

Madison Township Board Meeting

December 8, 2015

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

Attending:

Jim Miles – Board Chairman

James Johnson – Board Secretary

Call to Order:

Jim Miles calls meeting to order at 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Lead by Jim Miles

1st Order of Business – Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Miles reads previous meeting minutes out loud.
 - Public Comment on changes to Meeting Minutes:
 - Trudy Ellis – Chris Mills stated in previous meeting that Project Lifesaver documents are not open to the public.
 - Trudy Ellis – advertised budget was 3.2% increase from 2015.
 - Trudy Ellis – On the 5th order of business you made a motion to approve. That was not listed. Then you re-voted again. That is not supposed to happen if you are following Robert's Rules of Order.
 - Rick Harrison – It was the tanker that went thru the stop sign by the school, not the rescue. He also mentioned that there was texting while driving by the deputy chief at the time.
- Miles makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended. James Johnson, 2nds motion. Motion passes 2 to 0.

2nd Order of Business – Additional Appropriation

- Additional appropriation requested out of the Fire Fund, under line item "Supplies". This is for supplemental damage from the vehicle accident in September. A check was received from the insurance company, now we need approval to spend the money.
- James Johnson, makes a motion to approve. Jim Miles 2nds motion. Motion pass 2 to 0.

3rd Order of Business – Fund Transfer

- Fund transfer for Township Fund. This is to move \$2,184 out of "Other Services & Charges" line item in Township General Fund, to "Personal Service" line item in Township General Fund. This is to cover the cost of unemployment claims we have had in 2015.
- Jim Miles makes a motion to approve. James Johnson 2nds motion. Motion passes 2 to 0.

4th Order of Business – Nepotism

- Jim Miles reads aloud an email from the township attorney on his interpretation of the nepotism policy with regards to Madison Township. Information was taken under advisement and Chief Lang and Deputy Chief Buckrop were reassigned to new roles. Mike Lang will now be the Deputy Chief of Administration and Tom Buckrop will be the Fire Chief.
- Jim Miles submits written certification that we are in compliance with Nepotism in Contracting and Nepotism in Employment.
- James Johnson submits written certification that we are in compliance with Nepotism in Contracting.

5th Order of Business – 2016 Benefits – Attendance and Leave Policy

- Jim Miles reads policy aloud. On page 3 under chart, “2017 and After” for 1-5 years of service it should read 7.5 hours per pay.
- There is a need for a change in the sick time because of the change in our Worker’s Compensation policy does not cover the salaries of the full time PERF employees. Making this change will allow the time that is needed for those injured to medically pension out thru PERF, without going without pay. This is similar to what is done at Brown Township and Washington Township. There are controls in place to make sure that the sick leave is not taken advantage of.
- Jim Miles makes a motion to approve, James Johnson 2nds motion. Motion pass 2 to 0.

6th Order of Business – Asset Ledger Update

- Updated asset ledger list is presented to the board. Previous information has been cleaned up and also includes all items purchased since January 1st that meet the \$500 limit. Jim Miles requested to have this reported to the board twice a year going forward.
- Receivers on the trucks for Project Lifesaver are not on the report. Once we determine when we got them and how much they cost, they will be added.
- Discussion on truck maintenance and the maintenance reports that are given to the board at the meetings.

7th Order of Business – Station 31 Repairs / Long Range Planning

- Discussion regarding the state of Station 31. Things like fixing lights have been done. However, there are things we can’t fix right now, such as drainage problems, septic and structure problems.
- Board discussed the idea of one centralized station as well as repairing Station 31 or the idea of rebuilding Station 31. Several members of the public made comment. Funding for any project would require a loan.
- It was discussed that the Cumulative Fund rate could be raised as a means of saving money for future equipment purchases.

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- Deputy Chief Lang – requested the board adopt a certified salary for PERF for 2016.
- Jim Miles made a motion to adopt the certified salary at \$37,000. James Johnson 2nd motion. Motion passed 2 to 0.
- There was discussion on Fire Department operations, and several members of the public made comment.
- Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5th at 7pm.

Motion to Adjourn

Miles makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Johnson 2nds the motion. Motion passes 2 to 0. Meeting is adjourned at 9:46pm

Scott McDonough – Township Trustee: _____

Jim Miles – Board Chairman: _____

James Johnson – Board Secretary: _____

Kenny Johnson – Board Member: _____

*Respectfully Submitted by:
Kelly Alcala
Madison Township Clerk*