MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – February 20, 2024

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 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 7:47 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 regular session on February 5, 2024. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Assistant Chief Ben Beair stated the department has 242 calls for service YTD and 69 calls since the last meeting. Mutual aid received of 1 (5 YTD) and mutual aid given of 4 (11 YTD). Rescue 50 is being outfitted with equipment and members are getting driver training. P&R reprogrammed the radios and the back in service date of March 1 is on schedule. The snow Friday led to 8 calls for service from 6pm until 10:30pm. Chief Heath wanted the department to know how proud he was of them. Chief Gardone put together an operations plan that allowed the department to cover all of the calls without a request for mutual aid.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor said stated the 2017 International had a leak in the gas tank. The cost to repair is $875 versus $2,300 for a new tank. Cold patching has been ongoing. There are 100 tons of salt in the bin, with another 100 tons available to order. A cable broke on one of the garage doors. After the repair, Overhead Door recommended changing out the openers to a center pull. Also, some of the panels in the doors need replacement. The department worked the snow event from 11pm until 6am and received a number of calls thanking them for their work. The dead trees on Mosier Road have been removed and there are a few trees on Collier Road that need removed as well. The bucket truck should be repaired next week. Don said there are 2 funerals scheduled this week. The spring clean up will begin March 15th. Don will post signs alerting the public. They will move the Vietnam Memorial stone at the old high school to the cemetery and pour a foundation where it will be placed.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin had no report.

**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 will have year-end 2023 done prior to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustees asked the community to support the Road Levy renewal that will be on the March 19th ballot. Some residents have expressed concern about using the levy funds for blacktop only. The trustees noted that proper maintenance to the road base is essential to the long-term life of the pavement. Fowler Road is a good example of the used of chip seal to help stabilize the base before the blacktop. It was also noted the cost of 1 mile of road blacktop is now around $140,000. Trustee McClure will work on estimates for repairs on some roads.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pettit said the trustees were provided information from Safe Haven Defense, a company that provides protective film to windows and doors to prevent small arms bullet resistance and glass breakage due to burglaries, hurricanes and a blast. The trustees will review the proposal for the windows and doors at the fire house.

Trustee McClure will visit a property on Fowler Road that is going to be split into 2 lots for the possible need of a temporary culvert.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No comments.

At 8:15 pm, Trustee McClure moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.