

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – May 3, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Enon Mad River Township fire station with limited seating and via Facebook Live 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 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 regular session. Seconded Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling gave the following statistics:

	April 2021	April 2020	YTD April 2021	YTD April 2020
Runs	126	103	586	543
Mutual Aid Given	11	1	32	16
Mutual Aid Received	11	1	26	15
Response Time Average	1 min 53 sec average	2 min 35 sec average		

Chief noted the department had multiple rollovers on the highway causing serious injury and one fatality. There was a shooting on Enon Xenia and there have been several runs for sports injuries. Tim asked the trustees to act on the applications of Collin Downing and Josh Johnson.

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger did not provide a report.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman did not provide a report.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 31 calls, 4 arrests, 6 traffic stops and 9 assists of other departments from April 19, 2021 to May 3, 2021. Brandon is handling multiple nuisance complaints. The cruiser had an oil change at 18,900 miles. Brandon will be attending interdiction training with members of the Sheriff Department on May 10th. Injury crashes are up in the township especially on I-70 and speeding continues to be an issue on township roadways. The county is no longer going to provide the “pit” bumper for the township cruiser. Brandon obtained the quote for the cost of the bumper.

Road Department

Don O’Connor stated Fowler Road had been paved from Broadway to N Enon Road. A tree fell on Red Oaks and the residents cleaned up most of the debris prior to the department’s arrival. In the cemetery, the foundation forms have been laid out to be poured. The flag pole rope broke and had to be restrung. Pride prisoners helped to weed eat in preparation for Mother’s Day. A local resident used the cemetery dumpster to throw away multiple items. Ryan located a name and will have Deputy Baldwin contact them. Don’s release to return to work is June 4th. There are currently 2 sets of cemetery log books that are kept in 2 locations. There was discussion about uploading the records to a digital format.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the February bank reconciliation and monthly reports to the trustees. He also presented the most recent credit card statement to Trustee McClure to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure stated that Fowler Road was the completion of an OPWC project that started almost 3 years ago with culvert replacements and ditch work. At the next meeting, the opening of bids will take place for the next OPWC project which involves repaving the rest of Stine, Garrison and the rest of Jackson. The trustees are aware of other problem areas in the township, and will begin to look at options. The county is going to be addressing the utility services patch areas that are sinking. Part of the paving project included chip and seal as a way to stabilize the road base to increase the life of the asphalt. The levy generates about \$300,000 a year for road repair and the cost of paving is approximately \$100,000 an acre. The cemetery main drive is breaking down on each side and needs addressed.

Trustee Pettit contacted DDS to obtain quotes for street sweeping in the plats, however the company is booked out to late July, early August.

Trustee McClure has been in contact with Apple Farm Service and received a couple of quotes for replacing the current 1994 John Deere road mowing tractor. The quotes were from \$90,000 - \$100,000 for the tractor and rear flail mower and side arm mower. The current tractor has an AC issue and the tires are showing age as well.

Trustee McClure asked for the resident's support for the Fire and EMS renewal levies on the ballot, tomorrow May 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure noted that the liquor permits in the township expire each July and the trustees have an opportunity to contest a permit if they feel the need. The trustees did not feel there were any to contest at this time.

Trustee Young moved to approve the applications of Joshua Johnson and Collin Downing for hire on the EMS and Fire departments roster. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Pam Weaver had numerous questions about the proposed development on Stine Road, including the current impact of drainage, the new roads, the ponds and green space maintenance and the HOA.

Kiley Heath mentioned a list of questions given to the trustees about Chief Wendling's wife and the oversight of her being on the department when it comes to schedule and payment for training and possible ethics violations.

Roger Manns had questions about the water issues in West Enon and the use of retention ponds.

Marian Ladislav stated she was against the development and will try to attend all meetings involving the development.

Keith Crager, a Southern Vista resident, is strongly against the development. He noted that he has had multiple issues with flood waters coming from the farm field and trees had been removed that previously he was told would not be removed.

Tim Brewer, a Southern Vista resident, had issues with the possibility of the retention/detention pond holding water, creating an insect problem. He also has had issues with the water running from the farm land through his fence. He is also concerned the development will cause strain on the local emergency services and create more traffic issues.

Mike Gardone spoke about his wife and himself and the other qualified people who left the department in the walkout. He has been keeping his skills up working for other departments, but is ready to let the past be the past and wants to return to the department. He stated he had not been contacted about his application.

Jessica Thorton had emailed the trustees some questions and voiced some concern over retaliation. She asked if permission had been given to anyone to contact her employer. She asked about the chain of command for a public records request.

The trustees responded to some of the issues with the development. The county is performing a traffic study in the area. The water drainage plan was based on the 100-year flood plan plus 9" above that and looks to transfer a lot of the water in the area away from Green Meadows under Stine Road to the south. The pipes under the West Enon area are undersized to handle the water flow. The school project and main culvert coming from the school down Enon Xenia will be replaced with a much larger culvert to help with flow. The maintenance of the roads should not be a problem for at least 20 years after the development would be completed and the roads turned over to the township. Trustee Young stated that the county land use plan has been updated and the studies done today address the issues more thoroughly, noting that a development like Echo Hills would probably not be allowed by today's standards.

An email was sent in about the Enon Motel on Dayton Road. Currently there are not any laws being broken by the owner.

An email addressed the condition of the roads in Lindair Acres.

An email asked about the new schools being overcrowded if the new development is allowed. The trustees noted that the school officials said they have planned for some community growth. The estimated increase in population due to an additional 150 homes in the area, would be approximately 5%.

An email asked if the developer was a friend of one of the trustees.

An email asked about the bio solids knifed into the local farmland. The solids are EPA approved and are a form of pasteurized waste.

At 9:27 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.