

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Of Ingham Township

July 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Elliott.

Pledge was recited.

Roll:

- Present:, Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns , Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons and Supervisor Elliott
- Absent: none
- Fire Personnel Present: Assistant Chief Bob Battige, Capt Scott Speck, FF/Sec Scott May

Previous Month's Minutes: Braman made the motion which was supported by Harns to accept the June minutes as submitted.

Citizens' Comments: Jo O'Berry left information about Billie Jo O'Berry who is running for a county office.

Fire Department:

- Capt Speck presented the plans for visitation and funeral fire Chief Tim Whipple.
- Reported that several fire fighters traveled to escort Chief to Lansing.
- Department is in the process of ordering all firefighters full uniforms.
- Cleary will place a temporary flag pole in front of the fire department.

The township board and fire department would like to acknowledge the help they are receiving from Brian Ball, Mark Howe and Kerry Minshall.

Parsons stated that she was informed that there might be some forms that the township needs to sign giving the funeral home approval to hold the visitation at the fire hall. Braman made the motion which was supported by Harns giving Parsons approval to sign. All in favor.

Purchase Requests:

- Necessary uniform pieces that are needed to ensure that all fire fighters are dressed for funeral; \$4000
- Pay Check for Brad Rockwell that was not included in April \$250.
- Fire Fighter Memorial Wall plaque for Chief Whipple, \$100

Braman made the motion which was supported by Speck to approve all requested purchases up to \$4350.

Roll: **Ayes:** Braman, Harns, Speck, Parsons, Elliott **Nays:** None Motion passed.

Elliott stated that it was necessary to appoint an interim chief. Discussion included qualifications and personnel needs. Capt Speck stated that Assistant Chief Battige would be in charge if the chief was away, so he felt that the situation should be the same for now until all had settled down after the funeral. Both May and Battige agreed that the fire fighters would be comfortable with this.

Harns made the motion which was supported by Braman to name Assistant Chief Bob Battige as interim Chief. Roll: **Ayes:** Braman, Harns, Speck, Parsons, Elliott **Nays:** None Motion passed.

Parsons made the motion which was supported by Speck to approve the chief salary being divided up between Chief Whipple and Interim Battige.

Roll: **Ayes:** Braman, Harns, Speck, Parsons, Elliott **Nays:** None Motion passed.

Elliott asked if any other position changes should be made, example moving someone to assistant chief. Capt. Speck stated he felt all other positions should stay the same to avoid too many changes at this time. May agreed. It was decided no other positions would be changed.

Old Business:

It was approved several months back to place a permanent flag pole at entrance of township property.

Fire fighters would like to move forward on this. Parsons made the motion that this purchase be funded by the township board up to \$5000 and not the fire department. Motion was supported by Speck.

Roll: **Ayes:** Braman, Harns, Speck, Parsons, Elliott **Nays:** None Motion passed.

Park Committee: Freer family is in the process or reviewing offer. DDA would like to cooperate with park project.

Fellows special use permit application has been withdrawn.

Cemetery fence contract has been signed and returned to Cleary.

Payment of Bills:

Braman made the motion which was supported by Harns to pay the township and fire department bills as submitted.

Roll: **Ayes:** Braman, Harns, Speck, Parsons, Elliott **Nays:** None Motion passed.

Harns made the motion which was supported by Braman to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully submitted by



Marie E. Parsons

Marie E. Parsons, Clerk