

OHIO TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

4333 Epworth Road, NEWBURGH, IN 47630
Board Meeting September 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM

In Attendance

Trustee, Chad Bennett

Board Members in Attendance

Ms. Nancy Bennett, Secretary of Board

Mrs. Deborah Reid, Board Member

Absent from Meeting

Mr. Mike Wilson, Board President – Due to death of his father

Call to Order

The Ohio Township Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
by Secretary, Nancy Bennett

Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2019 Meeting

Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes from September 10th, 2019 meeting. It was decided to table the approval of the minutes since Mike Wilson is not present tonight and Debbie Reid was not at the September 10th meeting.

Presentation of the 2020 Budget

Chad Bennett reported that the township took the maximum levy on all funds.

The Rainy Day fund will be allocated in case we need to spend this year in relation to the new projects at the Fire Station.

Chad explained the difference regarding the Property Tax Cap impact.

“Chandler Direct” category was created for 2020 to track monies that are spent directly for Chandler Fire Department.

Since fuel is usually close to the maximum spent within that budget, most of budget increase was put into that category.

Ladder truck will be paid off in Jan, 2022. Replacing outdated trucks and a schedule for that was discussed.

Township assistance is down this year. It is possible that is due to lower unemployment levels. We are only spending 20% of the Township Assistance budget. It is necessary to keep the funds at these levels in reserve for unknown catastrophic circumstances that may arise.

The October meeting will address the Cum fund for fire.

Establishment of a Home Rule Fund was explained. Money proceeds from Deaconess Hospital land sale cannot go through appropriated money. Robert Norris, Field Rep for DLGF. recommended we create a Home Rule Fund to deposit the money and have it available to spend for the new fire station.

Next week we will have Deaconess finance board meeting results regarding the purchase of the property from the Township.

Debbie made a motion to approve the establishment of Home Rule Fund. Nancy seconded the motion. Vote was 2 – aye, 0 - nay.

A firm from Indy, Cardino has been contracted to assess the potential existence of wetlands on the proposed purchase property for the new fire station this week. Chad is hopeful for a decision regarding any remediation by the end of October.

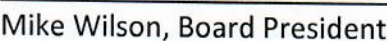
The 26th of September, at 3:30 p.m., there will be a public bid opening at 4333 Epworth, regarding the construction project. The architect firm of Veazey, Parrott and Shoulders will take all figures and put together a list of contractors to consider. Monday the 30th of September the board will be awarding the project for the Paradise Fire Station construction.

There was a motion to adjourn at 6:28 pm by Debbie, Nancy 2nd. The vote was 2 aye-, 0 - nay.


Nancy Bennett, Board Secretary


Deborah Reid, Board Member


Chad Bennett, Ohio Township Trustee


Mike Wilson, Board President