

Special Town Board meeting October 26, 2017

The town board meeting was called order at 7:30pm. All board members were present.

Ashley Pugh appeared before the Board requesting that their decision to deny her Operator License be reviewed. She acknowledged that she has made some bad decisions in the past but has learned from them and is working at getting her life back in order. A co-worker and former employer were also present and spoke highly of Ashley encouraging the Board to reconsider their decision. Motion was made by Hesse to approve a 6-month Operator License for Ashley, seconded by Lash. Board will review her license application again in May 2018.

Board reviewed Operator License application for Sierra Johnson, motion to approve made by Kastenschmidt, seconded by Lash.

Board accepted the resignation from Leslie Bryhn as Cemetery Manager. Bryhn stated he would stay in the position until a replacement is found. He also offered two suggestions for the Board to consider: an increase in the purchase price for cemetery plots and to have bylaws governing the cemeteries in our township prepared.

Members of the Fire Truck Committee were in attendance to get Board approval to order the new fire truck. The truck specifications and bids were completed earlier this year but the truck could not be ordered until the outcome of the FEMA grant application was known. Recently, the Fire Department received notice that our department was not chosen to receive the grant.

Cost of the truck:	\$374,088
Discount for full payment:	<u>\$12,025</u>
Final cost	\$362,063
Township FD truck fund:	<u>\$289,460</u>
Leaving a balance of approx:	\$72,000

Motion made by Kastenschmidt to order the truck and pay in full to receive the discount, seconded by Lash. Balance will be paid through township monies or bank loan. It was also noted that the monies could be acquired through a community fund raiser.

A community member inquired where the funds came from to purchase the new emergency generator. It was explained that the Fire Department contributed \$10,000, First Responders \$2000 and that Allied Co-Op had donated the cost of the installing the propane line from the tank to the generator. Township funds covered the remainder of the costs.

Board then moved to budget preparations. Several health insurance quotes were reviewed many of them offering lower monthly premiums but also changes in the coverage and medical facilities. Board felt they needed further information regarding the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium offered through Benefit Advisors Insurance Agency, they will be asked to attend the November board meeting. Motion made by Kastenschmidt to renew with Health Traditions for now to meet the December 1st renewal date and consider changing to another plan in January as more information is received, seconded by Lash.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm