

VILLAGE OF LYNDON STATION  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2015

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by 6:30 p.m. The roll call was taken by the Clerk. Present were President David Klicko, Trustee Rebecca Coley and Trustee William Blank. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Lori J. Scully, Kristi Whaley and Fire Chief Larry Whaley. Citizens present as per the sign in sheet.

Trustee Coley made a motion to transfer \$18,000 from the Tax Account to General Fund, seconded by Trustee Blank, three ayes carried.

Discussion took place regarding the 2014 Fire Department Budget Reconciliation. A motion was made by Trustee Blank to reconcile the 2014 Fire Department Budget by applying the positive balances to the negative balances with the Clerk/Treasurer working from the top to the bottom and providing a balance at the next meeting to show that it was done, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

Discussion took place regarding the apparent increase in the 2015 Fire Department Budget. President Klicko said the budget should not have changed from \$60,900. Trustee Coley said it should increase with the increase in the equalized value. The equalized value would change the percentage of what the townships would pay it does not increase the Fire Department Operating Budget. The clerk budgeted by the contracted amounts to the Towns of Kildare and Lyndon which is a higher total. The amounts on the contracts does not all go to the Operating Budget as a portion goes for the truck payment, hydrant rental and insurances. The Fire Department Budget should be \$60,900 each year as the Operating Budget. A lengthy discussion went on in order to reconcile the 2014 Fire Department Budget. President Klicko made a motion to reconcile the Fire Department 2014 Operating Budget by allowing the clerk to balance the negatives with the positives, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. Trustee Blank made a motion to use the 2% dues to balance the 2014 Fire Department Budget with a surplus amount of \$352.66 to go to a CD for vehicle replacement, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. Trustee Blank made a statement of good will that if at any point and time this year that the Village decides to borrow the money for a new snow plow or any other piece of apparatus, that we add an extra \$1,300 to the loan that we can make that the \$1,650 just as a good will gesture for the amount that the 2014 Fire Department Budget (had left over to go into a vehicle fund). President Klicko said that it would not be a good idea because you don't want to borrow money just to put in a savings account. If a new vehicle were to be purchased for the Fire Department in the future, the Village will more than likely need to borrow money at that time Also President Klicko stated a number of costs for the Village have increased such as the Mauston Ambulance Service and Village Insurances. The 2015 Fire Department will be approved at the March 9, 2015 Board Meeting.

Discussion took place regarding to fill the position of Fire Department Lieutenant. Trustee Blank made a motion to approve Gene Churchill to be promoted to Fire Department Lieutenant with his duties to start March 11, 2014, seconded by President Klicko; two ayes carried, one abstain (Coley).

A discussion was held regarding the EMS restructuring. The First Responders crew can only act as a first responder, not an EMT. Billing was discussed for EMS and for the Clerk to try to collect those fees. The ambulance arrives and the patient is billed from Mauston. The First Responders are volunteers. The Village Attorney would have to give his opinion whether the Village can charge for EMS services. There are 10 to 14 EMS calls per month. EMS has stopped paying those people that arrived but did not go out on the call. Trustee Blank said he is torn, as it is a training issue. A lengthy discussion took place regarding charging fees for EMS if the Village Attorney can research to find out if the Village can charge for those services. First Responders have given up a lot of services. Chief

Whaley explained how he is looking into the future. All costs are going up. More discussion. Good will donations were also discussed. The Village Attorney will be contacted on this item. Chief Whaley explained the EMS Service Director's position (that was recently vacated) and the duties and training required for all EMS Personnel. All the First Responders are currently on probation with the exception of two. Those two were recommended by the First Responder personnel to be Chief and Captain. Neither have current job descriptions. Discussion.

A motion was made to appoint Kristi Whaley as EMS Chief and Cassie Ilgen as EMS Captain with the financial payment for the administrative duties of those positions to be determined later and also that the Fire Chief and Kristi Whaley to work out the job duties for both positions was made by President Klicko, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

Discussion took place regarding the Verizon Cell Phone change to the government rate. Currently, the Village is paying tax, etc. The clerk explained the different plans that are available and the amounts that would save the Village. A very lengthy discussion took place. Steve is paying back private phone calls to the Village totaling over \$30.00 for a few months. More information will be needed for a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Chief Whaley brought up that the inside hydrant was leaking and needed to be capped off and the Fire Department paid \$85.00 to have it done by Top Tier. Steve called Top Tier to do the work and the water was shut off by Steve so why couldn't he do the work and save the Village money. Chief Whaley said the hydrant had been leaking for a month as he discussed this with Steve. Chief Whaley just wanted the Board to know about it.

The Clerk read a letter that the Board requested her to write regarding the opposition of County Assessing and the League of Municipalities Insurance Company.

Trustee Coley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori J. Scully, Village Clerk