

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

August 18, 2015

Chairman Cook opened the Special meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees at 4:30 P.M. on August 18, 2015 at 2193 Frank Rd. Chairman Cook said the reason for this meeting is to discuss the Safer Grant for the Fire Department.

Chairman Cook made a motion to dispense with the pledge of the allegiance. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Guyton, yes.

Roll Call: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Guyton, yes.

Fire Chief Welch, Captain Chaz Adams, and Chief Wheeler attended.

Chief Welch requested a special meeting to discuss the budget of the fire department. Chief Welch has a six-year projected budget. This budget is an estimation based on the current wages and bills. Trustee Guyton ask why the carryover amounts were so low for his 2015 and 2016 budget years. Chief Welch said that this was due to the employee expense because of the cash outs this year. Trustee Guyton said not to forget about the outstanding debt of \$350,000 that the Fire Department owes back to the General Fund, as he cannot find it accounted for anywhere in the Fire budget.

Captain Chaz Adams discussed the SAFER grant. He explained how the money could be utilized to benefit the fire department. The hiring process of the new employees will be starting in November. The interview process has already begun.

Chief Welch has stated that his E192 truck is costing him \$40,000.00 a year in maintenance cost. Chief Welch has requested to replace the Engine E192 with a new truck. He wants the Board to consider a Demo truck. He said the demo truck would save the station money in the long run. Chairman Cook suggested that Chief Welch look around to make sure he gets a good deal.

There was a discussion about the cost of heating the Pole barn. Chairman Cook asked Chief Welch to get some information together about the cost of insulating the Pole barn.

Chief Welch had a conversation with Bill Snodgrass about being a Chaplain for the fire department. Bill said he would like to be Chaplain for the department.

Chief Welch discussed overtime with the Board. Chief wants to reinstitute overtime usage so that we maximize the amount of equipment we have on duty. The Board is set to approve the overtime for up to 72 hours any more hours needed would have to come back through the board for approval.

Chairman Cook made a motion to extend up to 72 hours of overtime as discussed by the board to keep the fire stations open.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Guyton, no, because of the budget and because Columbus is the one that benefits from this action as 85.4% of our runs are for Columbus.

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George Wagner from the audience asked about the grant. He was concerned about where the money would be spent from the grant. Captain Adams assured him that this money is only available for paychecks for firefighters.

Chief Welch wants to promote an assistant Chief from within for the term of the safer grant.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #15-181

THE BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING MATTERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SECRETARIAL POSITION.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Guyton, yes.

Executive session started at 5:42 p.m.

Chairman Cook made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:13pm. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Guyton, yes.

Chairman Cook made a motion to authorize BWC to offer the suggested amount of \$1000.00 for the case of Joe Mullins. Chairman Cook moved with no further business to discuss to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Guyton, yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:13p.m.

Don Cook, Chairman

John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

Timothy Guyton, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer