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TOWNSHIP BOARD OF CENTER TOWNSHIP BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA

Township Board of Center Township Meeting
Boone County, Indiana
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Center Township Office, 320 N. East St., Lebanon, IN 46052

Casey Samson, Trustee, opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Attending the Meeting:

Casey Samson, Trustee
Penny Bogan, Board Member
Matt Wilson, Board Member
Matt Schaller, Board Member
Cody Seymour, Fire Chief

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Casey Samson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made to approval February 2023 and March 2023 minutes made by Penny. 2nd by Matt Wilson. Approved unanimously.

SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION:

Resolution 2023-17 presented to sell at auction the old engine which was replaced. Motion made by Matt Wilson to approve Resolution 2023-17.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

The new office is open and being used. There is more space to more effectively meet the needs of the office and the public (children's room, waiting area, storage, filing, etc).

Budget workshop began and working on final tweaking regarding costs. Casey anticipates a reduction in budget for 2024.

Casey shared where the Township regarding the budget year to date. No major expenses expected in the Township Fund. In the Fire Department Fund 62% is remaining YTD; the major expenses occurred in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. Welfare Administration Fund has 80% remaining YTD. Direct Poor Relief has 80% remaining YTD.

First reading is September 20th and Second reading October 18th.

Township Fund budget expected to increase minimally in 2024. Township Assistance budget expected to increase minimally in 2024. Rainy Day Fund will decrease by \$200,000 from \$300,000 to \$100,000. Fire Department budget is expected to be reduced by \$200,000 to \$1.1 million.

Received \$41,000 for the old ladder and tanker. Expected to receive less than that.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Cody Seymour, Fire Chief reported.

Sent last fulltime firefighter to PERF. Will have 6 fulltime people on staff.

Old equipment going to auction on August 4th.

Jimmy Hieston is now the Assistant Fire Chief. He has a significant background in training.

3 Firefighters on a truck since February.

169 Calls for Service/Runs so far this year. 60% of the runs are fire related, 40% on EMS. Assisting Thorntown on the interstate.

Trucks maintenance and checks being done regularly.

TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE REPORT:

Penny presented a list of what kind of help provided and the amount distributed. Casey expanded on the financial disbursements for the year to date.

Training has been ongoing with the new software program.

Significant foot traffic has increased since the move to the new office. July to date has had more applicants (8 currently) than any other month. There is some delay in processing of applications due to time constraints on the current position.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm with a motion from Matt Schaller. Penny Bogan seconds the motion.