
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Covey
Derek Diederich

Agenda included:

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Oakland Hope
3. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern
4. Public Comments

Supervisor Wall explained that Oakland Hope had sent a letter asking for contributions. Derek Diederich said he thought it was prohibited for us to give taxpayer money to independent entities like Oakland Hope. Derek will confirm and send us the Plante Moran information. Trustee Matsura and Hauswirth said we cannot give taxpayer funds to private non-profit entities.

Supervisor Wall said the Pontiac Fire contract extension had been negotiated and they originally proposed a 2% increase and Supervisor Wall said, "No" to the 2% increase and we agreed to a 3% increase. Chief Matt Covey attended numerous Pontiac City Council Meetings explaining the benefits of having Waterford provide fire services to Pontiac. He thinks it has made a very strong Fire Department, and they are a nine Fire Station Department, and should be considered the best in Oakland County. There is strength in numbers. He is encouraged by the new City Council and is looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish. Eventually, he thinks we will need to add about five additional fire firefighters to the department to keep all the trucks staffed appropriately to provide coverage for time off for vacations, etc.

Supervisor Wall said it benefits Pontiac because currently it takes at least two years to receive a completed fire truck once the order is placed. The demand for services is increasing, and with the number of rental homes in Pontiac and Waterford, typically there are more fires with rental homes. Also, with the aging population, there will be increases in the EMS runs.

Supervisor Wall asked the trustees what they thought about having a smaller VFW parade than in past years prior to COVID, and Clerk Markee said it was up to Donna Kelly since she is the one that will be doing all the work in organizing the parade. Trustee Bartolotta does not think it will downsize. There may be pent up demand to attend and participate in the Parade. It is an Election year.

Supervisor Wall encouraged the Trustees to take a look at the bridge across from the Historic Society on Hatchery Rd. Trustee Hauswirth was wondering if Waterford Township could sell the bridge and get some money for it because the RCOC thought they could auction it off and get some money for it when they re-do Hatchery Rd. Supervisor Wall thought the bridge may have seen better days.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.