

Board Meeting Minutes

Madison Township Advisory Board

August 21, 2019

Board Members Present:

Jim Miles, Amy Russell, and Angie Turley

- Pledge
- Russell called meeting to order – 6:37 pm
- Previous Meeting Minutes – Russell made motion to approve, Turley 2nd, pass 3-0.
- Amy – we need to discuss the additional appropriation resolution

Lang: explained new debt to loan of \$870k, how there was a remonstrance, hearing was held in April, June 18 was approved from the State of Indiana to proceed for the appropriation to be approved. There was a time frame for appeal of 45 days, no one appealed, so we can move forward with the loan. 3 vendors for the ambulance, don't know which direction we are going yet, depending on which chassis is available, one will be ready for August 2 ordering, one is changing to 2020 model in November. One has some available, but once we get contract signed, we can see which direction we are going. Hoping to get updated quotes by the end of the week. Ambulance done first, remaining funds to be used for the fire truck, several vendors on ideas and quotes, the preferred vendor has an October 1 price increase, so need to have dialed in before then. If price is under 150k, chief and trustee will review and choose, if over 150k, then will bring to board. Sourcewell did both trucks 7 years ago, competitive bid, we get nationwide government entities best pricing, build time is one year, fall of next year before here and in service. Miles inquired about selling older fire truck, Lang said that is the plan, will sell for 20-25k, they spend a lot of money on upkeep for it now. Russell opened for public comment. Mrs. Haney inquired about replacing it since we just got a new one 7 years ago, Lang said the one selling is 27 years old. Mrs. Haney also inquired about our department growing faster than our community, why so much debt, do we know how to balance our checkbook? Lang stated we have paid loan off, getting a new loan is keeping us where we need to be, doing this keeps ambulance and fire truck on same life cycle with getting new ones when we need them, 7 years from now when this loan is paid off, we will get another one to replace one fire truck and one ambulance, don't want to do both at the same time, same as Mooresville and Brown Township does. Mrs. Haney inquired about getting EMS from the county, Lang asked about Morgan County EMS? Mrs. Haney, yes. Lang replied that if they took over, our taxes would actually go up and Morgan County EMS cannot show that they can offer us the same coverage for the same cost or better, so it just doesn't make sense. Miles questioned distance and run time with Morgan County EMS. Lang said Morgan County EMS has 5 ambulances for the whole county, our taxes would go up just to have EMS from them. Mr. Ellis stated that he appreciates our EMS

services, but has issue with selling the old fire truck that seems to be one of our most reliable pieces of equipment. Russell stated it is good, but not good enough. Ellis inquired about the other two not being good. Russell talked about the 32s and 33s fire trucks being in the shop a lot. Ellis stated not only is it s a good used truck, but 870k is not good debt, priorities mixed up. Miles likes the maintenance plan, keeps us on a level playing field, 870k is not terrible for what we have. Ellis said we need to be more creative. Jordan Russell stated we have double the residents of what the Town Of Mooresville does, we need new ambulance and fire truck. Ellis inquired about the new rescue and how many times it has been in the shop. Miles stated, you buy used you get in trouble. Mr. Haney stated that new trucks have just as many issue and why are our trucks running up and down SR 67 all day? He also inquired about the fire station and digging a pond and why Martinsville and Danville only have 7 radios and why do we need so many? Why do we have a Madison Twp chief's buggy driving to Avon and Wayne Township, we don't need that many vehicles. Mr. Haney stated they just need an aerial ladder and trampoline and they would have a great time. Miles, no ladder truck discussion. Russell made motion to incur \$870k in debt and approve appropriation, Turley 2nd, Miles abstained, pass 2-0.

- Mc Donough said we need to discuss EMS billing resolutions. Land said it has not been updated since 2012, would like to take us to average on our neighbors around us. Miles wants to know who pays. Lang explained that the ambulance company bills health insurance, auto insurance, then if no insurance, the individual. Miles asked if we eat it if no one pays. Lang stated after 120 days of non payment, it goes to collection. Miles asked if we sell the debts. Lang stated no, we do not and we cannot write off bad debt. Lang also wanted to discuss the radios, confirmed with Martinsville that they have 35 radios and a used box of 20 that they cannot get parts for. We don't issue to every firefighter, but everyone on shift gets one. We have three chiefs because all are part time now, we need to have one available at all times. Haney stated that they don't need vehicles. Lang said that they are on call 24/7. Russell stated no volunteers for anything for anyone in the township. Haney and Ellis both asked why should they. Lang stated one chief for each 24 hour shift, if chief not available, then a captian is, there is no difference in take home vehicles now that there was in 2005. Russell made motion to pass the billing resolutions, Turley 2nd, all in favor, pass 3-0.
- Next meeting – TBD
- Russell made motion to adjourn, Turley 2nd, pass 3-0.
- Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Angie Turley

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