

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – July 19, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 19, 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 7:35 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular session. Seconded Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling did not provide a report.

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 did not provide a report. The road department is working on Lindair patching.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 26 calls, 1 arrest, 7 traffic stops and 6 assists of other departments from July 6, 2021 to July 19, 2021. Brandon attended advanced Crisis Intervention training on July 13, 2021 with members of the Clark County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team (SOT). He is also dealing with speeding complaints in the township, including Paradise Lane.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented Trustee McClure with the latest credit card reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure started a conversation about road repairs with the funds remaining after the commitment of the OPWC grant for 2021 that will pave Stine Road, Jackson Road and Garrison Road. Additional repairs are needed outside of the scope of the grant for the 3 roadways. Including repairs to those roads other areas to address include Echo Hills Drive, Lindair Acres, the cemetery drives and the fire department's parking lot. The trustees discussed chip and seal as the best way to repair and stabilize the roadway. Currently there is no starting date for the project.

Trustee McClure started a discussion on the dispatch situation in the township. He noted reasons for the switch to the county included financial, potential liability and the unreliability of the phone lines. It was noted that the new county dispatch center will be far superior to the local system. It will include a backup system. The trustees will keep pressure on the county to continue to lower pricing for dispatch. At the special Joint Board meeting, the trustees of Green Township mentioned an October to January time frame to switch to the county and the trustees agreed to a 50-50 split on the costs.

Trustee Pettit noted the trustees will not receive any benefits from the proposed development and the plans include drainage help for the West Enon and Green Meadows area. Trustee McClure said that the pluses of fixing the drainage issues for the area out way the minuses of the number of houses in the area and the traffic concerns. He noted that drainage/retention ponds due work and mentioned the experience on his own farm.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustees mentioned the \$884,000 in money that could be available from the next rounds of federal relief funds. There are still a number of unanswered questions regarding its usage.

Trustee Pettit made a motion to move the area of Mad River Township that is covered by the Hustead EMS department from the local dispatch system to the county dispatch system. The trustees had discussion on the motion about the current agreement in place with the joint board and a loyalty to make sure the joint board continues to function. There was agreement from the trustees that the current Joint Board Agreement does need updating. The motion did not receive a second.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Kathleen Baber noted that since the area does not have a local newspaper anymore, information about the business of the township is not easy to locate. She asked the trustees to utilize social media and the website to provide more information to the community about business going on in the township.

Deborah Simon thanked the trustees for moving forward with repairs to Lindair Acres. She asked about reports from the Husted department, updated minutes on the website and if there was another way the trustees could stream the meetings, since a number of residents do not have a Facebook account. The trustees are looking into other platforms to stream the meetings.

Marian Ladislaw noted she was a longtime resident of the township and she believes that the proposed development is irresponsible and not in the best interest of the township

Kiley Heath discussed the current joint board agreement between the townships including the fact that dispatching is not mentioned in the current agreement dating back to 2002.

At 8:45 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.