

Special Beaver Creek Trustee's Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

2016

Ms. Graff called the Special Trustee Meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. Those present were Trustees: Carol Graff, Tom Kretz, and Jeff Roberts. Fiscal Officer Christy Ahrens was also present. Staff present: Township Administrator/Public Safety Director Alex Zaharieff, Fire Chief David VandenBos, Deputy Chief John Mercks, Battalion Chief Nathan Hiester, Battalion Chief David Young, and Lieutenant Bill Kappeler.

The Purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet in Open Session with to discuss the Standards of Coverage Report.

Chief VandenBos presented a draft copy of the Integrated Risk Management Plan: Standards of Cover, 2016 for the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department. He apologized for the document not being complete and stated that what was before the Trustees was a summary of most of the analysis and information that will be in the final document. What is missing from the document currently is mostly boiler plate information that is necessary and policy recommendations, which will require a larger conversation to decide whether to set lofty goals that will probably be too expensive, or realistic goals and work to achieve those.

The Chief went through every page of the document with the Trustees and questions were asked, answered and general discussion occurred. More in-depth discussion occurred regarding the following.

Overtime charges for the Fire Department have gone down since the Department moved from Part-time and Full-time employees to only Full-time employees. Discussion occurred regarding being fully staff, which only happens about three times a year. Several issues were discussed such as: a possible EMS station; having an ALS engine in an area like Trebein Rd. and Fairground Rd.; and a more attainable goal of getting out the door faster, which is a goal the Chief has set for the Department. Getting out the door from notification, not due to a lack in dispatch, is a change in the Fire Department's environment that the Chief is looking to change.

The Chief explained that this is a Risk Management document. There are things we can do better and cheaper now; then we use this document for the future, after we have the build out of the developments in the Township. This long term planning is where the Chief is looking for guidance from the Trustees. He would like to know what our policy should be; should it be aggressive and look to meet and exceed the standards, which would cost more money; or should it reflect current standards and discuss how to do things better.

Discussion occurred regarding: the levy cycle, which covers a ten year period, then breaking it down into five year periods as a start for how to set goals for the future. For example, look at our response times now, measure it against the standard and know that we are at ninety percent of the standard now. Then over the next five years we need to maintain that standard even with the new growth – and list what we need to do to keep that standard at ninety percent, or whatever the actual percentage is. The Trustees want to start with how to maintain what we have, with growth in the Township, then look at how to improve in places where realistically there can be improvement.

General discussion occurred regarding: the new Superstreet on U.S. 35 that will change transportation flow and have an impact on the Fire Department, as well; and possibly expanding ProQA to include Fire to offset responses and send appropriate vehicles to the incident. It will cost more, but is a cost the Chief feels will be able to be recouped.

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Everything in the Risk Management Plan is current – with current staffing levels. The next levy cycle is when the Department would look at changing staffing levels. The only thing right now is the need to fill the vacant firefighter position.

This report is preparing us for what we'll need for the next levy or couple levies. Do we need capital? Where does it go? Do we need it in facilities or mutual aid or a combination of both?

Discussion occurred regarding: facilities and the area to cover in the Northeast and Southeast corners of the Township and the fact that if Ohio University comes into the Township – it might change everything. The Trustees would like the Chief to reach out to the school district to find out the schools projections for student enrollment over the next five year period.

Chief VandenBos discussed new maps that are being created for fire districts one through four, for each of our stations, to see what station responds first, second, and third to each house and then put similar numbers in districts or areas.

General discussion occurred regarding: residential water suppression systems.

Chief VandenBos plans to have the Final Plan completed by the November 7, 2016 Trustee Meeting. If the Trustees have any questions, they can send them to Mr. Zaharieff and they'll get the answers. The Fire Department will share the document with Beaver Creek City Council when it is complete.

2016-398 Mr. Roberts made a motion to Adjourn at 3:25 P.M. Mr. Kretz seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Roberts, yes; Mr. Kretz, yes; and Ms. Graff, yes.

Trustee: _____

Fiscal Officer: _____