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Informal Caucus:

3/29/2018

7:30 a.m.

In attendance Trustee Arnie Clebone, Trustee Greg Cizmar, Administrator Pat Ungaro, Road Senior Foreman Gino Bidinotto, Fire Chief Gus Birch, Police Chief Rich Tisone and Code Enforcement Zoning Inspector Jim Rodway. 7 citizens attended.

Roads: 1st priority getting holes filled. People blowing tires, bending rims, and receiving calls every day. Resident compared cold mix with hot mix offered suggestions. Road Senior Foreman needs direction on how the board wants him to prioritize. Right now, we prioritize by concentrating on the Main thorough fairs 1st and then secondary roads. Unfortunately, sometimes can't get to some areas even though they're working overtime. Discuss EPA standards to road material when street sweeper is used. It will be up to the Board. Chip and Seal options discussed. Also, strip patching discussed. Crack seal a must. Resident from Kline's Drive officered suggestions. Everyone agreed the situation is urgent. Hope to have a plan in two weeks as well as a long term plan. Perhaps new levy money.

Police: Discussion of a new police cruiser. Chief presented Board with a quote through the State Purchasing Program. Chief would like to purchase a vehicle yearly. Trustee Stoyak already agreed via email to Chief. Other board members will give an answer soon. Discussion by attending board member about not borrowing from the bank next year. Also discussed by attending board member, the auditor's office recommendation to not borrow money next year. Resident upset because trustee would not say who "they" were. Board member said he'd ask the person before quoting them. Have to cut costs, need carry over funds. Chief requested the tow yard and Optotraffic camera funds stay in the Police Funds rather than in the General Fund and he would end in the "black." Discussion of traffic camera on I-80. Previous law director on record it's illegal for a township to be on interstates. Upset resident asked if meeting was being recorded nothing – cameras nothing but a money grabber. Resident wanted to go on the record of his dissatisfaction and interruptions by a board member. The board discussed a possible meeting Monday, if fiscal officer can attend (later found out he cannot). Chief reminded board members the money would come from the drug fund which is used for capital improvements. All agreed we need more money or get smaller. Board hopes to have a 3 year budget in place to get out of fiscal caution and back in good standing.

Fire: Lexipol – waiting for an answer from the Board regarding the Policy and Procedure Operations update. Current policy out of date, so all agreed we should have it on the agenda for the next regular business meeting. Next year, bigger expense when asking for a fire truck. Chief recommended a capital improvement levy. Discussed Ed Conricote's memorial in front of Fire Station in need of repairs – deteriorated after 15 years. Funds will be raised – no tax dollars will be used. CR Electric to donate lighting and manpower.

Zoning: New zoning program discussed. 20 year old program no longer being supported by Microsoft. New program offered township lifetime 50% discount \$2,500 per year. Updated quarterly, can utilize an I Pad instead of the multiple steps currently used.

Administrator: Requesting sound barriers for I-80 near schools. Cautioned board to not pick sides and work through funding issues with the Police Department. Carry over funds is an issue. Must concentrate on the beat up roads. Most residents on fixed income, not a lot of fires, more ambulance calls. Need all three trustees – perhaps be more flexible to face lots of challenges. Our community one of the safest in the State. State sitting on 2 billion dollars and is forcing townships to consolidate. Estate tax gone, cut local funding, down to the bare bones. Do the best we can with what we have. Property values went up but we don't get much even though property taxes increased. Worked with Trustee Stoyak to acquire 2 million from State for curbing and resurfacing of Belmont Avenue. Worked with merchants to improve on their buildings. Need to attract restaurants and retail trade. Look for enhancement grants.

Ended 9:35 a.m.