MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session – February 5, 2024

The Mad River Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, February 5, 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 7:34 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 January 16, 2024. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Enon Fire and EMS**

Assistant Chief Ben Beair stated the department has 88 calls for service since the last meeting and 165 runs in 2024. Mutual aid received of 3 (4 YTD) and mutual aid given of 4 (7 YTD). The crew responded to a garage structure fire on Broadway on 1/25/24. The crew made a quick stop of the fire and with mutual aid from Hustead Fire and Bethel Township was able to keep the fire from spreading to the home. Rescue 50 is back from the repairs and the equipment is being loaded back in place. The plan after retraining the crew on the R-50 is to have it in service March 1. Ben presented 3 applications for review to the trustees. If the 3 are approved the department will have 57 members. The schedule for February is 95% full and morale is high.

**Road and Cemetery Department**

Don O’Connor said the trucks are all cleaned and ready for service. There is 1 load of salt in the old bin, 200 tons in the new bin and 100 tons available for delivery. Don discussed road needs for the year including issues in Echo Hills, Hunters Glen and Holiday Valley. The bucket truck is in the transmission shop. Don will have Buck’s Tree provide a quote for dead tree removal on Mossier and Collier Roads. In the cemetery, the department has 4 funerals this week. Grave sales are up and Don had a deed for the trustees to sign.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Deputy Brandon Baldwin reported 27 calls, 4 arrests, 5 traffic stops, 2 assists of other departments, 34 business checks, 80 citizen contacts and 1,349 miles driven from January 16, 2024 to February 5, 2024. He responded to 4 vehicle crashes and recovered 1 stolen vehicle. The CV axle on the right front of the cruiser was repaired under warranty. The purge valve on the cruiser is stuck open and a replacement part has been ordered. There was some discussion about the parking regulations for the township, due to issues with trailers parked in the Bluffs of Enon. Brandon noted a policy change in the Sheriff’s department where the riffle and/or shot gun will now be provided by the County.

**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 copies of the latest credit card statements for Trustee Pettit to review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustees talked about the Road Levy renewal that will be on the March 19th ballot. The levy will not increase the property taxes on residents and it has been a vital piece of the monies used for road repairs in the township.

Trustee Pettit noted that Rick Hanna stated the decision was made to move forward with the application for a State Grant for the new Sports Park. A grant writer will be paid $1,800 to help with the application.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee McClure moved to approve the hiring of Kyle Hern, Nathaniel Scolastico and Bryant Bostic pending background and physical. Seconded by Trustee Young, motion carried 3-0.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No comments.

At 8:04 pm, Trustee Young moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee McClure, motion carried 3-0.