

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – December 7, 2020

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 7, 2020 via Facebook Live from the township road department building due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the November 16, 2020 regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 2-0.

Trustee Pettit moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure. Motion carried 2-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling noted the department switched to county dispatch on December 1 and other than a few small issues, the transition has been smooth. It will take a little time for the department and the county to get used to each other's processes. Chief stated the department has had 1,660 runs year to date in 2020, which is down 180 runs (1,480) from 2019 and 188 runs in the month of November 2020, up 44 runs (144) from 2019. The new medic is performing well. The new MARCS radios have been ordered.

Hustead Fire

Trustee McClure noted there was a joint board meeting with Green Township and there was a hiring of an assistant chief of the Hustead Department, Jerry Beekman. The department is working on the 2021 budget.

Hustead EMS

Trustee McClure noted the department hired an assistant chief for Hustead EMS.

Sheriff

Deputy Brandon Baldwin responded to 39 calls for service, 4 arrests, 13 traffic stops and 15 assists of other departments for the last couple of weeks. He was off work from November 6 – 18th due to COVID and returned to work on the 19th. Brandon did assist Hustead EMS on a run on South Tecumseh and he drove the ambulance to Soin Medical. He has received a few complaints for noise on Conway Drive and noted that there is not a noise ordinance in the township, but for people to use common sense. Brandon is also looking into a nuisance complaint for a couch and trash at a home on Broadway Road. The wheel and tire for the cruiser are ready.

Road and Cemetery

Trustee McClure noted that Don had received the markers for the new section of the cemetery. There were a few minor repairs needed after the first snow event of the season.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure mentioned the joint board meeting and the discussion of dispatching for Hustead and Green Township. It was noted that a couple of phone lines associated with Hustead rolled over to other lines used with the dispatching process. The phone lines have been kept in service in order to provide the Hustead area with quality local dispatching.

Trustee Pettit noted the new sound system was in place for the meetings and hoped the sound and video quality are improved for the citizens of the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustees McClure stated the trustees had received an application to review for the Enon fire/ems department.

Trustee McClure noted that Mad River Township was planning to make capital improvements during 2021 and was going to participate in the OPWC grant program. A resolution was needed to authorize a trustee to be apply for the funds and to enter into any agreements required.

Trustee McClure moved to authorize Trustee Pettit to apply for the OPWC grant funds and to authorize Trustee Pettit to enter into any agreements required to obtain the financial assistance. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 2-0. (Resolution 2020-023)

Trustee McClure stated that the OPWC grant project from 2020 for the paving of Fowler Road was pushed into 2021, so the township could have two projects in 2021.

Trustee McClure said the trustees needed to make a decision on the process of setting off the tornado siren alert system, since the dispatch service moved to the county. Trustees noted that citizen concern in the past has been that the sirens went off too often when a tornado warning was not in close proximity to the township. They also noted that they want the process to be automated.

At 7:57pm, Trustee McClure moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 2-0.