

BOARD OF WARSAW-WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY

January 12, 2010

4:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Protection Territory met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. in the City of Warsaw Council Chambers at City Hall. The following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Board Members Michael Reed, Sheila Burner, Joseph Streeter, George Clemens and Ernest Wiggins. Also present Attorney David Cates, Recording Secretary Shirley Fetrow, Fire Chief Mike Rice, Lieutenant Brooke Murphy, Fire Marshal Michael Wilson, and City Council Member Kyle Babcock

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Wiggins called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence followed. A quorum was noted with all five Board members present.

MINUTES –

Joe Streeter made a motion to approve the December 8, 2009 Minutes; seconded by George Clemens. No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

REPORTS / ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT FOR 2009 –

Chief Mike Rice reported that the fire department had 1,206 runs in 2009 with over \$200,000 in damages. Out of area responses included K-9 responses and mutual aid calls for fire assistance out of Wayne Township. Chief Rice also noted fire department training hours and training center yearly statistics for 2009. Discussion followed. (Report attached to Minutes).

FIRE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE –

Board members received a copy of the “Focus on Fire Safety: Heating Fire Safety” press release that will be submitted to the Times Union. (Press Release attached to Minutes).

DECEMBER 2009 EXPENDITURES REPORT -

Chief Rice submitted the fire department’s December 2009 expenditures report for the Board’s review. (Report attached to Minutes).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

FIRE TERRITORY FINANCING OPTIONS – TEMPORARY LOAN ORDINANCE

#2009-12-04 –

Mayor Wiggins indicated that the City Council approved the loan to the Fire Territory until the first property tax distribution is received. The loan amount covered the full amount of the budget for the purpose of authorizing the City of Warsaw to loan from its operating balances. Discussion followed. (Ordinance attached to Minutes).

PROPOSED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT SCHEDULE AND AGREEMENT FOR 2010 –

Chief Rice presented the proposed Warsaw Volunteer Fire 2010 Agreement which has been prepared by Attorney Cates. Chief Rice indicated that the revised Agreement provides the fire chief authority to oversee training, conduct and attendance of the volunteers. Attorney Cates indicated that he reworked the prior year’s agreement adding additional language primarily having to do with training requirements; the concept being they would remain volunteers but

have the same or similar qualifications as the paid staff in operating the equipment. The dollar amount paid to the volunteers has increased for 2010 with the goal of increasing the number of volunteers and minimizing the need to add additional full-time firefighters in the future. Chief Rice requested that a formal motion and approval be noted in the Minutes which will then be presented to the Board of Works. Mike Reed made a motion to approve the proposed 2010 Warsaw Volunteer Fire Agreement; seconded by George Clemens. No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Agreement attached to Minutes).

NEW BUSINESS –

No new business was noted.

TRAVEL REQUESTS –

Chief Rice passed out a travel request sheet prepared by the Human Resources office and presented to the Board of Works on 1/8/10. Chief Rice will be attending the Fire Department Instructors Conference and 2010 Safety & Health Conference. Discussion followed. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD –

FIRE DEPARTMENT POSITION CHANGES –

Ed Kipker and Kreg Warren requested, and were granted, position changes from Captains to Firefighters at the Board of Works meeting on 1/8/10. These changes were effective 1/10/10. Chief Rice will be filling the vacant positions internally in the near future. (New Hire/Change in Payroll Report is attached to Minutes).

WAYNE TOWNSHIP FUNDS –

Wayne Township Trustee Sheila Burner indicated that the Wayne Township Board has approved transferring funds to the Fire Territory in the amount of approximately \$81,000 to be earmarked for land acquisition and/or station construction south of Warsaw. Discussion followed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRESENTED TO BOARD MEMBERS –

Chief Rice distributed a copy of the memo addressed to the Human Resources office regarding the request from Training Officer Barker to return to firefighter status. Discussion followed.

Chief Rice also distributed a copy of an invoice from Attorney Cates noting that Mr. Cates has been providing legal services at no charge to the Territory.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the City of Warsaw has not received any information from the Department of Local Government and Finance pertaining to the 2010 budget for the City or the Territory.

ADJOURN –

There being no further business to come before the Board, Motion was made by Joe Streeter to adjourn, seconded by George Clemens. All were in favor.

ATTEST:

Shirley Fetrow, Recording Secretary

Sheila Burner, Board Member

George Clemens, Board Member

Michael Reed, Board Member

Joseph Streeter, Board Member

Ernest Wiggins, Board Member