MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – January 16, 2024

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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 7:42 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 Organizational Meeting and the regular session on January 2, 2024. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief John Heath stated the department has 73 runs in 2024, with 67 calls since the last meeting for an average of 4.56 calls per day. Mutual aid received of 1 (1 YTD) and mutual aid given of 3 (3 YTD). The pump for the brush truck is delivered and Nathan will help with the install. Chief presented an application for the hiring of an FF/EMT. The high winds recently caused some of the siding on the back building to become lose. Lt. Clark was able to secure them. The trustees discussed contacting Kapp Construction to look over the buildings for maintenance. John reminded the public with the cold weather to use extreme caution trying to thaw frozen pipes with a blow torch.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor said the trucks are all in good running order and were used to salt earlier today. There are 30 tons of salt in the old bin, 150 tons in the new bin and 200 tons available for delivery. In the cemetery there is a funeral planned for Thursday. Trustee Young stated the school board gave the ok on the donation of the Vietnam memorial located at the Greenon athletic complex. The memorial will be moved to the cemetery.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 34 calls, 7 arrests, 4 traffic stops, 8 assists of other departments, 47 business checks, 75 citizen contacts and 1,580 miles driven from December 18, 2023 to January 16, 2024. He responded to 5 vehicle crashes and recovered 1 stolen vehicle on Springfield Xenia Road. The suspect was located and arrested. A non-injury bus crash occurred in Holiday Valley, when the bus backed into a vehicle. Brandon participated in a very successful warrant roundup on 12/19/2023. An oil change was completed by Nathan and he discovered a CV joint boot that needs replaced. The road department also helped install a power inverted in the cruiser. Brandon reminded the public to use caution and take extra time when the weather impacts the roads.

**Hustead Fire**

Chief Matt Hirtzinger had no report.

**Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kaufman had no report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks for payment for the trustees to sign. He is working on year end for the calendar year 2023.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Young spoke about residents raising chickens in the township on property less than 1 acre and cargo containers used as storage sheds in the area.

Trustee Young noted the tanker at Hustead is not leaking after being repaired.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit noted the furnace in Brandon’s garage was repaired for $1,300 versus $4,000 for a replacement.

Trustee McClure said the trustees and road department need to start listing the needs for road repairs including repairs, crack seal, chip-seal, man holes and curb repairs. There was discussion about saving a large portion of the road levy funds until next year to bid out a larger scale project.

Trustee Pettit reminded voters in the township about the Road Renewal Levy on the March ballot. He urged voters to pass the levy which provides $300,000 annually.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No comments.

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

At 10:12 pm, Trustee Young moved to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to hire Mason Chrisman, an EMT-B/FF2, to the department pending background and physical. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

Trustee McClure moved to give raises the following raises: Road Department Supervisor from $27.00 to $28.00/hour, Mechanic from $25.00 to $26.00/hour, Full Time Operator from $22.00 to $23.00/hour, Part Time Operator from $15.00 to $16.00/hour and Seasonal Cemetery Mower from $12.50 to $13.50/hour effective 1/1/2024. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 2024-002)

At 10:14 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.