

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
March 24, 2020

The Lafayette Township Board of Trustees, Medina County, Ohio met in special session, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6776 Wedgewood Road, Medina, OH. Notice of this meeting was consistent with ORC 121.22 and the township's open meeting policy.

Meeting called to order: 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Michael Costello, Trustee Martin Warchola

Trustees interviewed two EMT and paramedic candidates.

Trustee Bowers reported a short window of opportunity for two mortgage options in the amount of \$3.8M, both at 10 years for approximately 2.5% interest with no prepayment penalty after 2 years. The annual payment is within the revenue available. **Trustee Bowers made a motion seconded by Trustee Warchola to authorize Trustee Bowers and the Fiscal Officer to finalize mortgage financing of the Safety Services Building. All voting in favor.**

Trustees agreed to refer four fire, EMT/Paramedic applicants for interview with fire & rescue officers. Trustee Warchola explained to Chief Hall that trustees had scheduled and conducted the initial interviews after learning that applications had been held without interview, some for more than six months. He noted the township had missed a number of EMT/Paramedic opportunities as they had already signed with other departments due to the passage of time and wanted to ensure that did not continue to happen. Chief Hall agreed to arrange the follow-up interviews with the officers, providing March 30 and 31 as dates to choose from.

Trustees continued discussion regarding returning to a full-time chief position. It was agreed to advertise for the position. Trustee Bowers reminded that the change from full-time Chief to the current staffing was made when the former full-time Chief retired. Then Asst. Chief Winter and other officers brought a proposal for Brad Winter and Jeff Hall to share the responsibilities and pay equally as Chief and Assistant Chief. Trustee Bowers thanked Chief Hall for his previous acknowledgement that trying to do it alone has been overwhelming since Brad left, taking a full-time position with another department. Trustee Warchola asked Chief Hall if he would be interested in the position if it was returned to full-time. Chief Hall responded he is not sure at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45

Approved:

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer

Michael Costello, Trustee

Martin Warchola, Trustee