

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

8:00AM

December 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Witter – Chairman
Greg Richardson – Vice Chairman
Samuel Cressler – Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Misner – Planning/Recording Secretary
Kathy Durf – Staff

VISITORS PRESENT

Jamie White – WEFR

Chairman Witter called the meeting to order at 8:00am and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27TH, 2018.

The minutes for November 27th, were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Thornwood/Orrstown Road Intersection

Supervisor Cressler reported that he will be meeting with Township Traffic Engineer, Greg Creasy, of Grove-Miller to work on intersection design. The next step should be to identify the utility companies with services at the intersection and begin a dialog.

2019 Budget Action

The 2019 Preliminary Budget has been properly advertised.

MOTION: With no public comment on the advertised 2019 Preliminary Budget, Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the 2019 budget as final. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Fire M.O.U.

Jamie White was present to give a preliminary 2018 report including calls run, elected officers and equipment. A full report will be submitted to the Township in January of 2019.

Chief White stated that he is comfortable with the existing M.O.U. as it stands for 2019. Any changes that occur in firehouse status will be reflected in a new M.O.U. for 2020.

Supervisor Cressler stated that until now he has been in favor of this M.O.U. for a couple of reasons:

- 1) In the beginning, funding was not budgeted in equal proportions by municipality.
 - That has been rectified.
- 2) Volunteers need to spend more time training and responding and less time fundraising.
 - If a volunteer has ten hours a week to volunteer, it should be time well spent.
- 3) Staffing of qualified management, supervision and office-holders were going to be a problem.

Supervisor Cressler said that great strides have been made with funding equality, but no gains have been made on the management side. Now that the problem, that was predicted, has manifest itself, the only solution he is hearing to “close a fire station.”

Supervisor Cressler feels this is the exact wrong direction to go. He believes that the future of volunteer fire service is more, small stations, in residential areas with park and playground facilities around them to keep the young community interested and involved. The mega-station mentality that some are pushing is 1960’s, not 2018.

Supervisor Cressler stated that at this time, the Township has already approved a budget to provide for the fire service in the 2019 Final Budget. Until he sees intelligent, insightful consideration of our community’s emergency services future, and not just another knee jerk reaction, he is not willing to obligate the Township with any further written agreement.

Supervisor Richardson requested of Chief White that when the new M.O.U. is drafted that the language be kept in layman’s terms for all who read it.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to approve the 2019 M.O.U. with the understanding that no further M.O.U.s will be considered until it has had comprehensive changes. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed. Supervisor Cressler opposed the motion.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Volvo

Maria Misner gave the board an update on the Volvo bond. Because it's an ongoing-active construction site, the NPDES permit will remain in place at all times. That permit will police the site until completion and require remediation prior to termination.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$21,482.83. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Witter at 8:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Administrative Assistant