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Township Board

Lucinda Taylor-Freund, District 1
David E. Knight, District 5
Neil Mack, District 3
Josh Masquelier, District 2
Luke W. Schmitt, District 4

Present:

Trustee Jason Holliday

David Knight

Neil Mack

Greg Hibler

Josh Masquelier

Lucinda Taylor-Freund

Chief Pascal Arnes

Various members of the public

Township Board Meeting Minutes, Oct 3rd, 2023

Dave Knight called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and opened with prayer.

Dave Knight asked Josh Masquelier to lead in the pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Knight presented the minutes of the last meeting of the Decatur Township Board.

- Lucinda Taylor-Freund offered a motion to accept the minutes as read.
- Greg Hibler offered the 2nd.
- All were in favor, none opposed.
- Minutes accepted as read.

Dave Knight turned the meeting over to Trustee Holliday.

Trustee Holliday gave opportunity for Decatur Township Taxpayer Comments, no one signed in to speak.

- No comments offered.

Trustee Holliday presented for Public Hearing, the Proposed 2024 Budget for the Township.

- There was thorough discussion around 2024 salaries.
- Moving to Salary Option E on proposed budget, after unanimous consent.
 - 7% increase for EMS staff
 - 5% increase for Fire Fighter Staff
 - 5% increase for Small Claims Court Staff
 - 4% increase for all other staff
 - The EMS and Fire Fighter staff increases is an exceptional occurrence for the 2024 proposed budget.

- Trustee Holliday impressed upon the Fire Fighter representatives that future salary negotiations be conducted with the Chief and Trustee, and not each board member.

Trustee Holliday presented for consideration, the Township's Anti-Fraternization Policy

- Greg Hibler offered a motion to accept.
- Lucinda Taylor-Freund offered the 2nd.
- All were in favor, none opposed.
- Decatur Civil Township Anti-Fraternization Policy, passed.

Trustee Holliday presented for consideration Resolution 2023 - 14, establishing Policy on Health and Community Service Agreements.

- Neil Mack offered a motion to accept.
- Greg Hibler offered the 2nd.
- All were in favor, none opposed.
- Resolution 2023 – 14, passed.

Old Business:

- Trustee Holliday noted that with maintenance person retirement announcement, we need a shift in duties to fill the void. Board agreed to consider increasing starting salary of new maintenance person.
- Trustee gave update on recent financial investments.

At 6:38pm Lucinda Taylor-Freund made a motion to adjourn

- Greg Hibler offered the 2nd
- All were in favor. None opposed
- Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Mack