

Walnut Township Trustees Special Zoom Meeting

Date: February 6

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Recorder: Patricia McLoughlin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Attendee	Present	Attendee	Present	Attendee	Present
Bill Yates, Trustee Chairman	x	Fiscal Office Jane Baker	x		
<p>1. The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss and vote on the proposed “Fire and Emergency Medical Services Agreement and assignment of assets and obligations” between Walnut Township and the Village of Millersport. The Trustees have been working on this agreement with Amy Brown Thompson, Prosecuting Attorney and Ken Bush, Village of Millersport Solicitor and Trustee Chairman Yates. A meeting was held with the Trustee Chairman Bill Yates, Amy Brown Thompson, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, Kevin Bush, the Village Solicitor and Mayor Gary Matheny of Millersport Village on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. There was a discussion where the Trustee’s asked for warranties and the Mayor gave his support that the Village would provide support remedies for any issues that might arise or be discovered in the future.</p> <p>Trustee Leith states that Prosecutor Amy Brown Thompson was going to check if warranties would be transferable to Walnut Township. Vince Popo, Millersport Village Administrator stated that he could provide a binder of all warranties, etc., there were some exceptions to this, such as wooden steps to the mezzanine, etc. Village funds were provided to support infrastructure improvements such as storm sewer water streets, etc. He was concerned that some improvements were completed without the mayor’s authorization. The Trustee’s wanted to know if Village funds were provided to repay debt, etc. The Trustee’s wanted a clear picture of how funds were expended.</p> <p>Trustee Chairman Yates wanted to make certain that any funds remaining would be zeroed out and monies held back to satisfy payroll.</p> <p>Millersport Village Administrator asked that if the parties were in agreement to merge, why wasn’t the Village approached and had discussion about the merger prior to building the new fire station? Trustee Leith was in agreement with that comment.</p>				<p>Motion by Trustee Chairman Yates to accept this version of the agreement second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>	

<p>In discussion with Village of Thurston, Trustee Yates believes that the Village of Thurston moving forward will most likely copy this agreement. Trustee Horn stated that he felt that the Village of Thurston would be more likely to agree to a merger if the merger with the Village of Millersport was completed now that an Agreement with the Village of Millersport would be taking place as noted in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Thurston.</p> <p>Aaron Reedy from the Village of Thurston stated that the Memorandum of Understanding between Walnut Township and the Village of Thurston had not yet been signed and returned that there had not been any discussion between Thurston and the Trustees. He was disappointed that there had not been any joint meetings and therefore left in the dark.</p> <p>Trustee Chairman Yates stated that it is obvious that the Village of Millersport put together a great effort to have the Fire Department building completed and he wanted to publicly thank Mayor Matheny. Trustee Chairman Yates stated that the final version will be available by the week of February 8, 2021.</p> <p>Trustee Leith wanted to notify the Village of Thurston and the Village of Millersport that the Trustees have voted to create a fire safety advisory board for the village and township fire departments.</p> <p>2. Discuss and vote on the need to proceed with BOND COUNCIL for fire service debt.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn at 10:41 a.m.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Fire and Emergency Medical Services Agreement and assignment of assets and obligations between Walnut Township and the Village of Millersport by Trustee Chairman Yates, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Motion by Trustee Chairman Yates to move forward with the Bond Council, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Motion by Trustee Chairman Yates, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
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Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith

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