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Madison Township Express

January 23, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Presentations

Chief Robinson recognized Fire Inspector Jeff Fasone for his 36 years of service to the Madison Township Fire Department. Police Sgt. Nick Tiller received his 10-year service award. Fire Lt. Jeremy Irwin was not present to receive his 15-year service award.

Old Business

Administrator Susan Brobst updated the Board regarding the Community Development Block Grant since the last meeting. The requested letter of interest regarding new sidewalks for Wingate, Walburn, and Trenton was sent and has since been canceled. The residents prefer the focus be on slowing down speeders at this time.

New Business.

Police Chief York requested approval to submit a letter of intent to purchase additional police cruisers in 2024. This is the same process the Chief has followed for the past two years, as vehicles have become much harder to obtain.

Chief York announced a [Women's Self-Defense Class](#) will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. until noon. The class is free; however, space is limited. To secure a spot email, policeadmin@madisontownship.org or call 614-836-5355 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Each department shared a quick recap of their **2023 stats**:

Fire - responded to 10,721 calls for service; of these, 8,521 were EMS-based, and 2200 were fire call-related. This reflects responses with mutual and automatic aid partners as well.

Police - responded to 35,753 calls for service; the officers made 2,474 traffic stops and arrested 63 impaired drivers.

Public Works - Supt. Dave Watkins shared the 2023-2024 Snow and Ice Stats to date: salt - 23.3 tons; liquid used - 1606 gallons; miles driven - 927; and 5.4 inches of snow.

The 5-year average is: salt - 70.41 tons; liquid used - 944 gallons; miles driven - 2425; and 8.3 inches of snow.

Nuisance properties stats for 2023 - 355 violation tags, resulted in 129 board-approved nuisance letters, with 61 assessments on 34 properties totaling \$30,628.92. Compared to 2022 - 316 violation tags, and 117 nuisance letters, with 56 assessments on 39 properties totaling \$20,885.68.

Administration - 160 Community Center reservations, 115 users, of which 83 were residents and 32 non-residents, rental fees totaled \$11,455.00.

Administrator Brobst shared information on the upcoming "heavy haul" loads coming through Groveport and parts of Madison Township. Currently, the first load is planned for February 10th. Currently, two carriers will bring the loads into Rickenbacker and onto their destination throughout this multi-month process. Each prepared route has been extensively vetted, including ODOT, Franklin County Engineers, local power companies, etc. Rolling road closures coming out of Rickenbacker over to South Hamilton Road onto Bixby, Ebright, and Rt. 33 will cause traffic delays. Updates will be given once the equipment is on-site and no weather delays are expected. Residents may gather information from social media posts, news stations, and website updates the day before the event. Crews from the hauler and the County Engineer will be walking and following the loads, watching for unexpected issues, road conditions, and impacts due to the massive weight of the loads. The Franklin County Engineers' office coordinates and issues these permits for Madison Township, the County roads, and many other local municipalities.

Brobst continued with updates on the Electric and Gas Aggregation programs, which ends this spring. Currently, pricing is coming in lower than our current rates since this winter has not been that bad. It could benefit the Board to try and secure pricing at their February meeting. More information will be presented to the Aggregation Committee later in February, in time for the next Board meeting. The Board agreed they want to continue to offer a program that allows budget billing and no fees to join or leave our program.

Public Comment - None

Department Reports -

Police Gary York announced the department received notice of a partial award for the body-worn cameras. A total of \$32,615.50 was awarded.

Administrator Brobst asked the Board to approve a resolution from the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency that would allow the County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to be adopted, which in return means that we would be able to apply for and possibly receive federal reimbursement funds through FEMA for a variety of possible events.

Unfortunately, the new-to-us zoning inspector Shires could not attend the meeting. However, Brobst shared that a meeting between the Township staff and the inspector was held, and we are looking forward to working on several long-time issues. This inspector has had success with violations on the county's west side and has now been assigned to several townships on the east side, including Madison. Residents with violations can expect little tolerance for non-compliance; cases sent to the Prosecutor are moving through the system much faster, with fewer cases being "continued".

Fiscal Officer Laurie Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$13,379,832.64. Funds available by the 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.

Fire \$ 7,325,032.51	General \$ 2,254,865.74
Public Works \$ 757,113.61	Police \$ 1,569,098.06

Public Comment - none

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

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