

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – June 28, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, June 28, 2021 at the Enon Mad River Township fire station and via Facebook Live.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 regular session. Seconded Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling presented the run statistics:

	June 2021	June 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Runs	102	140	842	836
Mutual Aid Given			45	22
Mutual Aid Received			44	21
Response Times				

Chief has taken care of the required permits for the July 3rd fireworks at the VFW. The parade will be July 4th at 2:00 P.M. The lineup will be in the school parking lot off of Rebert Pike starting at 1:00 P.M. The parade route will be Rebert Pike to Enon Xenia, to Main Street to the fire station. Members of the dive team assisted in a missing person search/recovery on the Mad River in Dayton on Saturday and Sunday. Chief thanked all the members of the department for their hard work.

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger did not provide a report.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman did not provide a report.

Road Department

Don O'Connor noted the 2017 IH truck was fixed and that the road mowing tractor was getting new tires and having the rear mower inspected for possible repairs. The bucket truck needs repairs due to the fact it will only start in neutral and not while in park. The ditch along Garrison road has been repaired with 25 tons of large rock to stabilize the ditch and the roadway. The ditch work on Hagan road is complete. The department will trim trees along Old Mill Road and replace a driveway culvert on Jackson Road. In the cemetery, mowing and weed eating are ongoing. The Memorial Day decorations have been removed from the graves and items such as statues can be located near the front of the cemetery building. Don reminded the public that 5 to 7 days after the holiday any decorations that are not on the memorial stone or the foundation will be removed to aid in the mowing process.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 101 calls, 4 arrests, 17 traffic stops and 21 assists of other departments from May 17, 2021 to June 28, 2021. Brandon is handling nuisance complaints and had deemed 2950 Fairfield Pike a nuisance and had notified the owner of a hearing at today's meeting. The lot on Chickasaw Avenue can be cut by the township as the 7-day window had passed. Brandon has assisted in a number of traffic pursuits and the township cruiser has been the lead car in the pursuits leading to the termination of a number of them and the apprehension of a number of suspects. Brandon reminded the public to slow down at a yellow stop light and to also be extra cautious in looking for motorcycles on the roadway. The trustees asked Brandon to go over the nuisance property steps. Brandon stated he tries to contact the owners of the property to clean up the situation. If contact can not be made a letter is send stating that a hearing will occur at a township meeting where the owner can come state their case. If the trustees deem the property to be a nuisance, Brandon will post a 7-day notice to remedy the situation and if the property is not remedied, the township can clear to property and assess taxes.

Fiscal Officer Rudy noted that the audit for the calendar years 2019 and 2020 is underway and he also presented the trustees with the March bank reconciliation and accompanying reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustees started a discussion about the roads including a late start date for the OPWC paving of Stine, Garrison and Jackson, which will allow time for repairs. There is approximately \$190,000 available for repairs to roads including much needed areas like Lindair Acres, Echo Hills, Arrowcreek, Ashbrook and Parkridge. The trustees will obtain a quote for chip and seal in some of the plats in order to stabilize the road base. The road department will cut down some of the higher berms on the sides of the roads to allow for drainage.

Don discussed the EPA drainage report that covers repairs and changes to the drainage in the township, mainly involving the catch basins.

Hensley Company does street sweeping and provided a quote of \$4,350 to sweep the plats. Trustee Young made a motion to proceed with that bid. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-011)

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure noted the Joint Board will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, July 8th at the Hustead Fire Department at 8:00P.M.

Trustees stated there were questions from the public about updating the webpage to include a calendar, updating the minutes, etc.

Trustee Young noted that the MARCS radios for Hustead were received and just needed to be activated to comply with the grant. Trustee Pettit said he believed dispatch does not exist with the joint board agreement. He wants to move the Hustead dispatch for the township over to the county to save money on the runs due to the structure of the county billing where over 2,000 runs drops the cost of each run dispatched by \$1.00. Trustee McClure noted that Green township had requested the special meeting. Trustee Young wanted to obtain clarification from Major Chris Clark on the actual costs of Hustead Dispatch.

Trustee Young attended the county township association meeting and the next round of funding could be up to \$800,000 for the township with a longer time frame to spend the funds. There will be updates on how to obtain and what the funds can be spent on.

Trustee McClure moved to have an executive session after the public portion of the meeting to discuss the possible employment of a public employee, seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

The county as part of the government grant programs is looking into expanding high speed internet in the county, so the township will wait to see what happens at the county level.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Jessica Thorton asked the trustees if they had received her emails and if they had, why she had not been contacted. The trustee stated they had received and the questions raised were being review.

Mr. Mike Gardone asked about the status of his application and also had some concerns about the number of hires and leadership within the department.

Mrs. Kiley Heath asked about the status of her public records request.

Mrs. Kathleen Matthews stated she was a member of the Mud Run Conservancy that works for the preservation of Mud Run. The name that creek contest was a huge success and after a 2-month process Coyote Run, will now be listed on all maps going forward. The group is having another contest to "Name the Tributary" that will begin on July 4th.

Mrs. Debora Simon thanked Trustee Young for contacting her about the roads in Lindair Acres. She had concerns about the condition of the road and since there are no sidewalks in the plat, the road is where residents walk and they are becoming a hazard. The trustees noted that solutions were being looked into as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mrs. Kathleen Baber stated she attended the zoning meetings for the proposed Stine Road development and was disappointed the county commissioners approved the zoning. She asked the trustees to go on the record with their stance on the development.

Mrs. Joy McDaniel was present to ask the trustees to oppose the designation of the Mad River as a Scenic River.

Trustees McClure stated that the developments should occur where county sewer and water are available and that the possibility of helping the drainage problems in West Enon out way the cons. He does have concerns about the number of homes. Trustee Pettit's main concern was the drainage plan, which he believes is well designed to help the area. He does have concerns about the traffic. Trustee Young stated he is big on personal property rights and also noted that many people today do not want large lots to care for anymore.

Trustee Young moved to sign a letter opposing the designation of Mad River as a Scenic River. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-012)

At 9:12 pm, Trustees went into executive session.

At 10:57 pm, Trustee McClure moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:58 pm, Trustee McClure moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.