MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – November 2, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, November 2, 2020 via Facebook Live from the township road department building due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure, Todd Pettit, Jay Young and Fiscal Officer David Rudy

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:54 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the October 19, 2020 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief Tim Wendling stated the department had 169 calls in October and 1,444 calls year to date, which is down 212 calls from 2019. Mutual aid has been received on 41 runs in 2020, down from 72 runs in 2019. The new medic was pushed into service last Thursday. The department passed candy out at the station for trick or treat. The trucks were pulled in front of the station and visits were made from the State Highway Patrol and Enon Police. The new medic does have a little issue with paint that is being addressed. Trustee Young stated the medic was well designed. The trustees decided to place the 06 medic on Govdeals. Chief stated the department was on track for the December 1 transition to the county dispatch. The cards for mutual aid were being updated to give to the county.

Trustee Pettit moved to list the 06 Medic as surplus inventory and list it on Govdeals, with a minimum bid of $5,000. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-020).

**Hustead Fire**

No report available.

**Hustead EMS**

No report available.

**Sheriff**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin responded to 33 calls for service, made 4 arrests, 3 traffic stops and 8 assists of other departments from October 19 to November 2, 2020. Brandon worked trick or treat night passing out candy in the township neighborhoods.

**Road and Cemetery**

Don O’Connor did not have a report; however, the trustees noted the department was doing a lot of maintenance around the shop.

Fiscal Officer Rudy gave the September bank reconciliation and accompanying reports to the trustees for review. He also had the latest credit card statements for Trustee McClure to review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee McClure noted the county was still working on the speed limit for the Bluffs of Enon.

Trustee Pettit stated he had ordered a sound system with 2 remote microphones that will help with the meetings.

Trustee McClure mentioned the Covid 19 funding that the township has received. The funds received to date are $355,000 and can be used on a variety of items to help the township deal with the pandemic.

Trustee McClure stated that when the raises were given to Don and Ryan in the road department, the discussion about the part time employees was tabled until a discussion could be had with Don. Bob noted that it was difficult to find people with CDL’s to drive snow plow trucks. Trustee Pettit moved to give raises in the amount of $1.50 (to $14.00) to the part time employees who plow snow as well as mow grass and leave the part time employees that only mow grass at the current rate of $12.50. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-021).

Trustee McClure wanted to move Don to an even rate of pay. Trustee Young motioned to give Don a raise in the amount of $0.12 to $23.00. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-022)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee McClure noted that the Babcocks had a couple of items in the lease that they would like adjusted.

Trustee Young started a discussion about personnel. He noted that there are less volunteers will to help with the departments and that he would like to sit down with the current department members to develop a 2, 5, and 10-year plan for the departments. Surrounding townships are paying considerably more money for paramedics than Mad River Township and he would like to have a paramedic on each run. He also brought up the fact that Springfield Township has a full time administrator that is a paramedic to help run the department. After conferring with the departments, Trustee Young stated that he would like to also have input from the community. Trustee McClure noted during the process of filing the vacated trustee seat, that many of the applicants in the community have a large amount of expertise on a number of items that could be a good resource.

Trustee Young moved to add Mandy Holdren to the fire/ems department. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motioned carried 3-0.

At 8:41pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.