MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – August 5, 2024

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, August 5, 2024 at the Mad River Township Fire Station and via the township You Tube platform.

Present: Trustees Bobby McClure, Todd Pettit and Fiscal Officer David Rudy. Absent: Trustee Jay Young

Trustee Pettit called the meeting to order at 9:34 am, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the audience in attendance.

Trustee McClure moved to suspend the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular session on July 15, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Pettit motion carried 2-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Chief John Heath stated the department has 1,087 calls for service YTD for an average of 4.98 calls per day. Three mutual aid received and 4 mutual aid given since last meeting. Crews handled a semi-truck crash on I-70 due to an earlier police chase and crash. One driver was flown via CareFlight. John mentioned a $14,616.00 grant received that will be used for staff retention bonuses. The department has been fitted with ballistic vests which are red and black. The vests are an added safety feature for the staff. The starter and batteries were replaced on the Quint 50. The surplus items have been listed on gov deals.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor stated they will replace a 50-foot section of drainage pipe at Parkridge and Uplands. Nathan installed safety chains on the flail mower and will use it to cut brush back around road signs. Don asked if a right of entry form should be completed for each township resident before mowing the back side of their ditches. There were several funerals in the past couple weeks. Mowing is ongoing and all mowers were serviced. The Pride program will help weed eat at the cemetery. When the department borrows the boom mower from Green township, area overpasses will be a target.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 17 calls for service, 1 arrest, 1 traffic stops, 0 assist of other departments, 19 business checks, 35 citizen contacts and 575 miles driven from July 15 to August 5, 2024. Brandon spent 2 days in active shooter training. On July 17th, Sgt. Brown, Deputy Shaw and Brandon assisted the City of Springfield in locating a male who had possibly kidnapped a child. The suspect was located in Mad River Township and taken into custody. The Holiday Valley neighborhood had a number of thefts from vehicles and 1 stolen vehicle on August 2nd. The vehicles were all unlocked and the stolen vehicle had the key fob left inside. The new cruiser is not in production. Brandon was given a couple of addresses to check for nuisance grass and weeds.

**Hustead Fire**

Chief Matt Hirtzinger had no report.

**Hustead EMS**

Loretta Lewis had no report.

Fiscal Officer Rudy presented checks for the trustees to sign and the most recent credit card statements for Trustee Pettit to review. He noted the need for the resolution to allow Trustee Pettit to apply for and manage the OPWC grant for 2025 for the Holiday Valley project. He discussed the need to approve the annual lighting assessment resolution. He asked if the trustees would be ok to have the 2025 Budget Hearing prior to the August 19, 2025 meeting at 7:00 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustees noted the estimates for the Holiday Valley OPWC project was $539,235.00. The township is applying for a 50% match which means the township would cover $269,618.00 of total project. The current road levy provides approximately $320,000 annually in tax revenue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee McClure moved to approve and place the special assessment for street lighting on the areas of the township at the same rates as last year. Seconded by Trustee Pettit, motion carried 2-0. (Resolution 2024-016)

Trustee McClure 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 Pettit, motion carried 2-0. (Resolution 2024-017)

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

At 9:55 am, Trustee Pettit moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 2-0.