

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – March 1, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, March 1, 2021 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 7:43 pm.

Trustee Young moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular session, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Pettit moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular session, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling gave the following statistics:

	February 2021	February 2020	YTD February 2021	YTD February 2020
Runs	150	133	311	279
Mutual Aid Given	5	6	7	4
Mutual Aid Received	17	10	12	13

The average response times in 2021 are 2:04 compare to 2:55 for 2020. Chief noted that the highway runs have been down recently but the department did respond to a couple of bad accidents. The new medic had an issue with a door pin that needed an adjustment.

Hustead Fire

No report from Chief Matt Hirtzinger.

Hustead EMS

No Report from Chief Heather Kaufman.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin was on vacation.

Road Department

Don O'Connor reported that the F350 was in the shop for brakes. The department is starting to patch potholes in the roads. Don asked if the township was going to sweep the roads in the plats this year, especially in Holiday Valley and Green Meadows. The new truck is at P&R communications to have the safety light package installed. The F550 was involved in a minor accident with an RTA bus on the way back from P&R communications. Don wanted to commend the road crew for the work done during the winter storm on February 15 and 16. Cemetery clean up is March 15th. This will involve picking up decorations not placed properly as well as grave blankets. The cemetery is continuing to have 2 to 3 funerals per week. The new skid loader was delivered and will be a useful piece of equipment for the departments. The two new sections of the cemetery are opened with up to 500 new gravesites available. Don stated that he will be having knee replacement surgery on March 8, 2021 and will be out on sick leave for 8 to 12 weeks. Don and Ryan have a plan in place to cover the cemetery while Don is off. The trustees mentioned that basketball goals need to be off the roadway during snow events.

Fiscal Officer Rudy stated year-end 2020 was complete and that he had the most recent credit card statement available for Trustee McClure to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Pettit discussed putting surplus goods on Govdeals.com and updating the contact for the township on the site. Trustee Pettit motioned to declare the 1220 Ford Tractor, drag box, bush hog, two grasshopper mowers, and the old light bars from the sheriff deputy cruisers as surplus goods and place them on Govdeals.com for sale. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2020-004). The trustees then discussed the older road trucks including the F350 and F550.

Trustee McClure asked Chief Wendling if the department was using the old sheriff vehicle yet. Chief stated they were not.

There was a discussion about road patches that are sinking where the county utilities department had to cut into the pavement and who would be responsible to make any repairs. Trustees will get a list of areas of concern and discuss with the county road department.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure stated that the group Community Against Mining (CAM) would be holding their annual meeting virtually on March 24, 2021 from 7 – 8 PM. Anyone wishing to participate in the zoom meeting can go to the CAM website www.citizensagainstmining.org and follow the link.

Trustees began a discussion about the possibility of having an in person public meeting with the chairs at appropriate social distance as well as continuing the online platform presentation for those unable to attend. The capacity of the meeting room at the firehouse appears to be 10-12 chairs, but more research will be completed for the next meeting.

Trustee McClure stated the Joint Board Meeting with Husted would be on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 8:00PM at the Husted Fire Station.

Trustee Young started a discussion about the tornado sirens. The sirens used to be activated by the dispatchers or an officer of the department. The sirens are currently set to be activated manually at the firehouse by the Chief or a designated officer of the department. The trustees would like to have the system updated so that they are activated when the cone shaped path of the tornado warning impacts Mad River Township. Federal who currently does the annual maintenance on the sirens can do the upgrades needed.

At 8:33 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.