

Madison Township Board Meeting

October 30, 2017

Meeting Held at: Station 32 - 7047 Landersdale Road, Camby, IN 46113

Attending:

Scott McDonough – Trustee

James Johnson – Board Chairman

Kenny Johnson – Board Secretary

Jim Miles – Board Member

Call to Order:

James Johnson calls meeting to order at 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Lead by Mike Lang

1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business – Reading of the 4.13.2017 Meeting Minutes

- Jim Miles makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kenny Johnson 2nds motion.
- Request that the under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business discussing Additional Appropriation, Rick Harrison's comment should state "Believes that the Chief's vehicles need to be cut because you don't need them."
- Request that under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business discussing Additional Appropriation, the bullet point that says "Jim Miles makes a motion to approve but reduce the amount from the Fire Fund to \$15,693.34 for Medicaid money."
- Miles makes a motion to approve with amendment to the above lines in the minutes. Kenny Johnson 2nds the motion. Motion passes 3 to 0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business – Reading of the 10.10.2017 Meeting Minutes

- On page 1 under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business under Public Comment / Trudy Ellis: take out the word "not".
- Under Good of the Order:
  - ADD: Trudy Ellis in the 4.13.2017 minutes had questioned the fact that Tomisue Beisel's amount on the annual report does not match the ending payroll. RESPONSE: Clerk explained that is because there was a payroll check from 2015 that had not been cashed. When we needed to close the bank account the check was voided and reissued in 2016. So it shows as paid out on the annual report for 2016, but should not be included on the ending payroll for 2016.
  - ADD: Board will be voting on tabling the minutes going forward, even though they have not been doing that in the past.

3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business – 2018 Budget Adoption

- Chief Lang – explains that Engine 32 has been in the shop twice. Apparatus keeps breaking. Tanker 32 caught on fire. Maintenance costs are high. Salary and benefits are doing well this year. EMS supplies has also been a killer on our budget this year and the full line item has already been exhausted for the year. Supplies are more expensive and we are getting more runs. But on the flip side we are seeing more money come in with our revenue thru ambulance billing.
- Chief Lang – states we are trying to hold off on the ambulance re-chassis, but in 2019 engines will be 10 and 12 years old and the backup will be 25 years old. Not confident our ambulances are going to make it that long.
- Discussion on senior citizen center. It is a non-profit organization.
- Chief Lang explains that the department is in discussion with Brown Township about helping with the fundraisers with the pancake breakfasts and chili suppers that they hold at the senior citizen center.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Trudy Ellis: Thinks that the Care of Cemeteries line item and Unemployment Compensation should be lowered.
- Jim Miles proposes that we cut the unemployment compensation in half.
- Board reduces line item, Pay of Township Board to \$6,000
- Board reduces line item, Salary of Trustee to \$22,000
- Board reduces line item, Unemployment Compensation to \$2,500
- Board reduces line item, Care of Cemeteries to \$5,000
- Board discusses Township Assistance Investigator position.
- Trustee McDonough explains that the same person that is the Clerk does not have to do the Township Assistance Investigator position. In the past it was handled by two different people.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Trudy Ellis: Thinks we are spending a ridiculous amount of money on Township Assistance. Other townships do not do it this way.
- Jordan Russell: We are in a generation in where people come with their hand out. It takes someone there to review these application and make sure people qualify for the assistance.
- Rick Harrison: Five Points Baptist Church had to spend \$1,000 for an AED because the Madison Township Crews are in Mooresville all the time.
- Kenny Johnson makes a motion to approve the 2018 budget with the reductions in General Township Fund. Jim Miles 2nds the motion. Motion passes 3 to 0.

4<sup>th</sup> Order of Business – 2018 Salary Resolution

- Changes: Reduce Township Trustee to \$22,000 per year
- Changes: Reduce Township Board to \$2,000 per year
- Changes: Increase Paramedic – Part Time Fill In to \$17.50 per hour

<b>POSITION OF OFFICE</b>	<b>Number of Positions</b>	<b>Rate of Compensation</b>	<b>Per*</b>
Township Trustee	1	\$22,000	Year
Township Clerk	1	\$21,424	Year
Members of the Township Board	3	\$2,000	Year
<b>Fire Department Personnel</b>			
Volunteer Fire Chief	1	\$20,000	Year
Deputy Chief – Part-Time	2	\$24,960	Year
Firefighter – Merit	9	\$14.50	Per Hour
Firefighter – Part Time (On Shift)	9	\$11.00	Per Hour
Firefighter- Volunteer (Not on Shift)	25	\$11.00	Per Hour
Paramedic – Part Time Fill in	AS Needed	\$17.50	Per Hour
Captain	2	\$0.60	Per Hour
Lieutenants	4	\$0.40	Per Hour
Merit Commissioner	5	\$500	Per Year
<b>Assistance Personnel</b>			
Investigator	1	\$7,498	Per Year
<b>Other Employees (Detail)</b>			

- Kenny Johnson makes a motion to approve the salary resolution with the changes included. Jim Miles 2nds the motion. Motion passes 3 to 0.

5<sup>th</sup> Order of Business – Merit Board Discussion

- James Johnson – discusses that the board needs to find another person to serve on the Merit Board.
- Chief Lang – stated he had given 2 different people the contact information for the Board if they were interested in serving on the Merit Board.
- James Johnson – states if there are people interested in serving on the Merit Board he wants to give them the chance to contact the Board. We can table this discussion until the next meeting. He would like to see someone that is interested in serving on the Merit Board to show up to the next meeting.

Good of the Order -

- Chief Lang – explains that the ambulances need to be re-chassis. To get this done by the factory it will be \$120,000 to \$150,000. If we use an aftermarket remount company it will be \$120,000 to \$130,000. Doing this will have to go to a formal bid.
- Jim Miles – states he would like to limp along until we are out of debt on the tanker and rescue.
- Board discusses the ambulances and the GPS on them.
- Chief Lang – explains that the fire gear started expiring this month. We need a direction moving forward. We need to weigh our liability. We are having to take more and more gear out of service because it is costing \$200-\$300 to repair. The first set is really worn out. The more we take out the harder it is to fit. We are having difficulty being able to fit everyone. There will also be some maintenance cost on the SBCAs. The cost is \$23 a piece for hydrostat testing. There is a lot of equipment that is in the recycle phase.
- *PUBLIC COMMENT: Several public comments were heard on fire department operations.*

Motion to Adjourn

Jim Miles makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Kenny Johnson 2nds the motion. Motion passes 3 to 0. Meeting is adjourned at 8:41pm.

Scott McDonough – Township Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

James Johnson – Board Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenny Johnson – Board Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Miles – Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kelly Alcala  
Madison Township Clerk*