

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – October 7, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 7, 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 7:30 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 September 16, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling stated the park at the Gorge had lots of climbers and workers over the weekend. The Fire department surveyed the area to assess what would be needed in case of an emergency call. The department is ready for the Apple Butter Festival with a full list of volunteers and the EMA trailer will be set up. On Thursday, the department will participate in the Homecoming Parade for Greenon and monitor the bon fire. Chief noted this is Fire Prevention Week and members have been busy visiting the schools and hosting students at the station. Runs year to date are 1505 compared to 1449 in 2018. The number of mutual aid calls has decreased from 120 in 2018 to 67 in 2019 and 20% of the runs this year have been overlapping runs, where a call comes in while the department is already on another call. Trustee McClure asked about the use of an ATV for rescues in the gorge. Chief noted that the terrain is steep and the access is limited but only accessible by an ATV. Currently, the City of Springfield would be called in with their ladder truck to lower a victim to the bottom of the gorge for transport. The ATV would also be used at the Bud Hillard property where many people currently trail ride.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour noted the department had four runs in the previous 3 weeks including three car accidents and an illegal burn. Chief noted that accidents were caused by driver inattention. The ban on burning continues due to the dry weather. Larry is still looking for rims for the brush truck, but has been able to borrow tires from the old medic. Chief reminded the public about the farm equipment on the roadways and to have their furnaces checked by a qualified service company prior to the heating season. The department will participate in the Greenon Homecoming parade. On October 30th, the department will take a tour of the refrigeration plant in the industrial park.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman was not present.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated Stine Road had been restriped after the joint repairs were completed. Stop ahead and hidden drive signs were installed on Fowler Road. The s-curve on Broadway road is still an issue and Hensley Company is scheduled to seal the rocks in place to help. Don said the County was going to assist them with a culvert at Arthur Rd and Red Oak Circle to divert the water to Dayton Road. The east wall of the salt bin needs to be shored up and 65 tons of salt is still backordered. The backhoe and the road mowing tractor need repairs. In the cemetery, the foundations have been poured and they have a number of funerals scheduled. In the park, the tree was cleaned up allowing more access to the creek and the tables still look good. Trustee McClure asked about the catch basin repairs in Holiday Valley. Don stated no contractors had gotten back with him and that the department may have to repair them.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin gave his report of activity for the last 2 weeks, which included 3 arrests, 13 traffic stops and 111 citizen contacts. Brandon had contacted the owners of Boone Station School, Rebert and Rocky Point and the old daycare near the cemetery about the tall grass. He went to Domestic Violence Training designed to educate law enforcement on the signs of domestic violence and how to get victims the help they need. Brandon mentioned the criminal activity (car break-ins) that occurred in the Township again over the weekend and stated it was a priority of the Sheriff department. His hand held radar unit was sent in for repairs.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented Trustees McClure the current Lowes credit card statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Estep stated that CAM reported the Ohio EPA had notified Jurgensen Company that a full hydrogeological study for the site would need to be done. The lawyer for Enon Sand and Gravel sent a letter to the EPA that the company should be trusted and that no harm would be done to the aquifer. The letters are on both the EPA and the CAM websites.

Trustee Estep said the Mud Run Conservancy has been raising funds to protect Mud Run watershed. The "name the creek" contest was down to five names: Coyote Run, Redside Run, Dacey Creek, Hustead Creek and McDonald Brook. The students at Indian Valley and Enon Elementary will vote on the name. The winning name will be presented to the Trustees for approval. The currently unnamed creek flows through the Enon Sand and Gravel property into Mud Run.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ned Clark spoke about the time limit for public comments and how the military fought for people's right to speak.

Mrs. Kathy Clark spoke about the ending of the meeting prior to everyone being able to speak. She also asked about a public service announcement to warn the public about the break-ins of the vehicles in the township from the Sheriff Department.

Mr. Shannon Jackson praised Don for the work on Broadway and noted that the school busses take the curve too fast.

At 8:10 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.