

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MAY 8, 2017

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Trustee Gabram and Mueller were present. Fiscal Officer Charles Walder and Trustee Assistant Melissa Palmer were also present. Chief Frazier was present.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Walder started the budget meeting with the notes from the end of year reporting for the Fire Department. Mr. Walder advised the Trustees that the collection for the fire station bond will be collected before all the payments are due. The levy collection for the Fire Station Bond will be done in 2020, with the bond expiring in 2022.

Mr. Walder advised the Trustees that even though a 1.75 Mill levy was passed in 2016 the Fire Department is going to need to find grants, and cut cost whenever possible. This means that the department will have to limit headcount and not add anymore per shift than the department already has.

Mr. Walder advised the Trustees that not only is the Fire equipment expensive but it is mandatory to replace. We need to figure out how to bring in more revenue without going to the tax payers.

Chief Frazier advised the Trustees that the fees we charge for ambulance runs is lower than average for our surrounding area. Chief Frazier recommends raising the price so that we comparable to the surrounding area, and this will also bring in more revenue without going to the tax payers.

Chief Frazier reported that Laurel School has a tornado siren and asked about putting theirs on the same switch as the Townships so that they are set off at the same time in the event of an emergency. Mr. Gabram suggested that the Township has a total of 4 or 5 sirens throughout the Township so that way all residents will be able to hear the siren in the event of an emergency.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED.**

*Mr. Gabram made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Mueller seconded and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 pm.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka