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Madison Township Express

February 27, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Presentations

Chief Robinson presented service awards to Firefighter Kyle Peters for his 10 years of service and Inspector Edward G. (Dink) Dildine for his 30-year service award. Congratulations!

Truro Township Trustee Dennis Nicodemus introduced himself as a new Ohio Township Association Board member.

Mr. Ryan Barksdale representing the W33 Program shared with the Board their vision to bring an exciting new after-school program located in Blacklick Estates to Groveport Madison students.

Trebel LLC representative Erin Schmerschneider presented the new rate quotes to the Board for both electric and gas. The participation rate, based on eligibility, is 87% electric and 89% gas. As in the past, only those serviced by AEP or Columbia Gas are eligible for the Township program. The Board approved the new rates, which will begin in April 2024, before the current agreement end dates. Both opt-out letters will be sent in the same envelope on March 8th to all eligible Madison Township residents, as the PUCO requires. All opt-outs received by March 29 will be processed before the April billing. However, residents may join or leave the program at any time without penalty from our supplier. As in the past, budget billing is also available. Trebel also explained the capacity rate will be up for auction in 2025 and is determined by a PJM auction and added to the June 2025 billing. The capacity rate is a PJM cost component mandated by the PUCO to be paid to AEP by all consumers, which incentivizes AEP to ensure they are producing enough electricity to avoid rolling brownouts.

The rate for gas aggregation with Archer Energy for April 1, 2024, through May 30, 2026, at a rate of \$0.5859 per Ccf.

The rate for electric aggregation with Archer Energy for May 31, 2024, through May 31, 2025, for a fixed rate of \$0.06649 per kWh.

A suggested resolution allowing Trebel LLC to continue to shop and lock in the second year's electric rate not to exceed \$0.06649 per kWh; which does not include a new capacity rate. This authority expires on March 26, 2024, and allows for a more favorable electric rate to be received.

These new rates are lower than the existing Township aggregation agreement rates and should save residents an average of \$16.00 per month over their current bill.

Old Business

There is still room in the FREE Women's Self Defence Class on March 23. Email policeadmin@madisontownship.org or call 614-836-5355 between 8 - 4 weekdays to register.

The Board is looking for your input! Madison Township is reconsidering a program with SWACO to obtain new 65-gallon recycling totes for residents in Madison Township **at no cost to residents** by utilizing a grant for this purpose. The Board of Trustees is asking for resident feedback and comments by March 22, 2024, before they make a final decision. The program provides grant funding for the new recycle totes, with a final cost of \$5.00 per tote, paid by the Township over a three-year payback period. In addition, SWACO is helping with the costs of the third-party vendor that will assist with the rollout and education of the new program. Residents who do not want to receive a new tote can opt out; however, no recycled items will be picked up on trash day without this new tote at the curb. The existing green recycle bins will be discontinued. This program allows the Township to own the recycling totes, be responsible for the replacement of the recycle totes, and maintain the tracking software. We encourage everyone to participate in this survey and provide thoughts of support and opposition. The survey can be found under the Important Information tab at www.madisontownship.org.

New Business

Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is interested in public comments regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2024-2050 for the Central Ohio area. Comments need to be received at MORPC by the end of March 2024. March 19th MORPC is having an open house from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at their office at 111 Liberty St, Columbus 43215. The map shows upgrades to roadways, new roads, trails, etc. Approved projects would be evaluated and ranked by MORPC, as an agency submits TRAC applications. The link to the interactive map can be found on the Important Information tab at www.madisontownship.org.

Public Comment - none

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson shared that the Rhodes State College clinical agreement allows their students to obtain field hours for their EMS certification, similar to their agreements with Columbus State and OhioHealth.

Madison Township Firefighters were recognized recently at the Columbus Division of Fire ceremony for their assistance on a run, which saved the life of a trapped individual. Lt Doug Smith, FF/P Danzig, FF/P Reis, FF/P Mike Miller, FF/P Long, and FF Mays were presented with an Award of Merit at the Township's Fire Department recognition ceremony last November for the same incident.

Administrator Brobst announced that the Police department has received the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Grant reimbursement for \$12,615.75. A resolution to accept this award is on the agenda.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Watkins shared that the Township's application for the Ohio Public Works Commission received funding. The County Engineer's Office will assist in the bid process, for improving the following streets; Glenfield, Bonita Place, Bixby Road just west of Ebright, and intersection improvements at Harbor and Tremaine, near Asbury School. He also asked the Board to approve a resolution allowing our participation in the County Engineer's Resurfacing program for 2024. The specific streets will be determined in the next two months.

Administrator Susan Brobst announced that the Township has partnered with the Franklin County Auditor's Community Outreach program for a May 4th, Electronics Recycling and Document Shred It event. This will be held at Brobst Park from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and is free to the public. Additional information will be available later in March.

Fiscal Officer Laurie Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$12,427,483.34. Funds available by department are listed below. Any discrepancies in the reported total and combined funds are due to the existence of several other small, specific funds not mentioned.

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| Fire \$ 6,562,682.93 | General \$ 2,237,998.76 |
| Public Works \$ 810,352.47 | Police \$ 1,343,407.99 |

Public Comment- none

Business of the Board - All resolutions presented were approved by the Board.

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