

June 16th, 2020 Wabash Township Board Meeting

ATTENDEES: Michelle Wietbrock, Chair
Brendan Betz, Secretary
Ed Ward., Chief
Jennifer Tiesing, Trustee
James Lewis, Deputy Chief
Erica Beumel
Kara Boyles, Activating Director of Family Resources at Bauer
(kboyles@bauerfamilyresources.org)
Angel Valentin
Cindy and Bruce Keller (bckeller1975@frontier.com 765-449-1372)
Diana Venable (dvenable@dayton-phoenix.com)

Pledge of Allegiance

Review Meeting Minutes from April 2020

Secretary Betz read the minutes. Chair moves to accept the minute. There was no public comment so Secretary Betz seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

Chief Ward - Update

1. 491 confirmed cases in the county as of the last situation report.
 - a. We expect the numbers to increase as things open up.
 - b. The Chief's has a couple of family members confirmed with COVID19
 - c. Numbers had been "way down," down 50 runs on last year (from last time)
 - i. We are now down 20 calls, making up ground. 5-6 calls a day.
 - ii. There are 18 states right now hitting record numbers of COVID-19 cases, Indiana is one of them.
2. SAFER Grant-
 - a. Deadline of May 15th had been pushed to the 27th.
 - b. The Federal Government has updated their proportions- They will pay 100% of those costs during the years of the program.
 - i. We asked for 6 firefighters.
 - ii. We have passed the first three phases and are still in contention. We should know in July whether we receive it or not.
 - iii. Applications are down about 50%-60%
3. CARES Act-

- a. The County has adopted a process. All municipalities will receive their own pot. The county received 2.8 million to be divided between the municipalities and townships for COVID Related spending.
 - i. We have used about \$3,000.00 in COVID Spending, so far around \$4,000.00
 - ii. Marty Webb would
- 4. Comcast will be pulling lines in the area of the Fire House, should be around friday. Our phones will be out, bad internet.
- 5. The Pick-up for station two is getting equipped
- 6. Chair Wietbrock intervened- that June 29th there will be a Zoom meeting with the firefighters and Ivy Tech.
 - a. Chair Wietbrock asked about starting the Chief's insurance. The Chief will receive a full plan when we receive the Loan funds.
 - i. The Chief, in the interim, is meant to use temporary insurance.
 - b. Chair Wietbrock asked about dependents on the insurance
 - i. The Trustee has asked West Lafayette and Lafayette what they do.
 - c. Secretary Betz brings a concern about comparing to WL and Lafayette as we are all at different levels of compensation
 - i. The Chief notes that he has spoken with Chief Doyle (Lafayette, Fire Chief) about that disparity and asked where Lafayette is on what they offer for benefits.
 - d. Chair Wietbrock expressed that an officer she knew, working at Munster Community Hospital was shot this morning. She affirmed the board's belief that we need to take care of our firefighters and family members.

Jennifer Teising - Trustee Update

- 1. Introduced Kara Boyles Dir. of Family Resources at Bauer
 - a. Community Partners for child safety program (funded through DCS)
 - i. Bauer holds the contract for DCS Region 5 (Tippecanoe, White, Carrol, Fountain, Clinton, Warren Counties)
 - 1. Child abuse, neglect prevention program.
 - ii. Bauer received \$208,000 for this program in our community.
 - iii. They have 15 days left to spend down those dollars.
 - 1. They have not received approval to roll-over those funds.
 - b. Need had been down but this month has ticked up. Kara would like to highlight that they have the funds to continue supporting the trustee's office.
 - c. The United Way has a COVID-19 Housing Hotline (Call or text 765-201-0668)
- 2. Trustee: No disbursements since the pandemic. We (the township) will act as a case manager as it relates to the hotline.
- 3. Kara: Two big Deadlines:
 - a. June 30th (as of today landlords can file evictions, for this date)
 - b. The Federal Government has a different deadline, if one receives any federal funds- those evictions will start to hit in mid July and mid August.

4. Secretary Betz notes that we did receive the “OK” on our funding for next year.
5. Chair asks about what our COVID Policy is for the office
 - a. No one is coming to the office.
6. Secretary Betz asks if we have information or applications in Spanish
 - a. Trustee mentions that Angel V. has noted that he would be happy to translate.
 - b. Kara Boyles noted that being proactive will help draw in those who need the help.
 - c. Erica Beumel notes that she has an application in spanish in the fairfield office and she can send it over
 - d. The trustee does not believe that we need it as we do not pass out forms to anyone in the public.

Brendan - Damaged Headstone Replacement

- a. Trustee: The police were unable to help us. Our records did not help resolve the issue.
- b. Secretary: Perhaps we could look at security measures to deter and show a good faith effort toward protecting the cemetery.

Michelle - Update on Sand Ridge

- a. We had a limb call
- b. Our grass may be a bit high.
- c. Trustee: Sign being up will help indicate
- d. Cindy and Bruce Keller- family members were surprised by the shift in policy on nature preserve. Cindy’s concern is about her parents. Her question is how will we get back there without disturbing the area.
 - i. Chair mentioned that we can discuss with Gus to maintain a particular plot.
 - ii. Secretary Betz noted that we can bring in families and stakeholders into the conversation.

Old Business

1. There is none

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM

Minutes Adopted _____

Authorized Signature (chair)

Authorized Signature (secretary)