

>>>BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING 08/10/05<<<

Joseph Smith, Chairperson, called the special meeting to order for the purpose of discussion fire department operations. Members present were Trustees Smith, Larry Coyle, David Petty and Carol Moore, Clerk. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin. & Bldg/Zoning Admin; and several firefighters (Brad Shull, Eric Smith, Bill Carroll).

Firefighters announced the new officers of the Firefighters Local. Brad Shull is the President. Discussion of when meetings will be held. It was determined to continue quarterly meetings as previously advertised to discuss fire department operations: last meeting of the last month of each quarter.

Firefighters updated the trustees on daily events of the department.

Class A Uniforms are being looked into due to several funerals that have occurred. Shull requested the fire budget share the costs with the volunteer association. Cost at the high end is anticipated to be around \$500 per uniform. Shull said another possible source of funding could be a donation from the American Legion. The trustees suggested obtaining the funds from donations such as American Legion.

Discussion also regarding nomex uniform upgrades.

Moore reported that Deputy Auditor Ed Laramée is concerned about the fire budget not containing money for new vehicles.

Shull said they have applied for a FEMA grant of \$450,000 with a 5% match for vehicle/vehicle upgrades.

Petty expressed concern that we are cutting corners for T-shirt uniforms when the budget will support better quality. Carroll explained it is a vendor issue.

Shull said after they do some research, they would like to discuss the Class A and regular uniforms with contribution from the fire budget in the future.

Question regarding hiring an additional firefighter: Moore explained at the end of the year we will be in a better position to see what the budget will support. Moore said she is concerned that we not allow ourselves to get into a lay-off situation should we have a problem renewing or replacing the 5 year fire levy. She told the firefighters they are welcome to request financial reports at anytime.

Discussion regarding substation: Petty said we are leaning towards Greencastle property for a substation; earliest 2007, maybe 2008. Shull said we should get on health department's list for septic assessment to check out possible environmental issues if a substation is being planned. Coyle said more ground may be needed for purchase for Road and Fire departments. Moore asked what the advantage is of moving the Road department. Coyle said for equipment storage.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph Smith  
Chairperson

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Carol J. Moore  
Clerk