

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session -October 16, 2017

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 16, 2017.

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

Trustee Estep called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Estep asked for a moment of silence for Kenny DePhilip, a Greenon student who died in an auto accident.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Acting Chief Elmer Beard stated the department had 1649 runs year to date. Chief presented an application for Selinda Sizemore for approval to hire. October 9 - 15<sup>th</sup> was Fire Prevention week. The department along with Husted hosted the students from Enon Primary for a tour of the station. The dispatch phone system is still working through some issues, including an echo, problems with the caller ID and a couple of handsets disconnecting from the base. Tim Wendling is continuing to work with 4 Runner Technologies and Nick Williams to address the issues. Tim does not feel we can cut the ATT analog lines totally out of the system at this time. Chief Beard stated that the parts were ordered for the backup generator and the new Lifepak 15's were in and training will be held in set up and administration. The should be deployed in a couple of weeks. The ESO patient care system is nearly operational as is the fire Emergency Reporting. Department training has been set for October 22-24. The department had the command center set up along with the Enon Police department for the Apple Butter Festival. On Sunday at the end of the Festival, the department responded to a serious crash involving two Greenon students. One student was pronounced at the scene. Finally, Chief announced that the department would be holding the annual Beggar's night open house at the Firehouse from 6-8pm.

### **Husted Fire**

Chief Larry Ridenour stated his department had been on 5 runs in the last 2 weeks, including a tree down in the road, multiple vehicle accidents and a landing for Care Flight on a medical emergency. The pump testing was held on October 11 and all of the pumps performed well. The department was glad to participate with Enon in the Fire Prevention Week. Chief Ridenour also stated that the SCBA mask testing and replacement was being completed.

### **Husted EMS**

Chief Heather Kauffman was not present.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Don O'Connor stated that the Boone Station culvert issue mentioned last meeting was out of the right of way for the road on the property. They are fixing the catch basins in Hunters Glen. Two have been completed and another 7 are needing repairs. Don would like to ask one resident in Hunters Glen to move their mail box. A few catch basins also need work in Holiday Valley. Road mowing will continue next week. The 550 dump truck is in for repairs. In the cemetery, Don reported that almost all of the dirt from the airport project has been received. The dirt is being moved around at the cemetery. The ditching work will be completed in the Grandview, Lindair Acres and Tecumseh Estates areas. The Historical Marker site has been designated and the sign will be set. Don estimated that he had 200 to 250 tons of salt and 100

to 150 tons of grit on hand. Trustee McClure asked if Don had ever had a person from out of state prepay for a cremation directly to him.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the September reports to the Trustees for their review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Clark County Prosecutor Andrew Pickering was present to discuss the nuisance property at the corner of Husted and South Tecumseh Road. The property really became an issue after the first responders had to combat an arson fire at the property and had to deal with a number of problems. The trustees have tried to pursue a number of options to have the property cleaned up without using tax payer funds. According to Andrew, the owner of the property, a Limited Liability Company, had filed for bankruptcy, but the case was dismissed 2 years ago for failure to comply with the demands of the court. The foreclosure is still up in limbo. The judgement of foreclosure had been entered into 2 times, but was cancelled prior to the Sheriff Sale. According to Andrew, the township would have to basically travel 3 courses at the same time to deal with the building, the automobiles and the vegetation. Each course has its own requirements and deadlines based on the sections of the Ohio Revised Code. Declarations of the nuisance would need to be made, the property would need to be documented, certified mail would be sent out. The Trustees would have to schedule a hearing for the owner which would need to be recorded. If the finding was that the property was to be a nuisance, another notice would need to be sent to the owner, giving deadlines for compliance to clean up the property. If the owner fails to clean up the property at that time, the Trustees have the right to clean up the property at that time and try to seek restitution after the cleanup. According to Andrew, if the process went smoothly, the township could have the clean-up completed in the spring of 2018. Other discussion included the township purchasing the property at Sheriff Sale if it would come up as well as seeking assistance from the county land bank.

Trustee Estep stated that celebration for the Rocky Point Bridge was rescheduled to November 6, at 6:30 pm at the Enon Fire Station instead of the original October 22 date. Invitations will be sent to the citizens group who raised money for the historical marker as well as the Enon Historical Society.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustees asked if the candidate for employment had been discussed by the department officers. Tim Wendling stated that they give a high recommendation for the hiring. Trustee McClure moved to accept the application of employment for Selinda Sizemore and proceed with hiring her for the department. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mrs. Kathy Voytko asked for the Trustees response to the fact that the County Commissioners were moving forward with a 911 dispatch center for the county and will be charging taxpayers about \$60 a year for the service. According to Kathy, Rick Lohnes stated that townships will no longer need to have their own dispatching. Trustee Estep noted that the township is a secondary PSAP. When 911 is called, the call goes to the county currently and then is relayed to our dispatchers who know the area and residents better, providing a higher quality of service. When the 864-1994 or 1995 numbers are called, that is direct to our dispatchers. Trustee McClure stated that residents like the service provided by the local dispatchers, but noted that may change if the residents have to pay for the county service. Trustee Catanzaro stated that other townships provided the same secondary service.

Roger Manns was present to bring up the flooding issues in the West Enon area. He stated that he had been present at meeting after flooding in March 2007, May 2014 and now the July 2017 flooding where he had 6" of water and mud in his house. He is going to have to spend a large amount of money to try and protect his property by adding a retaining wall. He mentioned the engineering study the Township had done in September 2014. Trustee Catanzaro mentioned that the county engineer had been out on a number of occasions to look at the situation and a solution appears to be a retention pond but there is no area available for the pond.

Mr. Chris Price stated that the local dispatchers do know the area well, but wondered how much longer they would be willing to work and if new people were being recruited. Mr. Price also asked if the anonymous letter in regards to Chief Young looked like the one received for Chief Leist and if the anonymous letters would make it hard to recruit qualified personnel to fill the position. Trustee Estep

stated that the Trustees have had and will continue to have interactions with the department to move the department forward and address any of the concerns with regards to the policy manual, recruitment of personnel and training time to get them in the service rotation.

Mrs. Kathy Clark asked if the township would hire an administrative chief. Trustee Estep responded the Trustees would be looking for an active chief who is will to be hands on in the department.

At 9:05 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.