

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
2016 END OF YEAR
December 31, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 8:05PM leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Bill were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Hart Van Horn, Trustee; Fire Chief William Duvall; and Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief's.

Visitor
None

Notice

The following notice was sent to the Eagle Gazette and placed on the website : *Rushcreek Township Board of Trustees will hold an End of The Year meeting on December 31st at 8am. The purpose of the meeting is to close the 2016 year. The meeting will be held at the township office, 213 Marietta Street, Bremen.*

Minutes

The minutes of the December 21st meeting were presented to the Trustees for approval. Bill made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because the Trustees had reviewed them prior to the meeting and approve the minutes. Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, yes; Hart, aye. Bill reminded everyone that the minutes are available on the website www.rushcreektwp.org or upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

Warrants #40543 - #40549 in the amounts of \$2,526.16 were presented for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

The Amended Certificate was received regarding the transfer from the Fire Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund resulting in the transfer of funds completed on December 29th.

At the December 21st board meeting the Trustees approved a motion to re-invest the Certificate of Deposits with the institution(s) that will provide the best interest rates. The three Certificates of Deposits with Citizens Bank totally \$500,000.00 were rolled over for a 24 month period at an interest rate of .65% and the \$50,000.00 Certificate of Deposit with Bremen Bank was rolled over for 17 months at an interest rate of .75%.

Business

As discussed in several work sessions, the 2017 Revenue and Appropriation budgets were presented to the Board of Trustees. After discussion, Dave made a motion to approve the 2017 Appropriation & Revenue Budgets as a "Temporary Appropriation" and then at the January 4, 2017 meeting a Resolution will be prepared to make them Permanent. Hart seconded the motion. As a reminder, several changes made to the appropriations; due to the 2017 Freightliner not being available until later in 2017 the expenditure was added to the appropriate fund, ORC changes in salaries for elected officials, and the Capital Improvement Fund 4902. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Chief Duvall stated, to date the fire department has made 600 dispatches for 2016. The Lancaster Eagle Gazette requested information on the firehouse renovation. They were referred to Kelly Architectural Services and advised that during the last meeting personnel from the Eagle Gazette was present and recording the information. He asked the Board to consider a Holiday pay differential for the traditional 6 days in each year. He suggested that the difference would be 1.5 times pay rate. This would provide a competitive rate to make these shifts more attractive. Chief Duvall was asked if there is a precedent in other departments. He answered that Pleasant Township is currently using this policy.

Dave Myers reported that this idea has been discussed within the fire department, but four years ago (2012-2013), the Township did not have the funds to consider such a policy. The consensus of the Board was to take this policy suggestion under advisement. Hart will research the policy changes and Connie will research the procedural changes needed.

There being no further business brought before the Rushcreek Township Board of Trustees, this concludes the business for 2016.

As indicated by signatures below, the minutes were reviewed. Bill made a motion to approve the End of The Year Meeting minutes and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:06AM