

WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
MARCH 2, 2023
7:00 PM
TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

7:00 Lenore Cook called the meeting to order.

Members present: Lenore Cook, Valdyne Schwallier, Adam Taylor and Sharyl Dietrich

Also present: Mike Gavin, Jon Alkema, Mark Bennett and Rick Schoenborn

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Drug and Alcohol Use Policy tabled until June Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- MMAC to approve the minutes from the December 2022 Regular Board Meeting and the February 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting.
- MMAC to approve March, April and May 2023 bills to be paid.
- MMAC to appoint Lenore Cook as Fire Board Chairperson for fiscal year 2023-2024.
- MMAC to approve Tallmadge Township Clerk and Treasurer to adjust 2022-2023 budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Public Hearing for 2023-24 Budget opened at 7:05. Hearing no comment, public hearing closed at 7:06.
- MMAC to approve recommended proposed budgets – 206 Operating and 208 Equipment for fiscal year April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 to the Township Boards
 - **206-000-702 Operating Wages/Salaries**
 - Proposed Budget of \$360,000, increased by \$30,000 to cover the following:
 - Increase Paid on Call wages to \$25/hr for Firefighter/MFR (from \$24).
 - Increase Firefighter/EMT to \$27/hr (from \$26).
 - Increase of 5% for salary personnel-Fire Chief and both full time employees.
 - Increase part time shift to \$19/hr (from \$18).
 - Duty weekend pay increase to \$100/weekend (from \$80-this was approved at our last years' budget).
 - **206-000-704 Wages for Training**
 - Board stated that changes to these wages were an operational decision by the Administration of the Fire Department.
 - **In summary**
 - #206 Operating from \$484,000 to \$532,000, an increase of \$48,000
 - #208 Equipment from \$65,500 to \$75,000, an increase of \$9,500

- Fiscal Year meetings set for:
 - Tuesday, June 6, 2023, Wright Township
 - Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Tallmadge Township
 - Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Wright Township
 - Budget Workshop to be determined.
 - Tuesday, March 5, 2024, Tallmadge

All meetings start at 7:00pm.

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FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES

- FOIA Policy and Procedures - MMAC to adopt FOIA policy.
- SOG Updates – still on-going and will hopefully be done in 6 months.
- At June Board Meeting we will have the opportunity to see the refurbished ladder truck from Coopersville Fire Department.
- Sale of Brush Truck – 2016 Ford F350 -estimated value from the following dealerships:
 - Betten Baker - \$30,000
 - Lafontaine Ford - \$28,000
 - Borgman Ford - \$20,000
- Our mutual aid partner, Allendale Township, offered \$29,000. MMAC to approve sale of brush truck to Allendale Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharyl Dietrich