

Pike Township
Legislative Board Minutes
October 20, 2020

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

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes Taken By: Claudette Peterson (Secretary)

WELCOME

Chair Dave Willis called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Willis called for a motion to approve meeting minutes of October 20, 2020.

Motion was made by Member Anderson, second Member Lomax, minutes approved with no changes.

TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL UPDATE – Budget 2021 Beth Marsh

- July and August Financial Reports distributed to the board
- PTFD – Add'l Appropriation – Nov. 17 Public Hearing and Adoption

Budget Approval 2021

Chair Willis called for a motion to approve 2021 Budget. Motion was made by Member Anderson, second by Member Lomax, budget approved.

Salary Resolution 2021

Chair Willis called for a motion to approve 2021 Salary Resolution. Motion was made by Member Anderson, second by Member Lomax, budget passed 4 to 1 (Nay vote by Member Peterson)

PTFD Updates – Chief Tragesser

- August and September Reports distributed to board members
- Department was awarded \$200,000.00 grant for defibrillators and other equipment
- Department focus on Community Outreach
- Department goal is to do more outreach to minority/women/veteran owner businesses engaging in more contract opportunities.

Member Peterson

Asked a question regarding the retiree health insurance fund and why it was not included in the 2021 budget, as was promised to the firefighter's union representative earlier this year?

Trustee Johnson, there is a committee working on this matter and a solution will be coming soon.

Trustee Updates

- Recycling Bin at Government Center
- Community partnership Food Pantry cont.
- Dep. Trustee Virjee – YTD Poor Relief 2020 spending \$180,000.00

Chair Willis open floor for Public Comments.

Public Comments:

Mike Wolley (Pike Township Resident) questions/comments:

- Where is the Trustee office as it pertains to rent assistance?
- What are the requirements for assistance?
- What documents are needed?

Elaine Wolley (Pike Residents) questions/comments:

- Is the Trustee office working with the small claims court?
- When is the office open and can residents call in?
- Can relief be provided to someone who is behind in their mortgage/rent?

Kim Boyd (Pike Residents) questions/comments:

- How has information regarding the assistance program communicated to the residents?
- Are there partners they can go to?

Bianca (caseworker), we work with community organizations and the Salvation Army.

Member Peterson, question for Bianca (caseworker), where do we need to be to truly provide the assistance the residents need?

Bianca's answer:

- One bedroom \$650.00
- Two bedroom \$750.00
- Three bedroom \$800.00

Dep. Trustee Virjee reminded the Trustee a survey was completed and submitted to the Trustee addressing the need but was never addressed.

Trustee's response was that she inherited this issue from the previous administration.

Member Peterson's response was that the current Trustee has been in office for almost 2 years and sat on the board for 12 years so there is no excuse.


ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wills adjourned the meeting at 6:29p.

Approved by the Board on November 17, 2020.



Claudette Peterson, Secretary



Attested by Annette M. Johnson, Trustee