

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at the Garfield Township Fire Department by Supervisor, James Dubay at 7:35 p.m.

Public attendance was 11.

Roll was taken: Paul Niemiec, Karen Snyder, Errin Milkowski and James Dubay present. Leroy Day – Absent.

The pledge was said in unison.

Public Comment

None.

NEW Business

The Board wanted everyone to be on the same page about the budget and payroll for the Fire Department.

Budget for FD is attached.

FD is adding pay for three new positions at a rate of \$75/month.

Secretary wage has gone from \$50 plus \$10 for every run entered into NFIRS, to \$100 per month.

“Other” wages was put at \$5,000 per year, which will be divided between the all FD members based on runs made and trainings attended, at the end of the year.

If we go over on the budget for payroll this year we will need to ask for a new millage.

FD SOPs states that officers will be paid per run and monthly salary. Policy also states that there is no guarantee for the Fire Department members to be paid and it is subject to budget availability. Must make 75% of trainings to be paid for those as well.

New salaries for 21-22 fiscal year: Chief - \$400/month, Assistant Chief - \$300/month, Secretary - \$100/month, 2 Captains - \$75/month each, Training officer - \$75/month.

Public Comment

Bryan – so being the officers are getting paid more, the FD members aren't getting paid as much?

Karen – We are being transparent and not putting the blame on anyone. We want everyone to know where the money is going so there is no confusion.

Jim – We have no problem paying what you are worth. We can try to get a vote on 2 mills for the next millage renewal date.

Karen encourages everyone to step up and get the two captain positions filled.

FD member remembers sitting at a FD meeting and recalls being told "There is no guarantee we will get paid, but we will try hard."

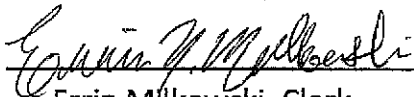
Karen requests that the Fire Department looks ahead for the next 5 years and see what we are going to need in our budget.

As the board, we appreciate you all.


Karen and Leroy are the liaisons for the FD. Please feel free to contact them with any concerns.

Becky – We will not take offense if you do not agree. We will not hold it against you. Please speak up if you feel the need.

Adjournment Motion made by Snyder/Milkowski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Errin Milkowski, Clerk



Date