

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Athens Township Trustees

Special

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held At the Township Hall January 14, 2023

Chairman Linscott called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The roll was taken and present were Athens Township Trustees (hereinafter "the Trustees") Ted Linscott, Brian Baker, and Steve Pierson. Also present was The Plains Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter TPVFD) Fire Chief Mickey West.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss 2023 planning and operational procedures of/for TPVFD.

Chief West informed the Trustees that TPVFD Captain Kenny Howard has indicated that he is resigning from the department and that he (Chief West) will accept the resignation as Captain, as well as a member of TPVFD, if/when it is received. Chief West indicated that he will soon approach TPVFD Membership and Disciplinary Board, on the appointment authority granted to a township volunteer fire chief, to remove Jeff Smathers as his/the TPVFD Assistant Fire Chief. Chief West indicated that Mr. Smathers may soon be appointed by Chauncey Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Mark Sanders as the Chauncey Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief. It is observed/confirmed that Mr. Smathers may maintain status as a volunteer firefighter with both departments to which he is currently rostered. Mr. Linscott admonished Chief West to follow all lawful processes/procedures and adopted bylaws of TPVFD regarding removal and/or discipline of volunteer firefighters. Mr. Linscott also reminded Chief West to keep all incident response records for/to the State Fire Marshal's Office up to date, as well as providing required continuing education/training for current/certified volunteer firefighters in accordance with required state statute to which Chief West responded in the affirmative.

Chief West indicates that he believes TPVFD ladder truck needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$1.3 MM. Mr. Linscott reflects that even if \$120k in repairs is needed for the ladder truck that may be more advisable/prudent than a new purchase. Chief West also indicates that purchase of new turnout gear is needed at a cost of \$5-6k/per unit. The Trustees reflect that voter approved tax levies for TPVFD operations and equipment have been approved and/but that the Trustees are charged with efficiently/effectively spending levy dollars/funding. The Trustees indicate that any equipment or training needed by/for TPVFD is valuable/needed and will be funded/approved as per the levy dollars allocated for such expenditures.

Mr. Linscott motioned at 10:30 AM to enter into executive session under ORC 121.22 (G) (1), seconded by Mr. Pierson, to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual and inviting in TPVFD Fire Chief Mickey West. All voted yes.

Mr. Linscott motioned to return to regular session at 11:35 AM, seconded by Mr. Baker. All voted yes.

There being no further business or discussion related to the purpose stated for the special meeting Mr. Linscott moved, seconded by Mr. Pierson, to adjourned the meeting at 11:36 AM. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature of Steven H. Pierson]

Steven H. Pierson, Vice-Chairman

[Signature of Brian Baker]

Brian Baker, Trustee

[Signature of Ted Linscott]

Ted Linscott, Chairman