

Brown Township of Morgan County  
Township Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

In Attendance: Howard Pritchard, Chris Hester, Trustee Mark Harris, Fire Chief Rex Morley, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Stout, EMS Chief Steve Brock, and Vicki Nowak.

Howard Pritchard called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Chris Hester made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Howard Pritchard seconded. The motion was carried.

**Old Business.**

- A. None.

**New Business.**

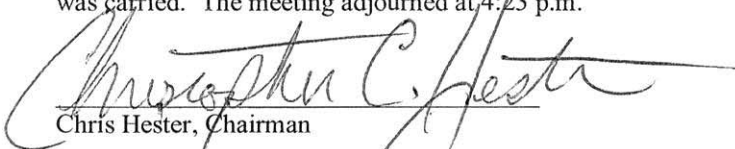
- A. Chris Hester made a motion to nominate himself as Chairman of the Township Board for 2017 and Howard Pritchard as Secretary of the Township Board for 2017. Howard Pritchard seconded. The motion was carried.
- B. Howard Pritchard made a motion to nominate Chris Hester as Chairman of the Board of Finance for 2017 and himself as Secretary of the Board of Finance for 2017. Chris Hester seconded. The motion was carried.
- C. Chris Hester made a motion to approve and adopt the changes made to the 2017 Emergency Assistance Eligibility Standards per Trustee Mark Harris recommendations. Changes made included a new law that took effect in June 2016 stating that Townships are allowed to assist with prepaid electric accounts for township residents that qualify. The other changes increased the time between requests for additional assistance from 60 days to 180 days for those township residents who were denied assistance due to reasons listed in the standards. Howard Pritchard seconded. The motion was carried.
- D. Howard Pritchard made a motion to donate SCBA equipment to 2 Volunteer Fire Departments—Franklin Township in Freedom, IN and Coal City Fire Dept., IN per the request of Fire Chief Rex Morley and Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Stout. Chris Hester seconded. The motion was carried.
- E. EMS Chief Steve Brock reported to the Board that EMS collected \$716, 420.16 in 2016, which was a 32% increase over 2015. He also informed the Board that runs had increased by 220 over 2015.

**Questions/Comments.**

Board Chairman Jim Van Hoy was not in attendance due to being hospitalized.

Chris Hester made a comment concerning merging with the Town and the frustrations that occurred in 2016.

Howard Pritchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Hester seconded. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

  
Chris Hester, Chairman

  
Howard Pritchard, Secretary

  
Steve Oschman, Member

Attest:

  
Mark D. Harris, Trustee

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