

Madison Township Board Meeting
October 10, 2017
Meeting Held at: Station 32 - 7047 Landersdale Road, Camby, IN 46113

Attending:

Scott McDonough – Trustee
James Johnson – Board Chairman
Jim Miles – Board Member

Call to Order:

James Johnson calls meeting to order at 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Lead by Jim Miles

1st Order of Business – Previous Meeting Minutes

- Jim Miles makes a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
- James Johnson 2nds motion.
 - *PUBLIC COMMENT: The meeting minutes were not on the township's website for review by the public.*
- Meeting Minutes are tabled until the next meeting.

2nd Order of Business – 2018 Budget Hearing

- Large changes under Fire Budget include additional money budgeted to cover the cost of worker's comp insurance. EMS supplies are going up because we went over budget in the first couple months of the year.
- Large changes under Township Budget include the Building fund. We are anticipating that we possibly may have to replace an air conditioner within the next year. Several big ticket items went out this year on the building.
- Chief Lang explained that salary and wages were advertised as exactly what we had budgeted last year. We dropped 3 full time employees plus dropped medics to part time. We can give raises to our current employees with keeping the same budget.
- The county has elected to discontinue giving the township \$20,000 of LOIT money that they have given in the past. They are now keeping the money and using it for the county wide EMS service.
 - *PUBLIC COMMENT:*
 - *Trudy Ellis: Our budget is not the 28th highest budget in the state for townships. We are going in the wrong direction we should be cutting our budget.*
 - *Larry Ellis: We have something lacking in our department because we have so many employees that have gone out on disability.*
 - *Trudy Ellis: Poor relief last year only helped 6 households. The trustee should be doing this job or the clerk.*
 - *Mike McGinnis: Asked about township assistance clients that have trouble balancing budget.*
 - *Kelly Alcalá: Explained that several people that apply for township assistance have trouble understanding how to balance individual budgets, like paying bills first and not eating out. Explained how all those things are looked at to make sure they are not wasting their resources before township assistance is approved.*

3rd Order of Business – Additional Appropriation

- \$22,277.00 from Fire Fund
- \$11,948.00 from Cumulative Fire Fund
 - The portion for fire fund is to pay the fees for the Medicaid reimbursement program.
 - The portion for Cumulative Fund is to pay what we are receiving from insurance because of the Pool Car that was in wreck last month. The insurance company says the car is totaled.
 - There was discussion on if it would be cheaper to reimburse employees their mileage going to training and conducting fire department business in their personal vehicles as opposed to keeping and utilizing a Pool car.
 - Chief Lang is in support of having a Pool Car that can be used by the fire marshal to conduct department work with. They are looking at purchasing a truck that could also be used to plow snow in the winter with at the stations.
- Jim Miles makes a motion to approve. James Johnson 2nds motion. Motion passes 2 to 0.

4th Order of Business – Fund Transfer

- Requesting to move \$21,000.00 from Personal Services line item of the Budget to the Supplies line item of the Budget all within the Fire Fund.
- Chief Lang explained since there was a reduction in full time employees from 12 to 9 we have additional money in the PERF line item within Personal Services. We need additional money in Supplies.
- Jim Miles makes a motion to approve. James Johnson 2nds. Motion passes 2 to 0.

5th Order of Business – Fuel Agreement with Mooresville Schools

- It was brought to our attention during our State Audit that we did not have an actual contract with Mooresville Schools to purchase fuel. This is a contract that was drawn up and Brown Township has signed the same contract with the school.
- Jim Miles makes a motion to approve. James Johnson 2nds motion. Motion passes 2 to 0.

6th Order of Business – Township Assistance Standards

- Requesting to update the Income levels to the published 2017 federal poverty levels.
- James Johnson makes a motion to approve. Jim Miles 2nds motion. Motion passes 2 to 0.

7th Order of Business – Merit Board Vacancy

- Norm Bikoff passed away on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.
- This position on the Merit Board is appointed by the township board members.
- Discussion between board members of possible candidates of people in the township that might be interested in serving on the merit board.
- Firefighter Jordan Russell suggested Terry Hillman who is the Leona Lakes president. He was going to contact him to see if he would be interested.

Old Business

- Trustee McDonough reminded the board members that the Fire Gear is coming up to be replaced again and also the ambulances will need to be re-chassed soon.

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- *PUBLIC COMMENT: Several public comments were heard on fire department operations.*

Motion to Adjourn

James Johnson makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Jim Miles 2nds the motion. Motion passes 2 to 0. Meeting is adjourned at 9:13pm

Scott McDonough – Township Trustee: _____

James Johnson – Board Chairman: _____

Kenny Johnson – Board Secretary: _____

Jim Miles – Board Member: _____

*Respectfully Submitted by:
Kelly Alcala
Madison Township Clerk*

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