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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD:
Wednesday, December 20 2017

Approved:

Meeting called to order at 12 noon by Supervisor Jason Barnard. The clerk read the meeting notice posted at 11am on December 14, 2017. Those present: Barnard, Burns, Sheets, Priest and Heller.

Guests included: Steve Adams, Fire Chief. Len Merrill and Marc Munsell, firemen

Supervisor Barnard asked Chief Adams to review the additional payment to some firemen for special training: Fire Officer Prerequisite. Chief Adams said that in 2017, three firemen attended additional training that should get reimbursed for by the department. After discussion, it was suggested that we pay them their going rate for the presented 92 hours each in January, 2018. Further Fire Officer Prerequisite Training would be reimbursed as it happened throughout the year.

Clerk Heller asked the Board if she could pay the two bills held from the regular Board meeting concerning the Park Security System. Burns made a motion to pay the bills and to adjust the budget to do so. Motion to amend the budget as follows: reduce General Fund line item 101-980 contingency by \$5,000 from \$76,825 to \$71,825. And increasing Park and Rec. activity line item 751-970 capital outlay by \$5,000 from \$7,000 to \$12,000. Motion seconded by Priest. A roll call vote was taken with Burns, Sheets, Barnard, Priest and Heller all voting Aye. None opposed.

The Treasurer passed out copies of the 2016-2017 budget and the Board worked on updating a portion of it for the 2018-2019 year. Discussion followed with additional meetings to be held in February, 2018 to finalize the budget.

Treasurer Burns asked Supervisor Barnard to clarify some information concerning purchasing land for a new fire barn. He said that a steering committee of residents will be formed in the near future to research the possibility of a new structure.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Sheets and seconded by Sheila Priest. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

Date: