

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – September 19, 2016

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, September 19, 2016.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure and Joe Catanzaro. Fiscal Officer David Rudy. Trustee Estep arrived after the formal session.

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to the audience members in attendance.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.

Trustee Catanzaro moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular session, seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion Carried 2-0.

Fiscal Officer David Rudy had presented the August 2016 reports and requested a motion on the acceptance of the amounts and rates as determined by the auditor's office for the 2017 tax budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Jeff Wise stated that there had been a couple of daytime burglaries in the eastern end of the township. He attended the Hustead Fire and EMS hog roast. The Pink Ribbon Girls softball tournament had a great turnout. The event raised almost \$4,400 from the sales of pink badges to law enforcement departments across the state and from the event itself.

Hustead Fire

Chief Larry Ridenour stated that while he was on vacation the department handled a number of runs. They had 13 in the last two weeks including motorcycle and auto accidents, illegal burns, trees into power lines, missing person search and even a tractor vs automobile accident. Chief mentioned that this is typically the season for a number of illegal burns and residents need to be courteous to the neighbors around them. The fires are supposed to be contained to a 3 by 3 area with natural sticks. Smoke is the most common nuisance issue with the burns. Matt Hirtzinger has been hired as the new Assistant Chief. The HAZMAT drill is turning out to be a large scale event, with the Springfield Hospital and Greenon High School being used in the training. The department hopes to have the parking lot sealed before winter. The new Fire Truck has the pump mounted and the bead painted. It is scheduled to be transferred to FMI for the mounting of the tools in the first week of October.

Road and Cemetery

Don O'Connor stated that seeding and strawing of ditches and driveway access was continuing on Rocky Point. Road mowing was started on Snyder Road and will be moving to Fowler Road next. In the cemetery mowing and weed eating were ongoing. To date 26 foundations had been ordered for the fall pour which they are planning to complete the last week of September or the first week of October. Mr. McClure asked Don to state some of the problems with the decorations that are being placed in the cemetery. Some of the problems include decorations that are displayed and never pick up at the appropriate dates, fragile or delicate decorations that do not do well in the weather and decorations that are 2-3 feet off the stone. The flat stone marked graves are a problem as well. Trustee McClure stated that the Trustees had a work session to discuss many items in the cemetery and the problems with the decorations. Trustee Catanzaro mentioned it was a safety issue for the Township workers who have to weed eat around the stones with all the decorations improperly displayed. Don mentioned that Clark County Utilities was going to be clear cutting access to the sewer line that cuts through the park.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tracy Young presented his comprehensive run report for August. The department provided aid to the United States Air Force Marathon on September 17. The total number of patients treated was over 400. Pam Weaver and Janet Burns helped dispatch and John and Eric assisted with treatment. The Fire Association won the charity softball tournament. The Clark County Sheriff mobile command post has been secured for the Apple Butter Festival. Fire Prevention week is the first full week of October and the theme for 2016 is "Don't wait, check the date! Replace smoke alarms every 10 years". Chief Young will be on vacation September 28 - October 3. Medic 2 was out of service for a short period of time as a wire had to be rerouted by Horton due to the fact that it caused a leak of radiator fluid.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman was not present. No report submitted.

Old Business

Trustee Catanzaro moved to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Seconded by Trustee McClure, carried 2-0. (Resolution 2016-015).

The trustees held a work session on Monday September 12, 2016 to discuss the fee structures for the open/close, grave lot pricing and columbarium fees as well as the display issues continually being dealt with by the township employees. Trustee McClure mentioned in the cemetery there are a variety of displays from solar lights to shepherd hooks that have created a number of issues while the employees try to weed eat around the stones, and many of the delicate smaller displays constantly are blown around the cemetery. Trustee Catanzaro sites the increase in labor costs for the cemetery due to the sheer volume of decorations being displayed and not being picked up. The Trustees know that this can be a delicate issue and are going to put a plan in place to start enforcing the rules. Ms. Collins asked if there was a list of rules and Don responded that there is a sign with the rules when you enter the cemetery and on the pamphlets for the cemetery. Trustee McClure stated that sometime early next spring there will be certain spots designated for the decorations.

New Business

Trustee Catanzaro motioned for an executive session to discuss an employee evaluation after the audience comments of the regular session. Motion seconded by Trustee McClure, carried 2-0.

Audience Comments

Ms. Collins asked when the trustees planned to enact the cemetery fee changes. Trustee McClure stated it would probably be at the next meeting. Ms. Voytko asked if there would be any action after the executive session. Trustee McClure thought not, but would let the media know otherwise.

Trustees entered into executive session at 8:06pm.

Trustees came out of the executive session at 8:55pm.

At 8:57 pm, Trustee Estep moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Catanzaro. Motion carried 3-0.