

Minutes of the May 16, 2022 Meeting

Meeting opened by Grandstaff with Cooperrider, Peck, Ullom, and Callan present. Guests Fire Chief John Hill, Rick Rosshirt, Keith Wilson, Jim Cramer, Janeen Baldrige, Jeff Chavailia, Julie Bernard, Gary Ross, Jim Clever.

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved- Cooperrider motioned for approval, and Grandstaff seconded. Grandstaff and Cooperrider yes.

Adminstration

- Fire levy for one mill for five years replacement to go on the November levy, request prosecutor and auditor to prepare paperwork for Board of Elections. Cooperrider moved to request levy paperwork from prosecutor, Grandstaff second, all yes.

Bills

Cooperrider moved to approve the bills, Grandstaff second, all yes

Bids

- No bids received. Will wait on chip and seal of roads.

Equipment

- Discussed track hoe purchase.

Fire Department

- Chief Hill gave run report. 153 runs to date.
- Engine review next week at Sutphen.
- Training reported for members.
- SAFER grant should be announced this month. Have 180 days to hire once grant is awarded.
- Asbestos is being taken out of Hendren house on Bennington Chapel for future acquired structure burn.
- Chief will help Homer with an acquired structure burn.
- M961 at Coughlin being repaired.
- Part-time firefighter's house burned. Chief asked if township could help.
- Mr. Peck asked about preparation of Hendren house posing liability risks to Township. Chief Hill said homeowner must carry insurance.
- Chief may need to buy more turnout gear for three new hires. Will advise.
- Concert at Fairgrounds next weekend.
- Radio purchases still needed at \$5,475.06 each.

Roads

- Callan working on tile.
- Callan going to work on finding a tractor to mow with to start on roads.
- Tree in Mitchell taken care of.
- Bethel Road residents notified by Trustee Peck about potential road drainage project. Callan will place flags on where ditch will be built if the project goes forward.
- Willow trees near tile may need to be removed, possibly by electric lines.

Website

- Presentation by Ilona Seaman for website. Questions answered. Cooperrider moved to purchase the program, Peck second, all yes.

Zoning

- Mr. Boudinot asked about having website direct callers to Village for their zoning questions.
- Discussed applications interviews. Set for May 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall. Trustee Peck will notify the applicants.
- Mr. Peck brought up possibility of cell tower in the Township.

Public Comment

- Jeanne Baldrige asked that trustees review ORC regarding zoning board members. Trustees Cooperrider stated that conversations with two prosecutors said that reappointing current members was proper.
- Gary Ross (Hilliar Township Trustee). Asked if fire department would be interested in taking over Hilliar Township. Chief will research and provide information.

No further business, meeting adjourned.
