

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – August 7, 2023

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, August 7, 2023, at the Mad River Township Fire Station and via the Mad River You Tube platform.

Present: Trustees Robert McClure III, Todd Pettit, Jay Young and Fiscal Officer David Rudy.

Trustee Pettit called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 July 17, 2023, regular session and the July 26, 2023 special session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief John Heath stated the department has 1,076 calls for service in 2023, 99 since the last meeting for an average of 4.91 calls per day. Mutual aid received of 4 and mutual aid given 6. The new Haas safety cloud transponders are installed in the vehicles. The devices alert drivers to responding and on scene vehicles. After the incident involving Rescue 50, the department has worked to update the safety equipment available to protect the employees and the public. Some of the improvements are: new bright reflective safety vests (through an OTARMA grant); new LED traffic flairs; installation of reflective chevrons on the back of Quint 50; Hass alert/safety cloud; and the officer team has taken a course on TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System). Chief thanked the trustees for their efforts and support in the area of safety. National Night Out was a huge success, put on by the Enon Police Department and Officer Dunham. John presented 3 applications to the trustees for hiring, pending background, physical and drug screening. Rescue 50 is being repaired, but there is no timetable for completion.

Road and Cemetery Department

Don O'Connor stated the second round of road mowing is complete, however, the tractor has a hydraulic issue. Snider Road and Bass Lake have been paved. The 30" culvert replacement at Woods and Ridgeway will be completed this week. The bucket truck has a hydraulic leak on the boom. The department worked on brush clearing along Snyderville Road prior to the road repairs. In the cemetery mowing and weed eating are ongoing. Don had a number of deeds for trustees to sign. The catch basin and ditch work on Hustead Road should be completed by an outside contractor soon.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 53 calls for service, 4 arrests, 20 traffic stops, 16 assists to other departments, 44 business checks, 105 citizen contacts and 1,626 miles placed on the cruiser from July 5 through August 7, 2023. Brandon worked the fair and while there were a few issues with juveniles the extra lighting and cameras on the grounds aided the Sheriff Department. There have been an increased number of vehicle thefts in Clark County. Brandon reminded the public to not leave valuables in the vehicle, lock it and never leave it running unattended. A vehicle stolen from a repair shop on Dayton Road was abandoned a few minutes later, probably due to low fuel. Brandon is working on a proposal for intelligence gathering equipment to aid in the recovery of stolen vehicles.

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 and provided the most recent credit card statements for Trustee Pettit to review. The application for the latest round of OPWC grant money for road repairs was completed by Mr. Rudy and Trustee Pettit.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure stated that Enon Xenia from Rebert to the north entrance of the school was ready for the first layer of asphalt. The construction crew switched focus to the road reconstruction while the issue with the Marathon pipeline was being resolved. Enon Xenia from Rebert Pike to downtown Enon will be paved.

Trustee Pettit noted there have only been a few nuisance grass complaints.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Young made a resolution to allow Trustee Pettit to apply for the OPWC funds and also allow Trustee Pettit to enter into any necessary agreements. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2023-020)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

At 7:54 pm, Trustee McClure moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee and the employment of public employee.

At 9:22 pm, Trustee Young moved to re-enter regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Young moved to accept the findings of the Clemans Nelson report and allow Chief Heath to proceed as directed by the Trustees and counsel. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to proceed with the hiring of Taryn Roston, Pierson Grant and Joseph Bordas, pending the background, drug and physical screenings. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0

At 9:24 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.