

TOWN HALL

July 28,

2021

The Chair, Ms. Port, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Trustee Gabram and Trustee Mueller were present. Trustee Assistant Melissa Palmer was present and Fiscal Officer Karen Walder was not present.

The following Department Head was present: Fire Chief John Frazier.

**CLERK PRO TEM:** In the absence of a Fiscal Officer, Board of Trustees Chair Kristina Port appoints Jessica Ezzone to serve as clerk pro tem.

**FIRE LEVY:** Ms. Port stated that Mrs. Walder sent an email with a list of concerns and Ms. Port stated that she did respond back to some of them to the best of her ability. Ms. Port would like Chief Frazier to address some of the concerns raised by Mrs. Walder. One of Mrs. Walder's concerns is the worksheet indicates that the proposed millage may not be enough to sustain a continuous levy after 5 years.

Chief Frazier stated he proposed this back in 2020 and it's identical. He sat down with Mrs. Walder last year and went over health care costs. Chief Frazier stated from the wage aspect, he used the Police Department's platform for the step schedule; starting rate, 6 month, 1 year, 2 year and 3 year wage increase. Chief Frazier stated that firefighters can work more than a 40 hour work week so he based salary off of a 50 hour work week.

Chief Frazier stated that full time firefighters can no longer contribute to PERS, have to go through Ohio Police and Fire, which is 24%.

Chief Frazier stated for the \$900.00 uniform allowance, he looked at the collective bargaining agreement and the Township policy manual and stated the bargaining agreement trumps the policy manual, which is \$900.00 versus \$800.00.

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-19: A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax excess of the ten mill limitation. This levy is a continuing 1.19 mill additional levy. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.

Kristina Port, Chair

Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Ezzone