

WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
7:00 P.M.
TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP

7:00 P.M. Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order.

Members present: Lenore Cook, Val Schwallier, Gary Karr and Rick Schoenborn.

Also Present: Mike Gavin and Mike Eppink

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that was discussed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MMAC approved the Minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting and the Special Meeting held on July 13, 2020 at noon.
- B. MMAC approved the bills to be paid for September, October and November of 2020.

Chairperson Cook asked Rick Schoenborn if at the December meeting he will have the two new members selected to represent Wright Township. Schoenborn said that will be discussed and that was the plan.

- C. Discussion and motion needed regarding a contract with Jon Alkema.

Fire Chief Gavin provided an Employee Compensation Information packet that explains Lt. Alkema's past compensation. He also included a list of comparable from neighboring departments for their fulltime employees. What Chief Gavin is asking from the board is for us to create a work group that is created from one representative from each township and a neighboring human resource department to come up with what the fulltime employee compensation package should look like. He is also thinking of the future of the WTFD and when the time comes to hire the second fulltime employee. It was agreed that the representative will be selected at each township board meetings.

III. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Gavin provided information on Life EMS regarding their response time for each call. He shared his concerns regarding that. He also stated that has been no response regarding the CARES ACT Federal Grant that Lt. Alkema applied for which was a total of \$23,500. Fire Chief Gavin brought up the idea of the Fire Department having a credit card for the department needs instead of using their personal cards. It'll be efficient and more transparent. There will be a limited number of employees that have access to the card and the credit limit will be a \$5,000.00 and also any credit card purchases over \$2500.00 will need to be approved by the chairman of the fire board. MMAC was approved and carried.

MMAC accepted the resignation of Fire Board member Gary Karr.

Gray Karr stated that it has been an absolute honor to serve as member of the board and that he has enjoyed his time serving.

We thank you for your service Gary!

8:58 P.M. Lenore Cook called the meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted by:

Val Schwallier