

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – December 6, 2021

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 6, 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, 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 November 15, 2021 regular session with the correction in the approval of the minutes from November 1 that corrected the roadway where Don was ordering new signs. Seconded by Trustee Young motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Interim Chief John Heath presented the run statistics: 1,811 runs in 2021 compared to 1,660 in 2020, November had 92 runs and 30 calls for mutual aid, December has 31 runs currently. Engine 1 is back from the shop and in service. John provided 2 hiring packets to the trustees for approval and noted there were 6 other applicants in process. Negotiations were ongoing with the union. John provided a report that detailed the dates and times of calls for service from 2017-2021. The time frames of 5am to 12pm and 12pm to 6pm were the busiest and the runs were spread fairly evenly on the days of the week. The information will be used to look at staffing plans going forward. It was noted that weekends are currently the hardest to staff.

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger noted the department had 118 runs YTD and the budget had been presented at the joint board meeting last week. The department had 3 new active members and the contract for maintenance on the generator had been signed.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman noted the department had 379 runs YTD and also presented the budget to the board. Medic 95 had an issue with the seal on the box between the cab.

Road Department

Don O'Connor stated equipment was winterized and put away. The trucks are ready for winter after going through the lights and putting the plows on the trucks. The signs were ordered for Fowler Road. Oaks Doors was out to look at the opener hardware on the large doors. The cemetery is under winter operations and handling 2 to 3 funerals a week. The decorations have been blown around recently and most of them are hung on a fence where citizens can look if the decorations are missing. The ditch program is laid out and ready to go, just awaiting the utility location service.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported from November 15, 2021 to December 6, 2021, 39 calls for service, 0 arrests, 6 traffic stops, and 12 assists of other departments.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks to the trustees to sign and the latest credit card bills for Trustee McClure to review. He is also preparing for year end.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure stated there was a need for executive session.

Trustees Pettit reported that the data was collected for Fowler Road and currently under review. After the county review, the information would be submitted to Ohio Department of Transportation.

Trustee Young noted that the water softening system being installed in the station needs to be moved to a different location.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McClure talked about the notice of a hearing on zoning for the expansion of the storage facility currently located on Dayton Road, down from the O'Reilly store to expand the facility. The meeting will be December 9th at 9am at the Springview Government Center in Springfield.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Steve Weaver read a prepared statement about his thoughts on the state of the fire department, noting he had been a part of the department for 51 years. He announced his retirement effective immediately.

Mr. Eric Weaver thanked the trustees for their time and service to the township and that he enjoyed living in the township and looked forward to serving with them soon.

Mr. Eric Stacy spoke about the employee out on leave and how the trustees need to continue to earn the trust of the township.

At 8:20 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to enter executive session for purpose of discussion on the negotiations with the union and for the possible employment or discipline of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:45 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Pettit moved to proceed with the hiring of Leslie Gardone and Jenna Bennett to the department. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Pettit moved to proceed with the hiring of Nathan Brentlinger as a full-time mechanic and road department employee at a rate of \$22.00 an hour. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure spoke about the county needing to extend the right of way for areas along Enon – Xenia Road for the completion of the sewer project and widening of the roadway. There was an inquiry from the county to see if the township would be willing to donate the right of way needed on the property across from Hunter Road. The county had prepared documents for the trustees to sign to proceed with the donation.

Trustee Young moved to proceed with the donation of the necessary right of way for the Enon-Xenia Road project. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2021-023)

Trustee McClure noted that when Don was off for his surgery, Ryan Raiff filled in handling the duties of the cemetery. Trustee Pettit moved to compensate Ryan in the amount of \$1,750.00 for that time period. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

An estimate was obtained to replace the outdoor lighting at the road department building.

At 10:51pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pettit. Motion carried 3-0.