

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SPECIAL

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

JUNE 4, 2013 20

Chairman Dickinson called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Trustees Justin Madden and James Mueller were present. Also present was Fiscal Officer, Charles Walder.

This was a special workshop meeting called for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2014 budgets, reviewing the current budget and adjustments made, and implementing strategies for generating income and decreasing expenditures within each department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Chief John Frazier was present. Mr. Dickinson inquired about the Miller Standforth dry hydrant situation. Chief Frazier reported that it has not been settled from last year.

The Annette Scott property was discussed. Chief Frazier stated that Geauga County Building Inspector Mr. Mihalisin had sent another letter to Ms. Scott that clearly and concisely gave her 30 days to seek action. Mr. Madden stated that we needed to have the structure declared as a nuisance and a safety hazard.

The Affordable Care Act caveat was discussed. Mr. Walder stated that the guidelines were not decided at state level, but it is safe to assume any on-call workers are included under the act. Fire Chief Frazier stated that it was previously decided that on-call time is not counted as time worked, but is not sure if it applies to the new Health Care Act. Mr. Walder stated that creating a fire district would be very beneficial for the future.

Mr. Walder reported that the Fire Department revenue is \$870,000 per year through levies and other income. However, they are operating at a deficit of \$89,000.00 due to the overestimated revenue in the 2013 budget. Mr. Walder suggested that the Fire Department consider in the next few years renewing the 1987 levy which would generate approximately \$302,000.00 additional revenue.

Chief Frazier reported that he will need to replace the 40 year-old "Rescue-Mule" soon which can be very costly; this equipment is necessary for off-road rescues. Chief Frazier reported that at the end of the year, he would obtain a more accurate decision of when he needed to replace his vehicles.

Chief Frazier has applied for a grant to cover the cost of the Life Pack. Mr. Walder reported that OTARMA grants are also available to help cover costs of safety items.

Chief Frazier was excused at 9:43 AM.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: After a short break, the meeting was reconvened with the Police Chief Tim Carroll and Lieutenant Scott McDermott. After a review of last year's goals, Mr. Dickinson explained the revenue projections for the 2013 budgets were incorrect. Mr. Walder reported that the Police Department income is \$1.2 million but budgets \$1.35 million on expenses based on the previous budget calculation error.

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At this rate, there is not sufficient carryover for next year and police salaries may have to be paid from the general fund via an advance if other methods of acquiring income are not available.

Mr. Walder reported that the township needs to start thinking long term financially. He suggested that the Police Department put a replacement levy on the ballot for the levy from 1976. Mr. Mueller stated that the Township needs to inform the public of the current financial situation and the importance of generating this income. Mr. Walder stated that the state has put the burden on the residents for funding the township and they have to decide and fund what they want.

Police Chief Carroll announced the resignation of two officers, one part-time and one full-time. He stated that he would not replace the full-time position until after the levy passes. He suggested that the position may also be filled in with a part-time officer.

Police Chief Carroll stated that the Police Department's generator still has ongoing problems from last year. The generator only has 160 hours on it and antifreeze is mixing in with the oil. He sent a claim in and is waiting for Generac to call back. The generator may be a possible large expenditure to face in the future.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM.



James Dickinson, Chairman



Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

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