

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – March 21, 2022

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, March 21, 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 7:34 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 March 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 has 427 runs YTD 2022 with 55 calls for service since the last regular meeting. This was an average of 5.3 calls per day. There were 11 overlapping calls, mutual aid received calls of 9 and 2 mutual aid given. The department responded to a car fire that was next to a motorhome and they were able to keep the fire contained to the car. The new dispatch districts are complete and a new map is printed. The county is looking to move into the new dispatch center in the next 4-6 weeks. John presented 8 new candidates for hire to the trustees: 2 paramedics, 1 FF – enrolled in EMT school, 1 FF1, and 4 FF/EMT-Basic (2 in paramedic school). The department participated in a wheelchair basketball game at Greenon High School, competing against the students.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 27 calls, 2 arrests, 13 traffic stops and 4 assists of other departments from March 7, 2022 to March 21, 2022. He is handling nuisance complaints on Sterling, Blough, Fairfield Pike and Emmons. Brandon noted an investigation was ongoing into a theft from a motor vehicle and outbuilding in the Arrowcreek neighborhood on March 12th. Brandon assisted with drive your tractor to school day for the Greenon FFA. The tires have been ordered for the cruiser and there is a recall on the catalytic convertor.

Road and Cemetery Department

Don O'Connor stated the backhoe has been torn apart and the parts ordered. They have put cold patch in more potholes. Don asked about the signage placed on Dayton Road at 68 and on Rebert Pike. Trustee McClure stated that major repairs on the bridge would be taking place in the near future. Don has 75 tons of salt to order and asked about the mini excavator purchase. The department repaired the yard in Arrowcreek with the help of the fire department. In the cemetery, the grave blankets were cleaned up and they will begin pulling decorations that have faded over time. Items will be set up by the building if residents are looking for them. There are a number of funerals on the schedule for the week. Don plans to bring the part time mowing help back around April 1st. CAM is going to assist with the clean up of Porter Park in the middle of May.

Hustead Fire

Chief Matt Hirtzinger had no report.

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 that the Trustees need to approve the permanent appropriations for the calendar year 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure moved to make the pay increases approved at the last meeting effective March 28th, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-014)

Trustee Young started a discussion about the type of salt bin to be constructed at the current site of the road department. They discussed the type of walls, amount of tonnage that would need to be stored and looking into different pricing options.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Young moved to approve the permanent appropriations for calendar 2022 in the amount of \$5.6 million. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-015)

Trustee Pettit mentioned the Great American cleanup and the Clark County Solid Waste District. The event runs from March 20 – June 20, 2022. Volunteers have access to gloves, bags and other materials to aid in the cleanup. If a group is interested they can contact Sam Perin at (937) 521-2021.

Trustee McClure noted he attended a zoom conference with soil and conservation regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the township. Jeremy Best from the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District helps with the process. There is a number of trainings available to aid in the inspection process.

Trustees Young and McClure are attending the Clark County Township Association meeting on Thursday, March 24th, where Andrew Pickering will provide information on the ARPA funding.

Trustee McClure noted that the county will not be doing asphalt paving this year due to the increase cost of asphalt. He stated that even if the trustees decide not to do paving there are a number of repairs and preventative items that can be addressed this year including crack sealing and chip and seal.

Trustee Pettit noted that the late season ditch work completed in the fall of 2021 will need some repairs in the spring due to the grass not having time to fill in.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Kammer addressed the board about the speed study on Fowler Road and other topic including the Mad River possible designation as a Scenic River and the mining in the township. The trustees stated they did not have an update on the speed study and that they will work with CAM to keep the residents informed on the mining.

At 8:07 pm Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session to consider the appointment and employment of public employees. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 8:27 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to proceed with the hiring of Casey Flora, Anna Wolford, Cody Dotson, Ashley Brooks, Miranda Jenkins, Brandyn Mason, Lillian Henkle and Ricky Davis II as recommended to the trustees. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 8:29 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.