

## MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – November 21, 2016

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, November 21, 2016.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to the audience members in attendance.

Trustee Estep moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the November 7, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Rudy had nothing to report.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Road and Cemetery**

Don O'Connor reported that road mowing was ongoing, but the tractor was down currently. New tires are needed for the tractor. Don wanted to remind the township residents that catch basins are not for disposal of leaves or grass clippings. A number of ash trees were removed from Broadway. The plowing equipment and trucks are being checked and there are approximately 200 tons of salt and 250 tons of grits available. In the cemetery, Don reported that leaves were being mulched, trees had been planted around the Columbarium. He also reported that a red maple had been replaced due to a deer rub and that fall graves had been sodded. The new dump/plow truck is ready to be picked up and moved to Henderson's for mounting of the bed and plow.

#### **Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kaufmann was not present.

#### **Hustead Fire**

Chief Larry Ridenour reported that there had been 7 runs in the last 2 weeks: multiple illegal burns where smoke is the main issue with the fires. The department also responded to a couple of field fires. On 11/13/16 the new firetruck was dedicated and was well attended. They department will be attending training at the refrigeration plant in Springfield for the handling of anhydrous ammonia accidents. The fireman's dinner will be 12/7 @ the Dock. Chief also reminded the trustees of the joint meeting @Hustead at 8:00 on 12/1.

#### **Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Jeff Wise stated that on Thursday, November 17, the US Marshall's were called to Pleasant Valley on a standoff situation. On Friday the 18, there was a serious motorcycle-vehicle accident on Enon Road at the Greene County Line. Trustee Catanzaro asked why some vehicles were being allowed to drive through the scene with glass. Deputy Wise stated that since the traffic was backed up, they decided to move some vehicles through to area.

#### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief Tracy Young presented his run report. He highlighted numerous accidents on 11/19 on I-70 due to weather conditions and reminded citizens to drive according to the conditions on the road. Chief Young stated that the Fire association members took on the Junior Raptors in a charity wheel chair basketball game. The Fire Association lost and there are pictures on the Facebook page. Chief Young presented a

contract for Engine 2 from Clark State in exchange for Fire Officer and paramedic training. The Santa Parade on the firetruck will be December 9, but the route is still being worked on.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Catanzaro said he had received a number of compliments on the Rocky Point project and commended Don and the crew on the work they did. Trustee McClure said he noticed a large amount of leaf debris in the ditches already and was glad the project completion beat the bad weather.

Trustee Estep mentioned the magnolia tree planted at the firehouse secured with a grant from the Bloom Blitz program from Keep Clark County Beautiful.

Trustee Estep thanked the community for the support in passing the renewals on the Fire and EMS levies. She was also saddened by the failure of the Sheriff replacement levy and was unsure of the status of keeping the deputy because of the funding loss. The media responded that they heard the levy was a little hard to read on the ballot and that community members were worried about the possible school levy coming soon for new buildings. Trustee Catanzaro said the Trustees would put feelers out to the township residents for another levy and that people may not have understood that the increase was very small and that without the levy funds the township may not have the services of Deputy Wise. Some discussion ensued about when another levy could be placed on the ballot as well as when the school levy was going to be placed. Trustee McClure stated that they will listen to what the township residents want.

Chief Larry Ridenour wanted to voice his support for the work Deputy Wise does, especially with regards to the illegal burns.

Mrs. Voytko responded as a resident that she has nothing against Jeff but she wants to see what the newly elected Sheriff has planned for her department before she would vote for a new levy.

Trustee Bob McClure asked Deputy Wise what would happen if the township did not sign the contract for 2017. Deputy Wise stated that he would be placed in an open position in the county which could be on the road or in the jail. He stated that if a levy passed in the future there would be no guarantee that he would be placed back in the Township.

Trustee Estep commended Deputy Wise for his work on the nuisance complaints in the township. Trustee McClure said that Deputy Wise brought a lot more to the position than the deputies before him.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Estep made a motion to enter the memorandum of agreement with Clark State Community College for the purpose of exchanging the 1990 Sutphen Fire Engine for Fire Officer and Paramedic training classes. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2016-019)

Trustee Estep also motioned to have an executive session following the regular meeting to discuss possible disciplinary action on an employee. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

## **Audience Comments**

Mr. Clark discussed the loss of the inheritance taxes to the local townships and also stated that Deputy Wise returning to the county would be a loss for the community. He inquired if the elected officials would contribute part to the health insurance coverage provided by the township if there would be enough money to cover the Sheriff contract.

Mrs. Voytko asked what would happen to the car and equipment and also asked if the Township would recognize Jeff for his service. Trustee Estep stated he would at the last meeting of the year.

Mrs. Collins asked what the coverage would be from the Sheriff if Jeff's contract was not extended. Deputy Wise stated that the calls would be handled by priority by the Deputies on Duty covering the area from 675 to 68 to the mall area including parts of German Twp.

At 8:30pm, Trustees entered into Executive Session.

At 9:30pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:31pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.