MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – April 18, 2022

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Mad River Township Fire Station and via Facebook Live.

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

Trustee Pettit called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 April 4, 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 555 runs YTD 2022 with 57 calls for service since the last regular meeting. This was an average of 5.14 calls per day. There were 14 overlapping calls, mutual aid received calls of 10 and 2 mutual aid given which were 2 house fires in Bethel Township. John participated in a meeting with school officials about the signal strength upgrade for the radio system. He also attended a meeting about an alert system that uses Google Maps and Waze to notify oncoming traffic of an emergency incident ahead. The programming changes need to be made at the dispatch center which is hoping to be operational in the next month. They will be phasing out some of the older radios.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor stated the department was doing service work due to the rainy conditions. He provided the trustees with 2 quotes for the new fuel tank. One from RD Holder and one from Sunrise. Cold patching continues in trouble areas. The 96 International has a cracked oil pan that will cost about $1100 to repair. The road mower is ready to go. In the cemetery, mowing is ongoing and Don is planning for the pouring of the foundations in late April or early May. Don asked if CAM was going to contact him about the park cleanup date.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin was on a call.

**Hustead Fire**

Chief Matt Hirtzinger stated they have had 42 runs this year. The fuel line on the brush truck went out but has been repaired. The painting in the firehouse is almost completed and the pilon covers in the parking lot have been installed.

**Hustead EMS**

Mr. Coy noted the department has been on 127 runs this year. The department is participating in a rolling remembrance, where a veteran’s organization is taking a flag across the country. The station will be the halfway point for the first responders ride against abuse. The protocol testing should be completed the first part of May. The seal on the Medic box has not been repaired yet, however the electrical issue has been corrected. The laptops will be placed in the medics soon to help with reporting.

Fiscal Officer Rudy was not present but had checks for the trustees to sign. Trustee Young reminded the public to support the levy for Deputy Baldwin on the upcoming ballot. Trustee Young noted that he originally was not convinced the township needed a deputy until he became a trustee and saw all of the work Brandon does.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Joe Garrett from Treibel was present to discuss the electric and gas aggregation. The electric contract runs through May 2023. The natural gas contract was with Volunteer Energy which recently filed for bankruptcy. The gas supplier is now the utility company. The markets have been moving rapidly up and down, which makes it hard to lock in a new contract. Joe has provided the trustees with a contract to have legal review, that would enable Treibel to lock in a rate if the markets dictated based upon an agreed limit. The job of Treibel is to provide the best rates for the citizens of the township in providing a long-term solution. There was some discussion about the potential affects of the solar farms on the pricing.

Trustees are working on quotes for the salt bin and obtaining the permits.

Columbus Equipment should have a hammer for the mini excavator this week, but the new mini is still on order.

Trustee Young moved to purchase the fuel tank for the road department from RD Holder. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. The tank will have a monitor that will notify RD Holder when it needs refilled.

Mr. Kamer noted he received a call from Justin Yoh from ODOT involving the speed study. He said Clark County did a good job on the speed study and the process would be returned to the county for a few changes and then it will need to be signed by the local fire and police departments. Then it goes back to the State level and finally, the trustees will need to make a resolution to approve the change. He asked if the trustees would be able to place a radar check unit on the road to help notify drivers of the new speed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit noted the finalizing of the land purchase with the Village of Enon for the Conley property. This will be a multi-year project for multi-purpose sports facility. The Village and Township hope to secure grant funding to help with the project. Rick Hanna from the Village and the trustees thanked everyone that was involved in the planning and purchase of the property, including retired trustee Robert McClure Jr.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No Comments.

At 8:17 pm Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session to consider the employment of public employees. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:12 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 proceed with the hiring of Zach Wiggins, Caleb Thomae and Ian Hardin. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:13pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.