

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – June 7, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, June 7, 2021 at the Enon Mad River Township fire station and via Facebook Live due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

Trustee McClure called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 regular session. Seconded Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling presented the run statistics:

	May 2021	May 2020	YTD May 2021	YTD May 2020
Runs	159	158	745	701
Mutual Aid Given	9	4		
Mutual Aid Received	11	3	37	18
Response Times	1:49	2:21		

The department dealt with a number of serious accidents with multiple calls to Careflight, including 1 incident that required 2 Careflight landings. The department is having a parade on July 4th and the Enon VFW has plans to launch fireworks on July 3rd. Trustee Young asked Chief to provide a copy of the most recent burn regulations to the trustees.

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 returned to work after 3 months off from surgery. The department was working on the big culvert in Echo Hills and cutting the dirt and grass on the road edge to allow for drainage off the road. Road mowing in ongoing. The newest International dump truck has a hydraulic leak again. In the cemetery, the weeds appear to be under control. Don is handling a number of funerals and cremations.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin was not present. He continues to work on nuisance properties in the township. One property had been remediated prior to the trustees holding a hearing to proceed with further action on the property owner.

Fiscal Officer Rudy was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Young noted the county engineer's office had recommend the awarding of the bid in the amount of \$368,702.77 from A & B Asphalt for the OPWC project that will repave the rest of Stine and Jackson Roads as well as all of Garrison Road. Trustee Young moved to accept the bid from A & B Asphalt. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-009)

Trustee Pettit noted that he still had not received communication back for the street sweeping of the plats in the township.

The trustees opened discussion on the repairs that need to be done prior to the paving project and other areas in the township that need repairs, including Lindair Acres.

Trustees had a discussion on the dispatch services. The Enon department is currently dispatched through the county and the Hustead department is currently dispatched with the local dispatching. The Joint Board between Mad River and Green Townships have not been able to come to an agreement on switching the dispatch for that area to the county. Trustee Pettit discussed bringing the Hustead runs that occur in Mad River Township over the Enon and letting the county dispatch handle those calls. Trustee Young noted that the county does not currently charge for dispatching the police departments in the township like they do for fire and EMS. Trustee McClure noted his concerns prior to switching to the county were the cost of local dispatch and the liability issues. The

trustees had discussion about the old joint agreement with Husted and what steps should be taken going forward to work with Green Township. Trustee Young noted that many other townships were paying more for their paramedics/firefighters than Mad River was and there may be a need to raise taxes in order to raise wages for those personnel in the township to continue to bring in new employees. Trustees discussed the fact that the Mad River Township EMS/Fire Fighters are looking to organize with a Union and there will be future negotiations with that union.

Trustees discussed overtime issues, potential full-time employees for the department including a full-time chief and the need for a plan going forward to address these issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Young presented a letter from the Enon VFW asking for support to the fireworks display. Trustee Young made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,250 for the July 3rd fireworks. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-010).

Trustee Pettit stated that the joint board brought up a possible 125' VFH tower at the VFW location as a backup system and to communicate with departments that may not be on MARCS.

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.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Joy McDaniel from Bethel Township is opposed to any designation for the Mad River as a scenic river. Feels that ODNR is looking for control over the river. Multiple Villages and Townships do oppose the designation.

Mr. George McDaniel from Bethel Township. Discussed the Scenic Rivers Act, which he feels leads to a loss in control for the property owners.

Mrs. Kathy Voytko asked the trustees to contact the railroad about the crossing on Enon Road near Enon Beach. She stated that the president of the board is not going to switch from local dispatch until 2022, possible 2023 and that he also opposed a possible 50-50 agreement for the cost of dispatch. She asked Trustee Young to abstain from voting on any issue dealing with Husted dispatch.

Mrs. Kathleen Baber asked about the cuts in Holiday Valley roads. Trustees noted that the county utility department was repairing the road where prior utility work was done and the road repair at that time has since started to sink.

Mr. Mike Baer discussed the increase to the tax base that the potential Stine Road development would bring to the township.

Mrs. Kiley Heath stated that some employees are working way too many hours while other members of the department are not working even the minimum number of hours required by policy. She also noted the number of hours paid for runs by the officers of the department.

Mrs. Mary Ann Schmidt from Springfield Township is also opposed to the Scenic River designation of Mad River and asked for the trustees support to oppose the designation.

Trustee Pettit addressed an email about the patches in Holiday Valley being addressed by the county utility department.

Another email asked about the rental of the meeting room at the fire station, if it was open and available.

An email asked if the cemetery had a way to buy graves online. Don stated that they would need to contact him.

At 8:50 pm, Trustees went into executive session.

At 10:19 pm, Trustee McClure moved to come out of executive session and resume regular session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:20 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.