

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session –September 20, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, September 20, 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 September 8, 2021 regular session. Seconded Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Trustee Young stated that Chief Matt Hirtzinger reported the department had 103 runs year to date, the pump testing was completed and the fire training class is halfway done.

Hustead EMS

Trustee Young stated that Chief Heather Kaufman reported the department was ahead of the previous year with 287 runs year to date. She also noted that the 1st 2 weeks of September were very busy, including a number of mutual aid calls to Springfield Township.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling presented the run statistics:

	YTD 2021	September 2021 (MTD)	August 2021
Runs	1,419	115 (13 fire/91ems/11 other)	187 (14 fire/173ems)
Mutual Aid Given		3	10
Mutual Aid Received		11	20

Chief discussed the mutual aid agreement with the Montgomery and the surrounding counties for the Rescue Task Force which would be for a response to a mass casualty or active shooter event. The department would be able to obtain equipment and enter a situation with the police to administer aid. The members who are trained, would be isolated from the active shooter. Another advantage of the agreement would be that there would not be a bill if a large response was needed for the township. The springs on the ladder truck have not been fixed. The department is gearing up for the Apple Butter Festival on October 8 – 9th. The new battalion is in service and looks great. A number of screened applications are in process. Chief noted Fire Safety Week is October 4 – 8. New duty shirts have been ordered and will be pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. All of the pump, hose and ladder annual testing is complete. The number of Covid cases have been increasing and the department is taking the necessary precautions and the supply of PPE is adequate at this time. The new school had a couple of fire alarms and an issue with the handling of the special need children on the 2nd floor is being addressed. The school has special chairs to bring the children down the stairs and training of the staff is ongoing.

Road Department

Don O'Connor stated that Hensley was doing the chip and seal in Lindair Acres and the guard rail for Crest Drive was ordered and will be installed along with no outlet signs. Don asked if someone could contact dispatch since he had received a number of calls about deer strikes in Mad River Township, but they turned out to be for Champaign County. The 3rd round of road mowing is starting. In the cemetery, there have been a number of funerals and a number of cemetery lots have been sold. The foundations have been built and laid out and Don wants to pour within the next couple of weeks. Don asked if the policy on foundations is still that payment is due at the time of the order. The trustees confirmed it was. An online seller of monuments did not want to pay up front.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 65 calls, 2 arrests, 17 traffic stops and 11 assists of other departments from August 16, 2021 to September 20, 2021. Brandon continues to handle a number of nuisance complaints in the township.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented the most recent credit card statements to Trustee McClure to review and had a number of checks ready for the trustees to sign. The audit is ongoing. Trustee Pettit mentioned the possibility of money from the ODOT Township Stimulus Program to aid with road projects. The new American Rescue money of over \$440,000 has been approved, but there are still questions on the spending of the funds. The township does still have some original Cares Act money to spend.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustees discussed the option for a new plow truck for the Road Department. With trucks being hard to find currently, Trustee Pettit has spoken with a couple of outside companies for the possibility of covering areas like Green Meadows and Holiday Valley.

Trustee Pettit mentioned the prior year salt contract and if there were still tons that needed to be delivered from that contract.

Trustee Young moved to enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement with Montgomery County. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-021)

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure stated the need for an executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purpose if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair advantage or competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal or private interest is adverse to the public interest and also for the consideration of discipline action of a public employee.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Kristy Thome raised a number of questions arising from the fire alarms at the new school during the 1st week of school and the fact that her 17-year-old son with a disability was trying to crawl down the stairs to evacuate the school from the second floor. She asked if the department did a walkthrough of the school going over the emergency evacuation plan and the use of the two evacuation chairs. She stated that her son was hesitant about the chairs and was looking into a special blanket from the internet. She stated she was wanting to raise awareness to the situation.

Chief Wendling did speak with Mrs. Thome after the incidents. It was noted by Lieutenant Weaver that the chairs were not originally positioned in the correct location and have since been moved. The department has done training with the school staff on the use of the chairs. There will be more training on the teacher in-service day on Friday, September 24. The department will bring the 185-pound rescue dummy to assist with training. The department did inspections with the schools and the evacuation plans were discussed. The department did have an additional recommendation to the school to purchase another 2 chairs.

At 8:19 pm, Trustee McClure motioned to enter into executive session went into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purpose if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair advantage or competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal or private interest is adverse to the public interest and also for the consideration of discipline action of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:53 pm, Trustee McClure moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to enter into a purchase agreement for the property located at 244 E Main Street, Enon, OH. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-022)

At 9:54 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.