

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session – September 16, 2019

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, September 16, 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 7:34 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 3, 2019 regular session, seconded by Trustee Estep. Motion carried 3-0.

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

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief Tim Wendling stated the department is down 15 runs month to date from 2018, however year to date runs 2019 are 1407, compared to 1342 in 2018. There have been no mutual aid received in September. The planning for the Enon Apple Butter Festival is ongoing with personnel and the EMA trailer ready to be on site. Tim reminded the Trustees of the four applications for employment from the prior meeting.

### **Hustead Fire**

Chief Larry Ridenour noted the department had four runs in the previous 2 weeks, including a structure fire, the result of an illegal burn; a call for oil on the roadway, which turned out to be molasses; a mutual aid call to a barn fire in Xenia Township where 3000 bales of straw were stored and a commercial fire alarm. The 1978 brush truck is out of service due to a tire/wheel issue. Chief asked the public not to have any open burning due to the dry conditions and reminded the public to be aware of the farm machinery on the roads. Larry urged people to have their furnaces inspected annually with the upcoming heating season. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Miami Township new Fire House on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

### **Hustead EMS**

Lieutenant Gary Coy stated the department had 21 runs this September compared to 51 runs in September 2018 and year to date runs were 285 in 2019 compared to 318 in 2018. Medic 95 was out of service for a number of days due to a sensor in the engine. The annual Hog Roast will be September 22 from 12-5 at the Hustead Station. Gary noted a problem with the phone system in the building and had an upgrade proposal from Marcus Bowman to address the problem. Lately, the department has been giving more mutual aid to Springfield Township, than to Miami Township. Trustee McClure asked if the separate boards were to vote on the phone system upgrade at this time.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Don O'Connor stated the department was able to complete a large amount of ditch work with the dry weather. They will be fixing the cross culvert at Killdeer Dr and Old Mill Rd. Eight catch basins are in need of repairs in Holiday Valley and Don is waiting on a contractor to provide an estimate. Crist Road will have some needed repairs near Rebert Pike. The AC in the building needed repairs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of road mowing will begin soon and there is still an issue with the gravel on the roadway at the S curve on Broadway. In the cemetery, Don said they have 12 foundations to pour, the graves have been seeded and the grass is coming in and they have handled a number of funerals. The park playground has been mulched and the picnic tabletops have been replaced with heavier black boards. Trustee McClure noted the county had worked on the ditch in front of the cemetery on Dayton Road that should help with drainage. Trustee Catanzaro asked if a school bus could go to Broadway Road to see if it may be causing some of the gravel on the roadway.

### **Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin gave his report of activity for the last 2 weeks. He noted the Pine Ridge property looked great after the cleanup. The owner of Boone Station had been contacted and would be handling the removal of the weeds at the location. The 3<sup>rd</sup> shift duty Brandon worked as he was able to catch the suspects in the car break-ins in the area. Brandon noted he was in training last week at Antioch College for crisis intervention training. The training focused on mental health issues and suicide recognition. Trustee Estep asked if the Pine Ridge property was secured now that it had been cleaned up. Brandon stated he would make sure it was.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented August bank reconciliation and reports to the Trustees for review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Estep spoke about CAM and their meeting with Kyle Koehler with regards to the mining permit process in Ohio. The discussion revolved around the lack of notifications and the lack of public citizen input in the process. Citizens of the township filed a lawsuit against Enon Sand and Gravel (ESG) after ESG tried to claim that most of the property had been mined and fell into a special zoning variance. ESG asked for a summary judgement, however the judge ruled against them and the case is scheduled to go to court in March 2020.

Trustee Estep moved to hire Malachi Cromlish, Cristina Kowalski, Kevin Fenwick and Louise Fenwick pending completion of pertinent background and reference checks to be completed by Clemens-Nelson Associates and subject to a one-year probationary period as mandated by the policy manual, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Estep responded to the questions asked at the previous meeting by Mr. Ned Clark, noted that files Mr. Clark was asking about were locked in a room referred to as the bullpen used by officers of the department. The files were in a locked desk drawer with no public access. Who used the desk? The most recent department member with the key was Mike Gardone and the drawer was not opened until it was assigned to crew leader Pam Weaver. When Pam opened the drawer and saw the files, she contacted Chief Wendling. Trustee Estep contacted the county prosecutor, who instructed Trustee Estep to look at the files and document what was found, which was the list provided to Mr. Clark with the records he requested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Estep moved to accept the rates and amounts as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for Tax Year ended December 31, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, the motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-025)

Trustee Estep moved to approve the bid for the upgrade to the Hustead telephones with the shared cost between Mad River Township and Green Township in the amount of \$1,845.00. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-026)

Trustee McClure noted the invitations to the Mercy Emergency Room open house on September 26, 2019.

Trustee Estep moved for an executive session after the public comments to discuss matters that are required to be kept confidential. Seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Marion Ladislaw was glad the Trustees are using the podium and did ask if there was a way to amplify their voices.

Mrs. Kathy Clark spoke about the public comments rules and her not being allowed to speak at the previous meeting.

Mr. Ned Clark did not understand why the meeting was adjourned when there were two persons on the list to speak.

At 8:21 pm, Trustee Estep moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:43 pm, Trustee Estep moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to enter into the cooperative agreement between the Board of Clark County Commissioners and the Trustees of Bethel, German, Mad River, Moorefield and Springfield Townships for the purpose of securing and OPWC grant for road resurfacing. Seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-027)

Trustee Catanzaro made a resolution authorizing Jennifer Hutchinson, Clark County Administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute the contracts as required. Seconded by Trustee Estep, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2019-028)

At 9:49 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.