

CLAY TOWNSHIP

Special Meeting

October 21, 2019

Trustee Woolf called the Special meeting to order at 4:01pm for the Fire/EMS contract with the City of Brookville. Trustee Woolf, Dale Winner and Trustee Vore were present.

Sonja Keaton, City Manager and Chief Fletcher from the City of Brookville presented a purposed Fire/EMS contract to the Clay Township Trustees that was for three years beginning January 1, 2020 which is basically the same as the previous contract with an additional 3% annual increase (approximately \$11,000+ per year) to cover growing costs including new equipment. The contract is basically the same as to what is being presented to Perry Township. There was general discussion on the situation of one existing levy not being renewed ending December 31, 2020, the rising costs of complying with existing regulations, the cost allocation the City of Brookville providing services to Clay and Perry Townships and the coverage the Village of Phillipsburg, the Village of Verona and the City of Brookville provide. Currently levies cover all costs associated with running a Fire/EMS department and discussion included consideration be given to separate capital equipment from the general costs utilizing a capital equipment levy.

Trustee Woolf requested a breakdown based of the costs presented that would be for the incorporated part (in the City of Brookville) vs. unincorporated part of Clay Township. Trustee Woolf also reiterated that contract discussions should be negotiated/discussed separately with the other Fire/EMS departments and other municipalities as the contract is negotiated specifically with between Clay Township and City of Brookville.

Trustee Vore expressed concern with different tax rates between Clay Township and Perry Township that the residents pay for Fire/EMS services. Trustee Vore indicated there should be consideration for a Capital Improvement levy broken out from the general Fire/EMS levy. Trustee Vore also expressed concern on tax abatement for businesses locating in the area and requested the estimated amounts of taxes that are being abated from the GM new plant.

There was general discussion for equitable sharing of costs and alternatives for providing Fire/EMS services to Perry Township, City of Brookville and Clay Township.

The Trustees discussed a timeline for addressing Fire/EMS contract with the City of Brookville to try to avoid a “temporary” contract until the contract is finalized. Trustee Vore suggested the need to look at the overall funding structure (including millage rates) and services of the Fire/EMS department for all entities involved to properly structure future levies and be equitable. This is an issue that needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

Ms. Keaton and Chief Fletcher will work on getting the requested information to the Trustees and will follow up with Trustee Winner. The City of Brookville will continue to work with all governmental entities to come up with equitable contracts and plans for future services with related funding (the “Big” picture).

Trustee Woolf moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Winner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

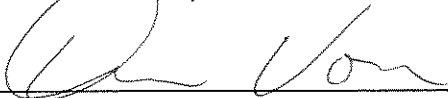
Winner – Yes

Woolf – Yes

Vore - Yes

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

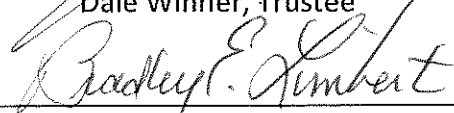
Steve Woolf, Trustee



Dave Vore, Trustee



Dale Winner, Trustee



Bradley E. Limbert, Fiscal Officer