MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – February 21, 2023

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the Mad River Township Fire Station and via the Mad River You Tube platform.

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 February 6, 2023 regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief John Heath stated the department has 247 calls for service in 2023, 85 since the last meeting for an average of 4.75 calls per day. There were 24 overlapping calls. Mutual aid received was 3 and mutual aid given was 4. The new openers have been installed and the doors repaired. The new light warning system is installed for the doors. The radios have been reprogrammed in preparation for the new dispatch center. Repairs on the Rescue 50 truck have begun. A new hiring flyer was sent out by the department in preparation for the increased staffing needs for increased shift opportunities. John presented 2 applications to the trustees for review. One is a Firefighter/EMT and the other is a firefighter. The new battalion is on the final steps of the equipment install and will go in for striping soon. John presented the quote for the new SCBA’s for the department. The new equipment will have a

15-year warranty and has many technological advances that will benefit the department. The company is set to come in next month to fit the department.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor noted the department has been out patching potholes, especially ones on Southern Vista. The F550 is projected to be complete on Friday and the International 94 is back and running. Don asked about straps for the blocks on the new salt bin and if the quote for the building install included strapping. Don stated the cemetery is having 2-3 burials per week. March 15th is the beginning of clean-up in the cemetery. A number of people have been in to pick up their decorations. Don asked if there was a plan to pave the roads in the new section.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 19 calls, 0 arrest, 9 traffic stops, 1 assists of other departments, 21 business checks, 60 citizen contacts, 796 miles put on the cruiser from February 6, 2023 to February 20, 2023. Brandon noted that several vehicles with expired registrations have been corrected since the last meeting and an inoperable vehicle has been removed from Marion Dr. Brandon urged the citizens of the township to make sure their vehicles are secured as there has been an increased number of thefts in the county. The entire county sheriff department have pursued several stolen vehicles in the last 72 hours. He also asked residents with security cameras to make sure they were operating, as they are a great tool to help with an investigation. Brandon presented the trustees with a couple of quotes for some new equipment. Brandon completed drone training last week to see how drones aid in policing. Once the parking regulations have been signed off on by the prosecutor’s office and the trustees, Brandon would like them to be posted on the website for 30 days. After that 30-day period, Brandon can start writing citations.

**Hustead Fire**

Chief Matt Hirtzinger had no report; however, Trustee Young noted the radio reprogramming would be done Tuesday. The new dispatch center is expected to open prior to the end of February.

**Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kaufman had no report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks for payment for the trustees to sign and the bank reconciliation and monthly reports from December 2022 for the trustees to review. He noted that the annual filing for calendar 2022 has been completed with the auditor of state’s office.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee McClure noted that construction would begin on February 23rd for the installation of the waterline near the sidewalk area of Enon Xenia across from the school. Traffic will be maintained during the project. The storm drain project is up to Davis Drive.

Trustee McClure is going to work on quotes for chip and seal and fog for areas including Parkridge Acres, Grandview Heights, Cook Street and Snyderville. There was some discussion on whether Cook Street and Snyderville would need blacktop. The trees in the area do not allow the roads to dry out.

Trustee Pettit noted that there is an option to bring in a large amount of good clay fill dirt to the new sports park complex to help with the excavation needed.

Trustees noted that Joe Garrett with Trebel will be coming in to talk about the electric aggregation in March.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Young noted that the department decided to look at replacing the air packs due to the aging current inventory and the lack of replacement parts. Trustee Young moved to proceed with the purchase of 20 MSA air packs for a total price of around $200,000.00. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2023-002)

Trustee McClure moved to hire Donovan Black and Noelle Diller, pending the completion of background checks. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Pettit noted that Citizens Against Mining would be holding their annual meeting and update on March 22, 2023 in the Greenon Elementary Cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No comments

At 8:00 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.