

Brown Township of Morgan County
Township Board Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2018

In Attendance: Chris Hester, Steve Oschman, Adam Johnson, Trustee Mark Harris, Fire Chief Rex Morley, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Stout, EMS Division Chief Mark Singer, Capt. Fred Sparks, Lt. Dalton Watson, Kevin Edwards, Diana Soots, Steve Pope, Virginia Perry, Danny Lundy, Arthur Sratinisin and Vicki Nowak.

Steve Oschman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Chris Hester made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Steve Oschman seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business.

- A. Chairman Steve Oschman asked for an update from the committee that met to discuss purchasing options for a new fire engine; that committee consisted of Capt. David Gilkerson, Fire Chief Rex Morley, Trustee Mark Harris and Board Member Adam Johnson. Discussion on the purchase of a new fire engine to replace the 1999 Pierce pumper ensued and included the plan to create a fleet management plan for future planning of replacing apparatus and vehicles. The new multi-purpose rescue-pumper engine would replace the current rescue truck as well as replace the pumper that was sold. Board Secretary Chris Hester made a motion “that we allow the fire department to go with a new purchased vehicle versus a used.” Steve Oschman seconded. Adam Johnson opposed. The motion passed. Board member Adam Johnson made a motion which he stated “Prior to any consideration of a pumper/fire truck replacement, that a vehicle plan, replacement plan needs to be created as well as a need to complete a cost analysis and present it to the Board.” Chris Hester seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Board member Adam Johnson made a motion to amend his original motion; “On that original motion for clarity, I did forget a line so I do need to restate that motion.” “Prior to any consideration of a pumper fire truck replacement, the fire department will need to complete and present to the Board, a full cost analysis report as well as the fleet management plan replacement and the purpose for all tanker options and that includes new and used and underneath each one would be a commercial and custom option.” There was not a second and did not pass.

New Business.

- A. Chairman Steve Oschman addressed transparency with the public. The Brown Township Board advertises its meetings in the Mooresville-Decatur Times and posts the meeting date and time on the front door 48 hours prior to a meeting. Vicki Nowak informed Steve Oschman that the April 17 meeting had been advertised prior to the meeting and the paper had been notified of the May 24 meeting; a representative from the paper stated he had neglected to advertise the May 24 meeting in the paper.
- B. The 2018 Amended Salary Resolution was presented to the Board to reflect the addition of our new Firefighter/EMT Jonathan Velchek and the 1 year anniversary salary increase for Dennis Todd. Adam Johnson made a motion to approve the 2018 Amended Salary Resolution as presented. Chris Hester seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Questions/Comments.

A member from the public asked how much it would have cost to repair the engine from the 1999 Pierce that was sold. He was informed \$60,000 but the Township didn't choose that route due to the expiration of the cab style of the 1999 Pierce. Virginia Perry asked how much the Township received for the sale of the 1999 Pierce and she was informed \$5,000.

Steve Oschman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Hester seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Steve Oschman, Chairman

Chris Hester, Secretary

Adam Johnson, Member

Attest:

Mark D. Harris, Trustee