

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Session – December 21, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 21, 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 7:53 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the December 7, 2020 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 2-0.

Trustee Pettit moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular session. Seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief Tim Wendling stated the Santa Parade was a positive event well received in the community. There was great feedback on social media and the Springfield News Sun. Tim mentioned a number of runs including a fatal accident on I70 where the car left the highway, a car fire on I70, a garage fire on Nightingale Trail that was isolated to the garage (mutual aid was given by Husted), and an auto accident also assisted by Husted. There was an assist with Bethel Fire on a possible dive recovery and there have been multiple COVID related runs. Chief had an application for the trustees to vote on. The department had 103 runs so far in December and 1,736 runs year to date 2020, which is down 180 runs from 2019. Chief noted that since the switch to the county dispatch, the average time from dispatch to in the trucks has dropped from 2:58 to 1:55. Chief wanted to thank all of the Association members and the volunteers that helped with the Santa Parade. Tim thanked Tyler Sindle for heading the committee and also thanked Deputy Ryan Weaver, Deputy Brandon Baldwin and the Enon Police for their participation in the Santa Parade. Chief noted that COVID vaccinations are available for the members of the department, but are not mandatory. Chief stated the department is doing well on PPE for the COVID runs.

### **Husted Fire**

No Report.

### **Husted EMS**

No Report.

### **Sheriff**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin responded to 31 calls for service, 1 arrests, 3 traffic stops and 13 assists of other departments from December 7 to December 21, 2020. Brandon assisted the fire department with the Santa Parade on December 18<sup>th</sup>. He received a lot of positive comments for the parade.

### **Road and Cemetery**

Trustee Pettit went over a report from Don O'Connor. Truck 3 had the thermostat and radiator cap replaced due to an overheating problem. A spinner/auger control box was replaced on the Ford F550 and the backhoe was in the shop to repair the bottom glass that fell out. The department used about 16 tons of salt for the snow event last week. The department has the new pickup truck and Don has a couple of quotes in the amount of \$5,687 and \$7,085 from P&R communications for highway safety lights. The trucks bed was also Rhino lined. After some discussion, Trustee Young moved to take the lower quote from P&R communication to install the safety lights. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. The new sections of the have been laid out. Section F has 194 graves and new section G has 409 graves. A monument fell over in section 1-2 from what appears to be a collapsing foundation. Don and his crew have had approximately 75 burials this year and have 2 more this week. The graves have been sodded and Don will continue to sod them as long as sod is available. Trustee McClure spoke about the long process that has gone into the creation of the new sections in the cemetery including the movement of tons of dirt, the creation of roads and the ditch work to handle the water runoff.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the latest credit card statements to Trustee McClure for his review. He also noted a number of items that needed approval, including the law enforcement and dispatch contracts for 2021, the permanent and supplemental appropriations for the money received under the CARES act, the approval of the temporary appropriations to start the calendar year 2021, and establishing the time for the organizational meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> regular session of 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Young made a motion to accept the application and hire Alec Ekert for the Fire and EMS department. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. Chief Wendling noted that Alec is a FF/EMT almost done with his paramedic class.

Trustee Pettit noted the need to contact Mr. Bob Juric regarding the Scenic river designation for the Mad River and determine if the trustees are going to support or stay neutral. The trustees have not hear any negative feedback from the community.

Trustee McClure said there are still questions regarding the contract with the Babcocks for the use of the township owned lot.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustees Pettit made a motion to approve the permanent appropriations in the amount of \$50,743 for Fund 2272 Coronavirus Relief Fund and to approve the supplemental appropriations of \$325,527 for Fund 2272 Coronavirus Relief Fund. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-024)

Trustee Young moved to approve the temporary appropriations up to \$2 million for calendar year 2021. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-025)

Trustees discussed the date and time of the organizational meeting and the 1<sup>st</sup> regular session of 2021. The decision was to hold the organizational meeting for 2021 on January 4, 2021 at 7:30pm, followed by the first regular session of 2021.

Trustee Pettit moved to accept the 2021 law enforcement contract with the Clark County Sheriff that provides the township with 1 full time deputy not to exceed \$115,955.00. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-026).

At 8:25pm, Trustee Pettit moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing complaints about public employees. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:44 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Pettit moved to accept the 2021 Dispatching Agreement with the County Sheriff's Office. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-027)

At 10:46pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.