway. Trustee McClure echoed the thanks to the department and extended thoughts and prayers to John.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour reported ten runs in the last 2 weeks, including multiple auto accidents (including a deer strike and slide off on icy roads), lift assists and mutual aid calls to Yellow Springs (cancelled in route). Chief advised the public to slow down on icy roads and also to be alert for deer as they are running this time of the year. Chief noted that the mutual aid calls that are cancelled in route are probably a precautionary action to lower the response times to their fires. At the November 14th County Chiefs meeting, Larry noted the Red Cross has a plan to place smoke detectors free of charge in the homes of residents who ask for one and he has flyers about the program. He asked for thoughts and prayers for a member of his department going through chemotherapy. The Fireman's banquet will be December 4th and Larry invited the Trustees.

Hustead EMS

Lieutenant Gary Coy reported the department had ten runs in the last 2 days which brought the total in November to 40. The total runs YTD in 2019 are 386, compared to 396 in YTD 2018. Mr. Coy noted a response to a number of mutual aid calls in Springfield Township. Trustee Catanzaro asked if the runs into Springfield Township were due to staffing issues or multiple runs. Gary said most are due to multiple runs. The phone lines are working.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Conner said the salt was delivered and the grits have been mixed in. During the snow, the department was out at 4 am and the snow did require some plowing. Truck 3, the 1994, bed lift cylinder had been repaired. The multiple curve signs are in and will be placed on Fowler. The signs for Muddy Run Creek on South Tecumseh are ordered as well. In the cemetery, the mulching of leaves is complete. Don has had a number of funerals in the last couple of weeks. The shifting rod on the backhoe broke will be welded.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported for the last 2 weeks responding to 32 calls, with 1 arrests. He completed five traffic stops and had 12 assists to other departments. He completed the 2 day OSP criminal interdiction patrol training with members of the Sheriff Department and the K-9 Unit. After the training, which focused on drugs moving through the township, 3 kilos of cocaine were discovered during a traffic stop initiated by Deputy Weaver. Brandon made contact with several residents over nuisance complaints and contacted Ms. Tuttle at Clark County Zoning with regards to properties on Dayton and Collier Roads. Deputy Baldwin did deploy his Patrol rifle in a response to Park Layne about a possible armed suicidal suspect. Brandon and Sgt Chad

Brown assisted the Greene County Sheriff and BCI with an arrest of a suspect in a homicide. The arrest occurred at the Hunter Road Apartments. He also attended the Veterans Day assembly at Greenon High School.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the October bank reconciliation and monthly reports for the trustees to review and also noted 2 resolutions that would need passed by the trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep read a letter including the back story for the naming of the “unnamed creek” in the township organized by the Mud Run Conservancy. The letter is available upon request. Mud Run Conservancy needs the approval of the trustees to submit an application to the US Board of Geographical Names to name the creek “Coyote Run” which was the winning name in the contest held at Enon Primary and Indian Valley.

Trustee Estep moved to approve Coyote Run as the name for the previously unnamed waterway that begins near the Springfield Airpark, meanders for about 4 miles through farm fields under S. Tecumseh Rd and Fairfield Pike before merging with Mud Run near the intersection of Garrison Rd and Fairfield Pike. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-27)

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep made a resolution of necessity for the purpose of placing a renewal of an existing 0.80 mills outside of 10 mills on the residents of Mad River Township (including the Village of Enon) for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore; or the purchase of ambulance equipment pursuant to ORC Section 5705.19(I) to be placed on the March 17, 2020 primary ballot for the tax years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-028)

Trustee Estep made a resolution to purchase and use “employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy” instead of individual surety bonds for elected officials and other employees of the township. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-029)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ned Clark asked where he and his wife could make a donation to the injured EMT.

Mrs. Marian Ladislaw thanked the trustees for allowing her to speak. She did ask that the trustees provide some type of microphone for the podium in order to hear the reports.

At 8:12 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.