

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Special Meeting/Fire Chief Contract/Gen. Bus.
August 5, 2010
8:30 am

Trustee Oiler opened the special meeting at 8:35 am.

Trustees present: Ronald Oiler, James Likley, Gary Harris.

Also present: Wm. L. Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor and Martha Evans, Fiscal Officer.

FIRE CHIEF CONTRACT/RESOLUTION

- ❖ Salary - \$57,500 per year
- ❖ Township benefit package: Medical and Prescription; Life insurance
- ❖ Contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
- ❖ 3 year term – subject to removal for cause pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.38 commencing August 15, 2010 and terminating August 16, 2013.
- ❖ Bill Thorne will create the resolution with the terms set above and have it ready for adoption by the August 16th, 2010 regular trustees' meeting
- ❖ Trustee Oiler will contact Richard Fletcher if the resolution and the term is agreeable and will let Bill know.

Bill asked if the policies & procedures that were started 2 years ago are dead. Trustee Likley stated no they are not and should be something that needs to be addressed.

CONTRACT

Bill Thorne will be meeting with Bill Hutson, Village of Westfield Center Solicitor following this meeting to discuss some of the issues pending on the contract between Westfield Township and the Village of Westfield Center in the joint operation of the Westfield Fire & Rescue Department. Bill Hutson did say the mayor and council have agreed that the certificate of estimated resources be the basis for the fire department budget. Soft billing of non-residents that work in the Village of Westfield Center was a topic of discussion. Trustee Likley offered: all non residents shall be soft billed for the cost of services except non-residents for whom calls are made at their place of employment within the Village, for whom no charge will be made. All revenue received from non-residents will go one hundred percent to the Township. The share of fire chief's salary & benefits will be split 50/50 between the township and the village until the levy for the fire district is passed. Bill will let us know what he and Bill Hutson tentatively come up with in the form of a contract.

TRUSTEES FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Due to the first Monday falling on Labor Day, September 6, 2010 the Trustees agreed that the **FIRST REGULAR MEETING FOR THE WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 2010 @ 8:30 AM.** The second regular trustees' meeting will be Sept. 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

MONETARY AWARD TO INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

Trustee Oiler brought to the board a discussion of awarding a monetary award of \$2,000 to Mark Williams for serving as interim fire chief because he served during that period of time without compensation. The Village suggested that the \$2,000 be split 50/50. The award would be presented at the township regular meeting September 20, 2010. Trustee Likley did not have a problem supporting the award because Mark did not take the compensation that due him.

Trustee Oiler made a motion to approve the monetary award of \$2,000 split 50/50 between Westfield Township and Village of Westfield Center to Mark Williams for serving as interim fire chief, seconded by Trustee Harris.

Roll call: Likley, aye; Oiler, aye; Harris, aye.

Trustee Oiler will give the mayor notification that the township will participate in the monetary award as proposed.

Matt Witmer, zoning inspector reporting:

- ✓ Craig Walkup, Athletic Director from Cloverleaf Local School came in to add the back stop and fence at the new soccer field that was not on the site plan.
- ✓ The chairman will have to step down because of conflict of interest
- ✓ Craig talked to Matt and Trustee Oiler this morning complained about how he was treated by the board and was quite upset how he was treated by the Board of Zoning Appeals the last time he came before the BZA. Craig really did not want to come back because of the way he was treated. The trustees discussed that a general letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals members and alternates that all applicants, residents, and non-residents should be treated with respect. Trustee Harris as zoning liaison will be taking the responsibility of writing the letter.

9241 Friendsville Rd. (Morningstar Ministries)

Trustee Oiler received a call from Terry Bower from Morningstar Ministries asking if the trustees would consider waiving the sign permit fee of \$150 for Morningstar Ministries adopting a township road for debris clean up for 2 years. Trustee Oiler talked to Bill Thorne the other day concerning the above proposal. The zoning fees are part of the zoning code and it could be problematic for us and it would set a precedent that we would have to allow that for anyone else. Trustee Likley pointed out that this is a non-profit organization. Bill stated then any other non profit organization that wanted a zoning permit you as a board would have to give them the same opportunity. Matt will contact Terry Bower that the boards' decision was not to waive the fee.

The Fire Association and the Fire Committee is planning a "meet the Chief" at the Fire House sometime in the future (possibly in September) with the community to be invited. They will sell clam bake tickets as well as promoting the South Central Fire District and the 2 mill levy.

Trustee Oiler made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Harris. Unanimous

Approved 8-16-10