

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held April 18, 2019 20

The Board of Trustees met in Special session with the following Members present:

Mr. Robert W. Currens
Mr. Brad E. Orewiler
Mr. Paul Gleisinger

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Currens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were Cpt. Mullins, Joe Smith, and Josh Bradley.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Fire District budget and a possible new Levy for operating expenses. This meeting is to be a workshop only.

There was discussion between the Trustees and Fiscal Officer regarding Fire department expenses & revenue from 2017 and 2018 and the increase in expenditures in the Fire District Fund and the need for a new levy to maintain current operating expenses.

Mr. Currens informed the Board that we have had an average increase in health insurance premiums of 12.8% over the past 7 years and the national trend is 13-15% increase. According to Lori at Dawson Group, Springfield Township should anticipate a 10-11% increase over the next several years.

Discussion continued regarding salaries and benefits as being the main area that has increased and the majority of the spending in the Fire District Fund. A new levy would generate approximately \$267,000 per mill. If we go with a 3 mill levy, this would generate \$801,000 per year.

Trustee Currens stated that many townships are being forced to cut EMS services to save money. Cpt. Mullins explained the main problem with the township receiving less in insurance claims is mostly due to guidelines set by Medicare & Medicaid.

The Board concurs that 3 mills will get the township through the next 10 years, status quo, allowing an overall increase of 3% in the budget. Next year two (2) fire department levies will also come up for renewal.

Joe Smith inquired if we could approach the City of Ontario to pay more since the majority of our calls are within the City. Trustee Currens informed him that this has been done in the past with no result as well as the fact that the residents of the City of Ontario pay taxes for Springfield Township.

Josh Bradley expressed his concern with the benefits and raises that have went to the part timers over the past several years and feels the full timers are being left out.

Chief Henry was recently honored at the Lion's Club and a lot of credit goes to him for all his hard work he has done as Chief of the department.

The Board discussed how to fund a levy campaign and questioned whether or not the fire department will be supportive of a new levy since this levy is all for them and their continued wages and benefits.

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The Board will vote on whether or not to put a new levy on this year at the next regular meeting on April 22, 2019.

Motion #59-19: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Orewiler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gleisinger, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

APPROVED _____



ATTESTED _____

