

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – September 8, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Enon Mad River Township fire station and via Facebook Live.

Present: Trustees Bob McClure, Todd Pettit, Jay Young. Absent: 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 August 16, 2021 regular session, August 23, 2021 special session and August 27, 2021 special session. Seconded by Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

Joe Garrett from Trebel Energy was present to discuss the aggregation of natural gas which is up in November 2021. The price of natural gas has been on the rise. A contract was presented from Volunteer Energy, which includes a variable gas component but a fixed adder, which includes all the other costs including profit and it will be for a period of 12 months. The contract does include a one-time chance to lock in the rate. The current electric rate aggregation contract runs through May 2023 and is in the 4.5 cents range. Joe estimated about 50% of the residents of the township in the aggregation programs. Trustee Young moved to enter into a 12-month contract with Volunteer Energy and allow Trustee McClure to sign the contract. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-018)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling provided some information to Trustee Young. He noted the new sign was in and would be installed soon. There were quotes for the water softening system for the building. Chief also would like to have an updated mutual aid agreement with Montgomery County for mass casualty events. The agreement would allow for reimbursement of costs incurred when responding and possibly allow for some protective equipment for EMS/Fire personnel.

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger provided information to Trustee Young. The department started the firefighting class.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman did not provide a report.

Road Department

Don O'Connor stated the road equipment was running well except for the roller which had a couple of issues during the patching in Lindair Acres, which is completed. Don asked if a new truck had been ordered for the department to replace the plow truck sold. The roads have been repaved and should be stripped soon. In the cemetery, mowing continues and also there have been a number of new foundations ordered. The fall pour will be the end of September or early October. The situation in the park with the alcohol bottles seems to have stopped. The department is losing one of the part-time employees.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin did not provide a report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy needed a resolution to certify the levies that are placed on the tax duplicates each year.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Pettit noted that the web designer was working on a calendar template for the website that would include the meetings.

Trustees discussed the 2 quotes for the water softener system for the building. One quote was from Culligan of Columbus for \$8,000 and the other quote was from Culligan of Dayton for \$9,800. Both quotes appeared to be for the same system. Trustee Pettit moved to accept the lower bid from Culligan of Columbus, seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-019)

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure moved to accept the rates and amounts as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for Tax Year ended December 31, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-020)

Trustees noted that there were a few nuisance properties that were being worked on. They also reminded residents of the township that they currently do not allow open ditches to be filled in or have some type of culvert installed by the residents unless there is a safety concern that would need to be addressed by the Trustees. The culvert does not carry the same amount of water as the open ditch.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

At 8:30 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.