

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

April 24, 2012

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Chairman Burris opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Fuller of the Grove City Church of the Nazarene gave the opening prayer. Mr. Burris invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed Fiscal Officer Mr. Ron Grossman to the first Regular Meeting since his term began on April 1, 2012.

ROLL CALL

David Burris	Present
Stephen Bowshier	Absent
Jim Rauck	Present
Ron Grossman	Present

RESOLUTION 2012-43

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the March 27, 2012, regular meeting. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-44

Mr. Burris moved to accept the following reports as prepared and presented to the Board by Fiscal Officer Ron Grossman: Fund Status, Expenditure Account Status, Warrant Register, and Memos of Expenditure. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-45

Mr. Burris moved to pay payroll, pay all bills, and approve purchase orders. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Mr. Burris called Eric Babcock to the front. Chief Sheets recognized Mr. Babcock, a private citizen, for saving the life of a child who exited her house onto the roof of the garage where Mr. Babcock was able to reach her by ladder. Mr. Jim Bernholtz was present from the Office of Josh Mandel, Ohio State Treasurer, to present an award on behalf of the Treasurer. Mr. Burris thanked him on behalf of the Jackson Township Trustees and the community.

Chief Sheets called the following persons to the front: Lt Jim Parmenter, Acting Lt Paul Elifritz,

Firefighters Ken Sayre, Dustin Bradbury, John Burley, Pat Foley, Jacque Whittenberger, Kyle Weekly, Greg Richards, Dan Levesque, Greg Ruddock, Josh Hammond, Erik Hipple, Greg Scarberry, and retired firefighter Dave Duerler. He stated that on May 21, 2011, these personnel responded to a fire at 2489 Gantz Road. After attempts were made to enter the building from two locations of the house, the final attempt was made through a second floor window where two persons were removed and transported along with a third person. These fire personnel are being awarded the Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Jim Bernholtz presented a proclamation to each of these on behalf of Josh Mandel, Treasurer, State of Ohio, and thanked them for their service.

Capt Brian Reese received the Fire Chief's Award. The success of the above mission was directly due to the professional manner and command of the scene of Captain Reese. There were no firefighters injured at the scene.

Firefighter Jason Burley received the Medal of Merit award, the third highest award given in fire service. Firefighter Burley took each child down the ladder to awaiting paramedic crews.

Lieutenant Randy Little received the Medal of Valor award. It is the highest award the Fire Department gives, and Lieutenant Little is the first to receive this award. Lieutenant Little made entry through the upstairs window, found the children in bed with the aid of a thermal energy camera. Under extreme heat and fire conditions, he rescued the children and handed them out of the window to Firefighter Burley.

Mr. Burris, on behalf of the Board and this community, expressed deep thanks for the successful rescue efforts in this fire.

Mr. Rauck noted a recent fire on Jackson Pike and the vast majority of this same unit, Unit 3, responded to that fire. Mr. Rauck stopped to check on the resident a few days later as he was doing some salvage work, and the resident had nothing but highest praise and thanks for the job done. Mr. Rauck said we know this is something that happens on a regular basis and expressed his thanks to the department for its skill and dedication.

Captain Brian Reese commended the Unit and expressed his pride and honor to be a part of this unit.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2012-46

Mr. Burris prefaced Resolution 2012-46 by saying we are preparing for growth to a fourth fire station, then read the resolution and moved to create new positions and to promote fire personnel to fill those positions, more fully described in the updated Township Personnel Handbook. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-47

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2012-47 and moved to hire Richard Eisel as a full time firefighter of the Department. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

OATHS OF OFFICE – Mr. Burris then issued the oaths of office to the newly promoted and hired personnel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department reports were presented in caucus. No formal department reports were given during the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burris announced the Board of Trustees will meet in Special Session on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. and participate in a White Road Dedication Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. He announced the next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. Caucus will begin at 12:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2012-48


Mr. Burris moved to adjourn. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Ron Grossman, Fiscal Officer



David Burris, Chairman

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

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RESOLUTION 2012-46

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE OFFICERS AND REORGANIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, after a thorough review of Fire Department operations, the Board of Trustees recognizes the need to reorganize and update the structure of the Fire Department in order to provide efficient emergency service to the community at present and for the expected opening of the new Fire Station #204 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendations of the Fire Chief and due to increased run volumes, starting May 1, 2012, the Fire Department will reassign personnel in such manner that a fourth medic unit will be available every day to improve the delivery of paramedic services to the community; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendations of the Fire Chief, the Board of Trustees hereby creates the new positions of "~~Station~~ Captain" and "Battalion Chief"; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees does hereby agree to promote the following officers to the newly created positions, with wages, benefits and position responsibilities as more fully described in the updated Township Personnel Handbook:

<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Newly Promoted Position</u>
• Lieutenant Randy Little	- Station Captain
• Lieutenant Scott Bowyer	- Station Captain
• Captain Chuck Strader	- Battalion Chief
• Captain Steve Cook	- Battalion Chief
• Captain Brian Reese	- Battalion Chief
• Captain Merion Jacob	- Battalion Chief

I So Move

David Burris

Seconded

Jim Rauck

VOTE

NO

YES

David Burris

David Burris

Stephen Bowshier

James Rauck

Jim Rauck

FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

Adopted during Public Meeting and Dated this 24 day of April, 2012.

Ron Grossman
Ron Grossman, Fiscal Officer

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RESOLUTION 2012-47

RESOLUTION TO HIRE FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes and determines the need to hire a full-time firefighter/paramedic in order to continue to provide the expected levels of emergency service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously conducted interviews of part-time firefighters based upon recommendations made by the Fire Chief; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon recommendations of the Fire Chief and the interviews previously conducted, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees does hereby agree to hire **Richard Eisel** effective immediately with all wages and benefits as provided by the Township Handbook.

I So Move

David Burris

Seconded

Jim Rauck

VOTE

YES

NO

David Burris

David Burris

Stephen Bowshier

James Rauck

Jim Rauck

FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

Adopted during Public Meeting and Dated this 24 day of April, 2012.

Ron Grossman
Ron Grossman, Fiscal Officer

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Whereas: *it is the sincere desire of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees to recognize and honor Firefighter / Paramedic Dave Duerler for his many years of faithful and dedicated emergency service to the citizens of our community and professional service to the Jackson Township Fire Department; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Dave Duerler started his career with Jackson Township in January 1978 as a volunteer firefighter and shortly thereafter also began working as an Emergency Radio Dispatcher; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Dave Duerler began full-time employment with Jackson Township in January 1983 later becoming a Certified Paramedic; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Dave Duerler received the Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and the Fire Chief's Award in 2005 for exemplary service; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout his many years of service, Firefighter Dave Duerler was the Department's Liaison with the Grove City Communications Center as well as mentoring many new Firefighters and Paramedics; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Dave Duerler's experience, professionalism and commitment to duty are characteristics which reflect great credit upon himself and the Jackson Township Fire Department and are in keeping with the highest standards of the Fire Service; now*

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED *that the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, recognizing the professional services of Firefighter / Paramedic Dave Duerler does hereby declare Tuesday, April 24, 2012, as "Dave Duerler Day" in Jackson Township, noting to his fellow employees and all citizens his exemplary and professional service. We extend best wishes to Firefighter Duerler for a long and happy retirement and thank him for a job well done.*

David E. Burris, Trustee

James O. Rauck, Trustee

Stephen J. Bowshier, Trustee

Ron Grossman, Fiscal Officer

P Proclamation

Whereas: *it is the sincere desire of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees to recognize and honor Firefighter Everett Webb for his many years of faithful and dedicated emergency service to the citizens of our community and professional service to the Jackson Township Fire Department; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Everett Webb began his career with Jackson Township in October 1989; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Everett Webb was recognized for his professionalism and nominated by his peers as Firefighter of the Year in 1998; and*

WHEREAS, *in 2005, Firefighter Everett Webb received the Medal of Merit in recognition for extraordinary bravery and courage during a fire rescue event; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout his many years of service, Firefighter Everett Webb earned the respect and admiration of his peers and supervisors for his numerous assignments to improve the equipment and apparatus used daily in the fire service; and*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Everett Webb's experience, professionalism and commitment to duty are characteristics which reflect great credit upon himself and the Jackson Township Fire Department and are in keeping with the highest standards of the Fire Service; now*

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED *that the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, recognizing the exemplary service of Firefighter Everett Webb, does hereby declare Wednesday, April 25, 2012, as "Everett Webb Day" in Jackson Township, noting to his fellow employees and all citizens his exemplary and professional service. We extend best wishes to Firefighter Webb and his family for a long and happy retirement and thank him for a job well done.*

David E. Burris, Trustee

James O. Rauck, Trustee

Stephen J. Bowshier, Trustee

Ron Grossman, Fiscal Officer