

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – February 22, 2022

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the Mad River Township Fire Station and via Facebook Live.

Present: Trustees Bobby McClure, Todd Pettit, Jay Young and Fiscal Officer David Rudy.

Trustee Pettit called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the audience in attendance.

Trustee Young moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Interim Chief John Heath stated the department had 305 runs YTD 2022 with 64 calls for service since the last regular meeting. This was an average of 5.75 calls per day. There were 10 overlapping calls, mutual aid received calls of 38 and 0 mutual aid given. The department responded to the school lockdown alarm and Chief stated that the rumor that the children were locked in the school was incorrect. All students could exit the building safely as designed by the fire code if they needed to. The department was awarded a \$1,200 State Fire Marshall's training grant. The ISO rating meeting was completed with results in 4-6 months. The emergency dispatch cards have been updated with the county. The new members of the department continue to go through orientation and should be on the schedule soon. One medic had an error code on the 4-wheel drive and is being fixed.

Road and Cemetery Department

Don O'Connor stated the department was monitoring high water in the area and they would check for damage to berms. Cold patching has been completed in multiple areas. Don stated that Dillard Road would need chip/sealed and S Tecumseh going to Snyderville needs some attention. There is a pipe collapsing on Uplands Drive. The supply of salt and grits are sufficient and the trucks are ready for possible weather. Trustee Young noted that Green Township may be looking to chip/seal Collier Road, and it may be a good time to address it in the township. The cemetery is handling multiple funerals.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 23 calls, 3 arrests, 11 traffic stops and 1 assists of other departments from February 7, 2022 to February 22, 2022. Brandon was sent to less lethal weapon training and is now certified on the FN303 less lethal launcher. Due to the high water in the area, Brandon reminded the citizens to refrain from driving on roads that have been closed due to high water. Signs will be posted if the road is closed. Also, if a resident feels the water is too high in an open area, please contact the Sheriff dispatch to report it. The cruiser has 39,000 miles on it and needing replacement tires. There was an accidental activation of the lockdown alarm at Greenon Schools on February 18th. Multiple units responded and were unable to gain access to the school. That situation is being addressed by the Sheriff Department and the school.

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger reported 22 runs year to date. The department has been using county dispatch for 1 month and is working through a few issues. The department is working to schedule air packs, hoses and ladders.

Hustead EMS

Chief Heather Kaufman had no report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks for the trustees to sign as well as the latest credit card statements for Trustee Pettit to review. He stated the audit for 2019 and 2020 had been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Pettit reminded the citizens that the Police Levy is a renewal, that does not increase taxes. The levy does exclude the residents of the Village of Enon.

Trustee Pettit noted the support letter for "Pup Creek" was complete.

Trustee McClure mentioned the possible acquisition of land with the Village of Enon and stated there is discussion with legal counsel on the details.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Young said the trustees and Don need to create a list of roads that need maintenance this year. This would include crack sealing roads with new pavement in the last 5 years as well as possible chip/seal and asphalt.

Mrs. Verbillion representing Citizens Against Mining (CAM) was present to speak to the trustees and the township residents. March 2, 2022 at 6pm will be the virtual annual meeting for CAM. The website is citizensagainstmining.org. She also wanted to ask the trustees watch for the technical review of the mining application filed at some point in time by Enon Sand and Gravel (ESG) that will not be open to the public, but will be open for the trustees to attend and report back to the public. The quarry will affect a number of homes, wells, roads and the creeks in the area. The application has to be reviewed prior to going to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The conditional use permit would allow for blasting, deeper mining and dewatering of the area. When the properties were acquired, there was a blasting permit tied to 26 acres, the properties were conjoined and ESG asked for the permit to be allowed for the entire acreage. There is a private lawsuit against ESG by that could be headed to the Supreme Court of Ohio if ESG appeals. There is also a lawsuit in the county against the reclamation commission.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments.

At 8:01 pm Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:53 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young moved accept the findings in the personnel investigation completed and take no action due to the fact the employee resigned. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:54 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.