

MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session – July 5, 2023

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Wednesday, July 5, 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 7:41 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 June 20, 2023, regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Enon Fire and EMS

Chief John Heath stated the department has 916 calls for service in 2023, 92 since the last meeting for an average of 4.92 calls per day. Mutual aid received of 4 (40 year to date) and mutual aid given 8 (53 year to date). The crew assisted Bethel township on a barn fire last night. The fireworks show went off successfully but was a long day for everyone dealing with the rain. The fire department inspects and issues all permits for the firework display and they complete an inspection of the VFW grounds the day after looking for any unexploded fireworks. The same number of fireworks were in the display this year as last, however, they were shot up quicker due to weather in the area. The 4th of July parade was a huge success and was 23 minutes long from start to finish. There were over 50 jeeps in the parade. The community picnic was well received, and the department is looking to donate left over food to a food bank. Chief issued a huge thank you to Linda Thomas for her landscaping of the firehouse. Rescue 50 is in Urbana for body repair and paint. There is not a timeline for the completion of the repairs. The new fire reporting system is up and running with no issues. Ohioans are allowed to discharge consumer fireworks: July 3rd, 4th, 5th and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior to and after July 4th holiday from 4pm – 11pm. More information can be found at the Ohio Fire Marshall website. The trustees thanked the department for volunteering a large amount of their time for the July 4th festivities.

Road and Cemetery Department

Don O'Connor stated ditch work and sign maintenance are ongoing and the 2nd round of road mowing should begin soon. In the cemetery the new graves have been seeded and strawed. Mowing and weed eating continue. CemSites is working on the layout of the cemetery. The 2 new grasshopper mowers have arrived. In Porter Park, new mulch is needed for the playground. Don noted the price per yard was \$40 and about 40 yards would be needed.

Sheriff Deputy

Deputy Brandon Baldwin had 72 calls for service, 1 arrest, 27 traffic stops, 9 assists of other departments, 54 business checks, 162 citizen contacts, 2,071.7 miles placed on the cruiser from June 5 to July 5, 2023. Brandon had sent letters to the owners of 3 nuisance properties to report to the township meeting and 2 of the 3 came and discussed their properties with Brandon prior to the formal meeting. He noted there have been a number of crashes recently on township roads and urged drivers to drive more defensively and slow down. He thanked the fire department and the township road department for their help with a crash at Fairfield Pike and Fowler Road. Brandon helped recover 2 stolen cars out of the City of Springfield in the last month. He reminded the public to not leave their vehicles unlocked and/or running unattended. Columbia Gas has repaired a patch on Marion Drive. Brandon stated he was part of the parade and enjoyed the great turnout.

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 the latest credit card reports for trustee Pettit to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McClure noted the Enon Xenia project had reached the north end of the school property, but there was an issue with the allowable clearance agreement with the Marathon Pipeline. Negotiations are ongoing and the construction crew will work on the curbs for the roadway in front of the school until a plan is in place. Chief Heath was grateful for the cooperation from the construction crew with the parade logistics.

Trustee Pettit said some people were not placed in the electric aggregation program. They were told to contact Dynegy directly. The gas rates from Columbia Gas are closed to the aggregation rate with Archer, but their rates are predicted to rise as winter approaches.

Trustee Young moved to accept the A&B Asphalt Company bid for the township road project in the amount of \$730,000. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2023-017). There was discussion about some preliminary work for the road department prior to the project beginning. Don asked about the north end of Fowler Road, and it was discussed about adding it in for chip and seal.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Pettit thanked Chief Heath, the Road Department and Deputy Baldwin for the work on the gravel spill on Fowler and Fairfield. It was also noted that Nathan installed the new pump on the fire department side by side.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

At 8:12 pm, Trustee Pettit moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:04 pm, Trustee Young moved to re-enter regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to designate Ryan Woodward as a private citizen to investigate the conduct of the employees of the Mad River Township Fire and EMS Department and prepare necessary charges in accordance with ORC 505.38 and other applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2023-018)

At 10:06 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 3-0.