MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – October 16, 2023

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 16, 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 7:39 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 October 2, 2023 regular session. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief John Heath stated the department has 1,446 calls for service in 2023, 80 since the last meeting for an average of 5.03 calls per day. Mutual aid received of 0 (57 YTD) and mutual aid given 9 (94 YTD) since the last meeting. Department provided mutual aid to Bethel on a structure fire. The last 2 weeks were very busy with the Homecoming parade and bonfire, fire prevention week and the Apple Butter Festival and 5K race. The barricade worked well at the north end of the festival. Chief attended the BDA yearly test in Greenon and there were no issues with communications. The Rescue truck is being painted and should be repaired soon. John reminded the public that farm equipment is out on the roads and asked drivers to be patient. Trick or Treat will be October 28th and there will be an open house at the station from 6-8:30pm. The fire hose testing will be completed October 18th and the new fire hose has been ordered.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Nathan Brentlinger stated the department is touching up areas that have been harvested and using the Green Township arm mower to clear some ditches. They have been replacing a number of street signs. In the cemetery, the mowing has slowed but they are mulching leaves.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin thanked the EMS department on their response to a fall call. From September 18 to October 16, Brandon reported 31 calls for service, 4 arrests, 6 traffic stops, 4 assists of other departments, 40 business checks, 60 citizen contacts and 1,453 miles placed on the cruiser. A stolen vehicle out of Trotwood was recovered on I70 at I675. Brandon assisted the Special Operations team on serving multiple search/arrest warrants which was very successful. On October 13th, he assisted the Springfield SWAT team on a barricaded subject in O’Reilly’s on East Main Street in Springfield. The LPR (License Plate Recognition) devices have been installed on the cruiser. Brandon assisted with the Toy Run on October 15th.

**Hustead Fire**

Chief Matt Hirtzinger reported 89 runs year to date. The department participated in the Homecoming parade and fire prevention week. The tanker is finally going out for service to repair the leak. All the air packs are in service.

**Hustead EMS**

Chief Heather Kaufman had no report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks for the trustees to sign.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Young read from a letter from the Ohio AG encouraging voters to go to vote.ohio.gov for information regarding Issues 1 & 2 on the upcoming November ballot.

Trustee Pettit thanked Fred Messaros for supplying the concrete barricades used at the Apple Butter Festival. Mr. Messaros delivered and pickup up multiple trailer loads.

Trustee Pettit thanked everyone involved with the Highway Hiker’s Toy Run and noted over $2 million has been given to the Salvation Army over the 45years for the event.

Trustee McClure noted Enon Xenia was back open. The plan is for curb and catch basin work at Oak Hill and the possibility of milling the road from the center of town to Oak Hill. While stirring apple butter in the rain, Mr. McClure noted the need for a catch basin near Broadway and was gathering quotes for Enon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustees had some discussion about adding removable steel bollards across Enon Xenia at Dayton Road that would allow the road to be blocked for events like the Apple Butter festival. Chief Heath estimated the costs to be around $11,000 to complete.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

At 8:11 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.