

Pike Township  
Legislative Board Minutes  
August 25, 2020

Members Present: Dave Willis, Steve Anderson, Marcia Lomax, and Peggy Simmons and Claudette Peterson

Staff Present: Annette Johnson, Nabeela Virjee and Chief Chris Tragesser

Members Absent: None

Minutes Taken By: Claudette Peterson (Secretary)

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**WELCOME**

Chair Dave Willis called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Willis called for a motion to approve meeting minutes of May 19, 2020. Motion was made by Member Peterson, second by Member Simmons, minutes approved with no changes. Chair Willis called for a motion to approve meeting minutes of June 16, 2020 and June 18, 2020. Motion was made by Member Anderson, second by Member Lomax, minutes approved with no changes.

**TOWNSHIP FINANCAIL UPDATE – Beth Marsh**

Township Accountant Beth March reported the following:  
Presented highlights of the 2020 year to date budget which is online as projected and presented an overview of the budget projections for 2021.

Member Peterson asked questions of Chief and Trustee regarding requested 2021 pay increases and expressed concerns about the requested amounts (Trustee Johnson \$10,000.00 and Chief Tragesser \$18,000.00). Member Peterson stated during the health crisis we need to be mindful of those residents and taxpayers who have lost love ones, jobs and health insurance, and how immoral and incentive it looks asking for pay increases of the amount. Trustee Johnson gave little explanation for the increase. Chief Tragesser stated his goal is to bring pay equity by establishing a 10 percent pay scale difference between the levels of management.

Chairman Willis asked other board members about how they felt about these increases. Member Anderson shared that he thought elected officials should not get a pay increase, Member Lomax was okay with the increases and Member Simmons was not sure of her position and Chairman Willis gave no comment.

**PTFD UPDATE – Chief Tragesser**

Department continues to be faced with COVID 19, overall fire fighters are doing a great job and are staying pro-active in their effort to combat the virus. The department's team

members are working on recruitment efforts and have reached out to the Black Firefighters Association with the hopes of recruiting more African American and other minority groups for 2021. Chief Trgesser reported that the department has received a \$100,000.00 grant to purchase an apparatus for deep cleaning equipment. Chief also submitted his June and July month reports to the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Wolley expressed concerns about Township Trustee officials comparing the operation with other township operations and how we need to be independent keeping in mind that there are those who are always trying to dismantle township boards.

**TRUSTEE UPDATE – Trustee Johnson**

Staff/Caseworker still working from home assisting residence by appointment. Trustee Office working with churches and other community organizations assisting with drive through Food Pantry.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Willis reminded everyone the next board meeting is September 15, 2020 at 5:30p, public hearing on the 2021 budget.


Chair Willis motioned for adjournment and meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of May 19, 2020  
Minutes of June 16, 2020  
Minutes of June 18, 2020  
Approved by the Board on August 25, 2020.



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Claudette Peterson, Secretary

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Annette Johnson, Trustee