

Salem Township
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 15, 2010
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Call To Order

Supervisor Heyl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: Bejin, Heyl, Trent, Uherek, Wallazy, Witkowski, Van Fossen. Absent: None. Quorum declared.

3. Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Van Fossen and seconded by Mr. Witkowski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-2 (Heyl, Van Fossen).

Motion by Mr. Uherek and seconded by Mr. Wallazy to reconsider the items on the agenda.

Roll call vote: Ayes 4 (Heyl, Uherek, Van Fossen, Wallazy) – Nays 3 (Bejin, Trent, Witkowski).

After discussion of the two new business items that Mr. Witkowski asked to have added he withdrew one and then moved with a second from Ms. Bejin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-1 (Wallazy).

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Business Items

A. Firefighter Complaints

Motion by Mr. Witkowski and seconded by Mr. Trent to have legal counsel investigate the two written complaints received by FAB and to determine if the firefighters are covered in the Salem Township Policy and Procedures Manual for harassment while on a call in a fire truck.

During discussion Mr. Witkowski moved and Ms. Bejin seconded to amend the original motion to authorize the Supervisor to follow up with legal counsel on all written issues (complaints) between FAB, the Fire Department, and the Board.

Due to the nature of the complaints a motion was made by Mr. Trent and seconded by Mr. Uherek to go into closed session to review the complaints. Upon advisement by legal counsel the motion was withdrawn.

Upon further discussion with input from legal counsel the amended and original motions were withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Witkowski and seconded by Ms. Bejin to direct legal counsel to investigate the two written firefighter complaints received by FAB. Motion carried unanimously.

5B. Closed Session Regarding Salem Springs v Salem Township

Motion by Mr. Heyl and seconded by Mrs. Van Fossen to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(8)(h) to discuss legal strategy regarding the arbitration decision on the Salem Springs v Salem Township case with the township attorneys. Roll call vote: Ayes - 7 (Bejin, Heyl, Trent, Uherek, Van Fossen, Wallazy, Witkowski); Nays – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

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For the convenience of citizens in attendance the Board modified the agenda to allow the following items to be discussed prior to going into Closed Session.

6. Board Discussion

A. Front Office Coverage During Staff Meetings

After discussion of coverage of the front office during the January 13, 2010 staff meeting a motion was made by Ms. Bejin and seconded by Mr. Witkowski to have staff meetings be conducted prior to or after normal business hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Additionally, with a segue about the security system from above, a motion was made by Mr. Heyl and seconded by Mr. Uherek to have the three executive officials and the IT consultant be authorized to have access to the security system. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment – Extended: Five citizens provided comments.

The Board then went into Closed Session at 11:15 a.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:47 p.m.

After an initial adjournment it was discovered that several citizens were waiting in the lobby area for an update on any issues that were to be discussed in open session.

Mr. Heyl reconvened the Board at 12:51 p.m.

Public comments were invited with none received.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

David Trent
Salem Township Clerk

Approved: As presented As amended (*in italics*)

This 9th day of February 2010 at the regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees.

Signature of Clerk

Date