



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, MARCH 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Loeks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Beutel called the roll, and the following board members were present: Trustee Don Boven, Trustee Linda Kerr, Trustee Barb Hammon, Trustee Michelle O'Neill, Treasurer Trish Roberts, Supervisor Nick Loeks, and Clerk Emily Beutel. Also attending were Superintendent Erik Wilson, Deputy Superintendent Brooke Hovenkamp, and Fire Chief Chad Tackett.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Supervisor Loeks asked to add Item 4B – Discuss Ambulance Contract.

Motion by Hammon, seconded by Boven, motion carried, to adopt the meeting agenda as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Fire Department Staffing

Board members met with Fire Chief Tackett to discuss several items related to Fire Department staffing, including goals and milestones, compensation and community comparisons. Also discussed was the Strategic Plan that ESCI will begin in mid-April and which will address many recommendations and goals from the 360 degree review report.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Boven, motion carried, based on progress already made on the Public Safety Committee's list of priorities for the Fire Department and to assure the Board's support, to increase Fire Chief Tackett's salary to \$84,000 with the intent to revisit goals achieved in six months.

Discuss Ambulance Contract

Supervisor Loeks stated that Life EMS is currently providing ambulance service for the City of Portage and townships of Comstock and Texas, as Portage terminated its contract with PrideCare. During the interim, while negotiations are made for a contract with Life EMS, Chief Tackett has been staffing the department with an extra firefighter so that there are always three on duty to meet any deficiencies. As there have currently been no issues with unmet needs and a contract is upcoming, he anticipates going back to two firefighters in mid-April.

The Board took no action.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no members of the public present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee O'Neill asked for clarification on how the Board discusses items in Committee of the Whole, Old Business, and New Business.

Treasurer Roberts thanked Chief Tackett and Board members for taking the time to have the discussion. She also updated the Board briefly on the ring road project from Q Avenue to Texas Drive, which the DDA will be discussing at its meeting on Thursday, March 23.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Boven, seconded by O'Neill, motion carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:36 a.m.

SUBMITTED: March 29, 2023

Clerk Emily Beutel

Attested: Supervisor Nicholas Loeks

APPROVED: April 10, 2023, as submitted