

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – October 18, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 18, 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, 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 (MTD)	September 2021
Runs	1597	97 (12 fire/85 ems) 21 overlapping	174 (36 fire/127 ems/11 other) 20 overlapping
Mutual Aid Given		3	
Mutual Aid Received		17	
Avg Response Time		1:39	2:01

Chief noted the def system light on Engine 1 is under a recall. The Apple Butter festival had a good department turnout and the main issue was bee stings. The dedication of the new sign is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st at 5:30pm. The trucks will be at the station on trick or treat night, October 30th, with the department passing out candy. Tim requested the hiring of new applicants Justin Young and Dennis Mays. The parking lot has been swept and the top coat will be added. Trustee Young requested reports on the timing of runs responded to and the times of day for the mutual aid calls as well.

Road Department

Don O'Connor stated Echo Hills Dr has been repaired and the new Crest Dr guardrail and reflective signs have been installed. Lindair Acres was fog sealed. Brush had been dumped at the south end of Fowler Road. Don wanted to contact the Health Department for clarification on the New York nuisance property. Mowing of the roadways is ongoing especially where fields have been harvested. The cemetery was closed for a short time while the main drive was fog sealed. The foundations have been poured and the monument companies have been contacted. There are a number of funerals scheduled for the week. Don would like a trustee to visit a resident with him on Arthur Road for a drainage question. Trustee McClure asked what the process is for someone who would like to sell their lot in the cemetery. Don noted that the person can do a private sale if they would like or the township will buy the lot back, but is only allowed to refund the original purchase price.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 29 calls, 3 arrests, 5 traffic stops and 4 assists of other departments from October 4, 2021 to October 18, 2021. Brandon will coordinate with Larry Shaffer on the New York property. The house has been posted no occupancy. Brandon was able to lead the Highway Hikers Toy Run with over 3,400 motorcycles.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks to the trustees and there was mention of the November 4, 2021 meeting with the county prosecutor at the Springfield Township offices to discuss the uses of the new round of stimulus monies.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure mentioned the applications for employment provided by Tim. The trustees will discuss in executive session.

Trustee McClure stated that the completion of the fog sealing closes out the road repair and repave program for the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure received a call about the school bus traffic on Fowler Road. There is concern from the residents on Fowler about the increased traffic and the speed. Trustee McClure did have a conversation with Elmer Beard. The busses are parked at the garage after

the morning pick ups and before the afternoon dismissal, a number of the busses are using Fowler to go to the new school. There have been issues when the busses try to come to the light at Dayton Road and Xenia Drive. Deputy Baldwin noted that new pavement on the roadways does seem to increase the speed of traffic.

Trustee Young stated there needs to be a focus on the budgeting for fire and ems, including the structure of shifts, the staffing requirements and new applicants. He noted the ems budget is tighter than the fire due to the labor costs. There needs to be a focus on the current roster to make sure personnel are working shifts.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Kammer from Fowler Road spoke about multiple issues that are creating potential safety issues on the road between Rebert and Dayton Road. They included the increased bus traffic and current speed limit, the addition of new homes and access point from Taylor's Tavern onto Fowler Rd. He noted many of the resident walk on the roadway and there is a legally blind resident that walks the roadway. He mentioned an increase in accidents on the roadway. He asked for the trustees to consider starting the process of reducing the speed limit from 55 MPH with ODOT.

Mr. Paul Reichert asked if the housing development on Stine Road was approved, how that would affect the traffic to the new school. He also asked if there was an update on the quarry.

Ms. Rachele Bachowski from Fowler Road noted she was a walker on Fowler Road and would like the trustees to look at reducing the speed limit on the road. She asked if the busses would be able to take South Tecumseh Road instead of Fowler Road, due to the fact that the road is straighter. She noted that there was a definite increase in vehicle traffic on days when school was in session and also that the road is not wide enough for 2 busses or large vehicles to pass each other.

Mrs. Kusnerek from Fowler road spoke about the accidents on the road, noting that fences and trees have been hit multiple times, sometimes leaving car parts in the area. She is also concerned about the roadway when the winter snow and ice come.

Ms. Marian Ladislaw had empathy for the residents of Fowler Road, noting changing the speed limit is a very involved and costly process.

Trustee Pettit stated he would start the process of the road study, noting that the added traffic of the consolidating to one campus. Deputy Baldwin noted that the speed limit sign posted on Fowler was incorrect. There was discussion about placing precautionary signs on Fowler Road to increase awareness of the hearing impaired and blind person in the area. There was also discussion about the school moving the bus garage to the old high school site on South Tecumseh in the future.

The quarry still seems to be tied up in litigation and the trustees noted that the sand pit was permanently closed.

The new school is supposed to have room for planned expansion, but the trustees do not know what that increase could be.

At 8:41 pm, Trustee McClure motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on hiring of a public employee and the purpose of possible discipline of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:10 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to proceed with the hiring of Justin Young. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:12 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.