

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – October 21, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 21, 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 Catanzaro moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour stated the department had 7 runs in the last 2 weeks including a 2 car auto accident, a brush fire, an oven fire, a structure fire in Springfield Township, a missing child (cancelled in route) and mutual aids for a 15 acre cornfield fire in South Charleston and Haddix Road with the tanker for a grass fire. The department has responded to 118 runs this year. The phone system at the station is being repaired. On October 30th, the department is scheduled to tour the refrigeration plant where anhydrous ammonia is used. Larry was able to find rims and tires for the brush truck. Larry reminded the public of the time change on November 3rd and also reminded them that it was a good time to change the batteries in the smoke detectors. Trustees asked if there was an official ban on open burning. Chief responded he did not believe so, but residents must get permits for any open burning.

Hustead EMS

Lieutenant Gary Coy noted the run numbers for September were 38 this year compared to 51 runs in 2018. The runs to date in October are 23 this year compared to 40 in 2018. The next run for 2019 will be number 239. Gary said that Dorothy McNeil, a former member of the department recently passed away. He noted that scheduling for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons have been tough, but the runs have been covered. Trustee McClure asked about mutual aid runs to Bath Township. Lt. Coy noted that Springfield Township seemed to be calling more for mutual aid recently, than Bath Township. He did note if they are called to Bath Township, the calls take the department almost to the city of Fairborn.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor said the department was starting the final round of road mowing. The trucks are going in for the DOT inspections. Don stated they would repair the catch basins in Holiday Valley since the bids from other companies for the repairs were not reasonable. The excavation work near the Road department building cut the phone lines. In the Cemetery, the final foundations have been poured and the monument companies have been contacted. The Pride group is coming to weed eat in the cemetery. In the park, the tables have stayed graffiti free. Don noted that the salt bin has been repaired and he is still waiting on 65 tons of salt from last year's contract.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin gave his report of activity for the last 2 weeks, which included 3 arrests, 22 traffic stops and 128 citizen contacts. Brandon is attending subject control training provided by the Sheriff department and he is being sent to a patrol rifle user course to be certified on the patrol rifle. He was privileged to lead the annual Toy Run on October 20th that included over 3,300 motorcycles as a fundraiser providing toys to the Salvation Army. Brandon asked if the Trustees had decided on the new township cruiser. In December, Brandon is attending advance roadside impaired driver enforcement training to aid in OVI detection. Trustee McClure asked if the break-ins had slowed down in the area. Brandon noted that there had been nothing new reported to him, but a couple of concerned citizen calls had been received for suspicious persons.

Enon Fire and EMS

Lieutenant Scott Sells reported for the month the department has been on 112 runs compared to 114 runs in 2018, with mutual aid called out 2 times in 2019 compared to 8 times in 2018. Year to date runs are 1579 in 2019 (68 mutual aid) compared to 1521 in 2018 (124 mutual aid). The department really stepped up for the Apple Butter Festival. There were 23 members and 1 cadet present on Saturday and 20 members and 1 cadet present on Sunday. Both medics, the battalion and the gator were used for the 5k race/walk and a few members of the department walked with a woman who had recently undergone leg surgery and completed the walk in over 2 hours. The Trunk or Treat event this year was larger than previous years. The brush fire on Haddix

road required support from Hustead and Bethel. Trustee Estep said the woman at the 5k walk was very appreciative of the department members walking with her. Scott noted that 18.7% of the patients were taken to the new Mercy Emergency Room. This has reduced the percentage of transports to Soin (64% down to 52%) and Springfield (26% down to 20%)

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the Trustees with the September Bank Reconciliation and monthly reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure read the rules for the public comment period of the meeting adopted August 19, 2019.

Trustee Estep stated she had received several phone calls about the gas aggregation program that was approved by the voters in 2014. She reminded residents that the township uses group buying power to obtain the best rates for the residents and that no money is received by the Township Trustees from the program. Volunteer Energy is the current provider for a 2 year period at .389CCF. Information is available on the township website, www.madrivertownship.org. Kathy noted that there are no fees to cancel or join the aggregation plan, but if the resident is on another program, those providers may charge fees if the resident cancels the contract early.

Trustee Estep stated that she had met with some CAM Board members and Representative Kyle Koehler. They drove around the perimeter of the proposed quarry site and while Rep. Koehler felt there was nothing he can currently do legislatively, he was surprised at the close proximity the housing developments. Trustee Estep also stated that she attended another CAM board meeting on October 20th. The current status of the lawsuits, the Reclamation Commission appeal, and the ESG letter to the OEPA were discussed. Carol Culbertson and the CAM attorney have sent letters to the Ohio EPA asking them to enforce the existing regulations on mining. Trustee Estep reminded the public that the information and updates are available on the CAM website.

Marcus Bowman gave a presentation on the new website for the Township. The new website was created at no cost to the township.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Estep asked the trustees if she could attend the 33rd annual planning and zoning conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Deborah Hawkins Ingram spoke about Mr. Clark and freedom of speech.

Mr. Alan Donaldson thanked all of the firefighters from Enon, Bethel and Hustead for the quick response to the grass fire that started when his mower caught a guidewire bringing down a power pole. He also was grateful for the agenda prepared for the meeting.

Mr. Ned Clark stated he has not endorsed any candidate for the election, and he asked the trustees to investigate a possible wrongdoing in the fire/EMS department.

Mrs. Kathy Clark asked for clarification on what will happen when the 3 minute time limit is up during the public comments. She also stated that the aggregation letter she received did not have the same house and service address.

At 8:25 pm, Trustee Catanzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.