

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES* Meeting

Held

JULY 1,

2009

Chairman Spanovich called the Special Meeting to order at 11:20 A.M. with Mr. Angelou and the Fiscal Officer, Nancy White, present. Mrs. Stewart was absent.

The Trustees excused the absence of Mrs. Stewart.

Also present were:	Jim DeConnick	Fire Chief
	Fred Kauser	Deputy Fire Chief
	Robert DeMooy	Fire Capt.
	Michael Pocock	Police Chief
	William Price	Police Lieutenant

The Fiscal Officer said the purpose of calling the Special Meeting was to discuss the purchase of a Fire Department vehicle. The media was properly notified.

Mr. Angelou said that due to an emergency issue the Police Department has asked to be included in this meeting. As discussed at a previous meeting, the Police Department has a full-time position vacancy and would like to hire three Officers under a new Full-time Patrol Officer position at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Angelou said a resolution will need to be approved to create this position.

Chief Pocock explained that a Resolution creating the Full-time Patrol Officer position was written by our legal counsel, Pete Griggs, outlining the terms and conditions of the position. Chief Pocock said that if the Resolution is approved, he will recommend three Part-time Officers to be hired for the Full-time Patrol Officer position which includes the vacancy created by the resignation of a Full-time Officer. He said that he and Lt. Price both agree that this is needed to bring the staffing up to insure Officer safety and to control the high crime rate in some of the unincorporated areas. Also, the residents were told if the levy passed that the money would be used for additional patrolling.

Res. 175-09: Approve Resolution Creating Position of Full-Time Patrol Officer for the Mifflin Township Police Department

Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Resolution Creating the Position of Full-Time Patrol Officer for the Mifflin Township Police Department under the terms and conditions outlined in the Resolution as written by Attorney Pete Griggs and recommended by Chief Pocock. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. (See Referral File)

Chief Pocock requested approval to hire Part-time Officers Todd Eckleberry, Shane Howard and Jason Ary to the newly created Full-time Patrol Officer position as outlined in the above Resolution.

Res. 176-09: Approve Hiring Part-time Officers Todd Eckleberry, Shane Howard and Jason Ary to the Newly Created Position of Full-time Patrol Officer Effective at a Date to be Determined and Completion of Paperwork

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve hiring Part-time Officer Todd Eckleberry, Shane Howard and Jason Ary to the newly created position of Full-time Patrol Officer as outlined in the above Res. No. 175-09 effective at a date to be determined and completion of paperwork as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Pocock requested approval of the following recommendations:

Res. 177-09: Accept Resignation of Part-time Paid Police Officer Duane Lephart

Mr. Angelou moved to accept the resignation of Part-time Paid Police Officer Duane Lephart per his request as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mr. Spanovich seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 178-09: Hire Reserve Officer Jason Davis as a Part-time Paid Police Officer

Mr. Spanovich moved to hire Reserve Officer Jason Davis as a Part-time Paid Police Officer as recommended by Chief Pocock. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Mr. Spanovich said the next portion of the meeting is at the request of the Fire Department to consider the purchase of a 1990 Sutphen 100 ft. aerial ladder truck that is being auctioned on GovDeals. Chief DeConnick said this would be a back-up ladder purchase and it is estimated that the bid may go as high as \$60,000.00. He said that Deputy Chief Kauser drove down to Greensboro, North Carolina and returned the same day to inspect the ladder truck. The bidding will close at 2:00 p.m. today and after \$30,000.00 is reached, it will go to the highest bidder. If \$30,000.00 is not reached, it will not be sold. (See Referral File)

Chief DeConnick asked Deputy Chief Kauser to advise the Trustees of his findings upon inspection of the ladder truck. He gave the Trustees a copy of the pictures he took and said the truck looked better than the pictures that were posted on the internet and is in better shape than any truck we have borrowed in the last five years. Deputy Chief Kauser said that he predicts in the next twelve months there will not be many, if any, back-up trucks available for us to borrow due to the financial situation of the City of Columbus and other entities. The purchase of this ladder truck will remedy this situation by providing us with a back-up vehicle for the next few years and he feels it is within the Fire budget. He said the Sutphen representative that he spoke with said that this truck has an estimated value of approximately \$100,000 to \$125,000. He said that an advantage of purchasing a vehicle from a southern state is the fact they do not use salt and upon an extensive inspection, he found the truck in very good condition as it has been very well maintained. Chief DeConnick said this truck has been certified every year so it is very unlikely that anything major would need repaired at this time with the exception that it does need new rear tires. Deputy Chief Kauser mentioned that ISO requires us to have a ladder in service 24/7 but it does not apply to Jefferson and Plain Townships who just do not run their ladder truck when it is being serviced. Capt. DeMooy agreed that according to the pictures and reports, this is in better shape than any vehicle they have borrowed.

Mr. Spanovich asked if Plain or Jefferson would be interested in committing to part of the purchase price and was told that Plain would commit to up to one-third or \$20,000 but the Jefferson Trustees were non committal. Mr. Spanovich said we would have additional expenses after the purchase because we would need to add our own equipment, provide insurance and add it to our fleet for maintenance with the City of Gahanna. Deputy Chief Kauser said that in addition to the cost of the ladder truck which could be \$80,000 to \$100,000 we probably would need to spend another \$20,000 before we could put it out on the street but we would definitely set a limit on what we would bid. Mr. Spanovich questioned the expense and our need for two 100' ladder trucks at this time. Deputy Chief Kauser stressed the fact there is a real need because our ladder truck has been out of service at least 19 times this year and according to Capt. DeMooy we had a need to borrow a back-up truck 16 times. Mr. Spanovich said that at this time he does not feel comfortable purchasing this ladder truck that is almost 20 years old when we are still paying off our current ladder truck and it was not budgeted for this year. He said we are watching our budget very closely and even though the Firefighters did not get a raise this year, their jobs are secure and they were given excellent health care benefits. After further discussion, the Trustees agreed to place the back-up ladder purchase in the 2010 budget.

Res. 179-09: Approve Placing the Back-up Ladder Purchase in the 2010 Budget

Mr. Spanovich moved to approve placing the back-up ladder purchase in the 2010 budget. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

There was a motion on the floor to not bid on the Sutphen 100' Aerial Ladder Truck which died due to lack of a second.

There being no further business, Mr. Spanovich moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Angelou seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Joseph F. Spanovich, Chairman

Nancy M. White, Fiscal Officer

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