

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

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, November 1, 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 7:31 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the audience in attendance.

Trustee Pettit moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 regular session. Seconded Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger did not provide a report.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman did not provide a report.

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief Tim Wendling presented the run statistics:

	YTD 2021	October 2021	September 2021
Runs	1699	188(30 fire/158 ems) 47 overlapping	174 (36 fire/127 ems/11 other) 20 overlapping
Mutual Aid Given		11	
Mutual Aid Received		37	
Avg Response Time		1:48	2:01

Chief noted the turnout for trick or treat at the station was large. The department had the dedication of the new sign in honor of Gary Simpson on Thursday, October 28th. The part for the def light is still on backorder. Medic 50 had a coolant line blow and needed towed. Trustee McClure told the department he appreciated all of their efforts.

Road Department

Don O'Connor stated that the road mowing should be finished this week. They had a little patch work to finish up and some ditch work to complete on Arthur, Crest and Hustead Roads. Don will be meeting with the sign company to come up with the warning signs on Fowler Road. The trucks are being prepped for winter. In the cemetery, mowing, weed eating and mulching of leaves is ongoing. The fall graves will be sodded.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin was not present. He was attending a training session.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks to the trustees to sign and the latest credit card bills for Trustee McClure to review. He noted the meeting about the new stimulus money with the county prosecutor was postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Pettit stated that the speed limit reduction process had been initiated for Fowler Road.

Trustees mentioned the need to get with Don to talk about a contract for snow removal with an outside company.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure wished everyone luck on the upcoming elections.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Kammer was glad the trustees were going forward with the Fowler Road speed limit study. He mentioned the school busses would be better off going down Tecumseh and Rebert Pike as those are county roads.

Ms. Kathleen Baber asked if there was a plan for the property recently purchased after the September 20th motion to purchase.

Mr. Rick Hanna wanted to thank all of the people who have served the community, from elected officials to the first responders. He mentioned a complaint from a resident about visibility problems at the new traffic light in front of the school on Enon Xenia Road. The street lights are older and could be replaced with a newer brighter light.

Trustee McClure stated he had spoken with the transportation coordinator for the schools about the concerns expressed by the residents of Fowler Road.

Trustee McClure noted that the purchase of the property next to the station was made to keep some control over what would be next to the station, either for a future expansion or the house could possibly be used for some office space or storage.

At 7:49 pm, Trustee McClure motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on the appointment, or employment of a public employee and to consider the investigation of a complaint against a public employee and to prepare for and review for negotiation or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning compensation or other terms or conditions of their employment. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:50 pm, Trustee McClure moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure read a letter dated November 2021, where Chief Wendling will be retiring from the position of Chief after 36 years of service to the community. The letter thanked the fire department for their hard work and support for him. Trustee McClure noted that 36 years was a long time to be dedicated and committed to service in the township and he respected his decision. The trustees noted that the knowledge and experience Tim had will be hard to replace.

Trustee Pettit moved to accept the retirement letter from Chief Wendling. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:55 pm, Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:18 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

The trustees discussed the need to schedule a special meeting to proceed with the process of filing the position of Chief

At 11:20 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Young. Motion carried 3-0.