MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – June 6, 2022

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, June 6, 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 May 16, 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 805 incidents YTD 2022 with 114 calls for service since the last regular meeting. This was an average of 5.13 calls per day. There were 16 overlapping calls, mutual aid received calls of 5 and 7 mutual aid given. The department assisted Bethel Township with a water rescue. John reminded the public to use life jackets as they do save lives. The department created a summer safety flyer and posted it online. The department responded to a call of a bicyclist that had fallen off a bridge on Fairfield Pike into the water. He was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. John presented 3 candidates for employment, including an EMT and 2 FF/EMTs. The Memorial Day parade was a great success. John is currently working on the permits for the VFW 4th of July fireworks. The line-up for the parade on July 4th will begin at 1pm at Greenon with the parade starting at 2pm, and participants can register online. There will be a community picnic at the firehouse after the parade.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor stated road mowing was in progress. The F550 truck is going to White’s for a recall on a cracked frame. The department will borrow the Village’s dump truck if there is a need for a funeral. A number of potholes have been filed in the township and there is a problem spot on Ashbrook. Don asked about the sign at the road department building and noted he did not see a need for a digital sign. There were a number of positive comments on the cemetery for Memorial Day and Don reminded the public that decorations should be picked up. The department has a couple of funerals scheduled this week. Don asked about the mowing of nuisance properties in the township. The trustees noted Deputy Baldwin was contacting a number of the owners, and if the department does mow the property to keep track of the hours.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin had no report.

**Hustead Fire**

Chief Matt Hirtzinger had no report.

**Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kaufman had no report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks, the latest credit card statement and the March bank reconciliation and reports to the trustees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Young noted that there was no information on the delivery date of the fuel tank for the road department.

The quotes for chip/seal projects came in from $1.65 to $2.00 a square foot.

Trustee Young noted that the electric bills will be going higher along with natural gas in the near future due to the rising supply costs. He noted that some of the residential solar packages may become more attractive due to the increases.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Enon VFW Commander Russ Graham asked the trustees for a donation to help with the cost of the fireworks display. He noted the cost of the display was up almost $2,000 over last year. Trustee Young made a motion to approve $1,500.00 as a donation for the VFW for the firework display. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-019)

Trustee McClure noted the speed study had been completed and there was a recommendation to approve the reduction of the speed limit on Fowler Road, from Dayton Road to Broadway and from Broadway to Rebert Pike down to 45 MPH. In order to proceed the trustees, the sheriff and the fire department would have to approve the reduction. Trustee McClure moved to accept and proceed with the reduction of the speed limit to 45 MPH on Fowler Road. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-020)

Trustee Young met with the members of Citizens Against Mining (CAM) and they would like the trustees to have a public meeting so that CAM could present an update on the proposed mining sites in the township. They asked the trustees to attend the technical review when and if the review occurs.

Trustees noted that Community Development was holding meetings to create a county response to proposed solar farms in the county.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Mike Kammer asked the trustees to place the speed radar sign on Fowler Road after the new speed limit is in effect and to also ask Deputy Baldwin to increase patrols.

Ms. Barb Shuipr thanked the trustees on behalf of CAM and noted that CAM was very interested in attending a special trustee meeting to discuss updates.

At 8:04 pm, Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment, appointment, discipline, dismissal, promotion or compensation of a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:27 pm, Trustee Young moved to reenter regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young moved to hire Barik Ray, Corey Williams and Steven Jordan II pending the results of the background check and preemployment screening. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to remove interim from the title for John Heath making him the Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-021)

Trustee McClure moved to approve the following raises for members of the fire/ems department:

 Chief – A $6,000 raise from $10,000 to $16,000

 Assistant Chief – A $1,500 raise from $7,500 to $9,000

 Lieutenant – A $300 raise from $2,200 to $2,500

Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2022-022)

Trustee McClure moved to accept the Pre-Disciplinary Conference Hearing Officer Report and terminate the employment of Jason Pettito. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:30 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.