

Trustee Special Meeting

4/11/2023

The Special Meeting was called to order on Monday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. by Trustee Swedyk. Present were Trustees Swedyk, Augustine and Ascherl, Fiscal Officer Catherwood, Fire Chief Grossenbaugh, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Barrett and 2 members of the public.

Mr. Swedyk stated the purpose of the meeting was for (1) discussing and voting on the Non-Union Employee Handbook; (2) editing the water extension letter; and, (3) fire department discussion to replace tanker.

Chief Grossenbaugh presented the Trustees with an overview of the current two fire engines and 32-year old tanker. The tanker needs replaced, but Chief Grossenbaugh would like to replace it with a four-door tanker that would be able to replace the department's oldest engine. He would like to condense the number of vehicles the department has and feels that this will reduce maintenance costs and increase efficiency, He has met with six manufacturers and costs for the type of tanker he would like to purchase range from \$700,000 to \$900,000.00 He has located a vehicle that would be completed early 2024 with a cost of approximately \$741,000.00 and this vehicle is under Sourcewell pricing. He would like to move forward on having the Medina County Prosecutors Office review the specification and has discussed the purchase with the Fiscal Officer and determined that the funding is available, though it will require the Trustees approve an amended Final Appropriation.

Discussion regarding trade-in value of the current tanker and older engine ensued. It was agreed to forward the specifications to the Medina County Prosecutors Office for review.

Ms. Augustine provided the Trustees with a water extension letter she had received from a resident. Mr. Swedyk responded that he feels the original letter gets to the point, Ms. Ascherl added that Medina County Sanitary Engineer Jeremy Simko has participated in the preparation of the original letter and has provided his review. It was decided to stay with the original letter.

Ms. Augustine expressed her opinion that there are other water infrastructure avenues to pursue; rather than an assessed project. Mr. Swedyk replied that the County indicated they would like the letter to be sent to potential project area participants.

The Trustees discussed the tax increment financing (TIF) option briefly, Ms. Augustine again stated she feels there are other avenues to explore before sending out a letter regarding an assessed project. Ms. Ascherl and Mr. Swedyk indicated they are comfortable moving forward with mailing the letter with minor revisions.

Ms. Ascherl will forward this draft to Jeremy Simko for a final review.

The Trustees then reviewed the Medina County Prosecutors Office revisions to the Hinckley Township Non-Union Employee Manual as noted in the current marked up draft.

The majority of the final revisions were minor. Clarifications regarding the carryover of vacation leave and vacation flexibility were discussed. Due to the late hour it was decided to review the remaining manual at a later date.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:42 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: Aug-Y, Asc-Y, S-Y.

Minutes of the meeting approved by:

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