MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – April 4, 2022

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 4, 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 7:32 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 March 21, 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 495 runs YTD 2022 with 69 calls for service since the last regular meeting. This was an average of 5.27 calls per day. There were 11 overlapping calls, mutual aid received calls of 12 and 2 mutual aid given. The members are working on numerous projects within the department including inventory/asset management, EMS protocol training and new hire orientation. The new phone system and access security system has been installed. John is also reviewing the website for the ability to request foster/adoption inspections. The new TAC channel is working well for the department.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor stated maintenance and the changeover from winter work was completed on the trucks. The hand brake on the roller had been fixed. The mowers for the cemetery are ready for service. The road mower is being serviced as well. Cold patching of pot holes is ongoing and the worst area appears to be near the trailer park on Dillard Road. The oil cooler on the backhoe is repaired and ready to be listed on Govdeals. Don stated the fence next to the 244 E Main property was damaged due to gravel piled up next to it. The cemetery cleanup went well and all decorations had been picked up. Don reminded the public that if their items were no longer on the grave, they can check up by the building. A number of funerals are on the schedule. Ryan is back to work.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 27 calls, 4 arrests, 10 traffic stops and 7 assists of other departments from March 21, 2022 to April 4, 2022. The junk vehicle parked on Emmons Street has been removed. Brandon assisted the OSP, ODOT and the fire department on an accident on Interstate 70 west involving an ODOT vehicle in a work zone. Brandon reminded the public to move over and slow down in a work zone. On March 22, he initiated a pursuit from the Main St. Speedway involving car jacking suspects out of Springfield. The pursuit was called off due to unsafe conditions; however, the suspects were taken into custody the following day and are facing charges. The new tires are in for the cruiser and will be installed next week. The PIT bumper should be installed in the next few weeks.

**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. He also presented the bank reconciliations and monthly reports for January and February 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit mentioned the installation of a fuel tank for the road department. RD Holder will put a low fuel monitor on the tax for refueling free of charge. There was also discussion about the salt bin regarding the use of a slab and poured walls using movable concrete barricade block as a divider.

Trustee McClure mentioned the detour sigs up on Arthur Road due to the closure scheduled for April 22. The work on the Rebert Pike bridge over 68 will continue into September. A barrier wall will be placed on Rebert Pike to create a one lane road.

Trustees reminded the public that there are areas of ditch work that need to be addressed this spring. There will also be a number of chip / seal projects and patching work that will be completed on the roadways.

Trustee Young attended the county township association meeting to learn more about the use of the ARPA funds. The money can be used for a number of projects including roads, drainage and other community improvement projects, that can be cleared through the prosecutor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustees received a call from Joe Garrett that the current gas aggregation provider, Volunteer Energy, filed for bankruptcy. The gas provider will probably transition back to Columbia Gas. Joe will be attending a future meeting to help explain the next steps. The public was reminded that they can opt out of the aggregation at any time and choose a provider of their choice.

Trustee Pettit noted that only one company returned a quote for street sweeping in the plats and it was around $150/hour.

Trustee McClure stated he was filing a zoning permit application for the salt barn construction. He also mentioned a resident complaint in Echo Hills where a natural pond used to be for drainage, but is now filled in causing a drainage problem on Sullivan.

Trustees have had some back and forth discussion with the county on the Fowler Road speed study. There were only 2 incidents on the roadway in the last 2 years and since the signage added to the road after the initial study, some of the technical data needed updated.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mrs. Marian Ladislaw stated she was confused on the aggregation and believes there is a fee to belong with no real benefit. Trustees noted that the company providing the gas is the one that filed bankruptcy and Columbia Gas which provides the distribution system to the residents is also raising costs. There is an option for residents to opt out of aggregation permanently if they chose.

At 8:06 pm Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:01 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 to obtain a credit card with a $5,000 credit limit for Nathan Brentlinger due to the fact that he orders a number of parts as the mechanic working on the equipment. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure to purchase subject to availability, a Kubota U55-5 mini excavator at state bid pricing, trading in the current Hyundai mini excavator. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to create the following classification of workers within the road and cemetery department: Operator, Level 2; Operator, Level 2 / Mechanic; Supervisor / Cemetery Sexton. Ryan is currently the Operator, Level 2. Nathan is currently Operator, Level 2 / Mechanic and Don is currently Supervisor / Cemetery Sexton. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-016)

Trustee McClure moved to give a $2.00 per hour raise to the classifications of Operator, Level 2 and Supervisor / Cemetery Sexton and make it retroactive to March 28, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-017)

At 10:05 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.