

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

November 11, 2024

IN-PERSON MEETING

BOS WORK SESSION

Supervisors Present: Bill Ryker, Pete Kade, Jim Hopkins, Dave Long and Lorna Yearwood.

Also present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager/Public Works Director) & Scott MacNair Esq. (Township Solicitor).

Mr. Ryker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of potential shared services (Public Works Department) – Mr. Gard Holby, Chair of Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was present. Mr. Pursell stated Bridgeton Township is having a hard time finding a replacement for himas Road Master and part-time help. Springfield Township was interested in working together. There was a proposal for a new hire split between Springfield and Bridgeton that would assist with manpower issues. The proposal is for splitting a shared new hire - 2/3 and 1/3 compensation. The new employee will work in Bridgeton two days a week. Projects would be done jointly between the Townships, and equipment would be shared. There is currently a shared service agreement already in place regarding equipment, but this would be regarding personnel too. Mr. Holby said they are a small township, which only has part-time employees. He said roughly they have 500 hours of manpower a year regarding the roads. He said they currently pay their men low \$20s an hour. Mr. Holby said he must show the numbers to the other board members. They have talked about it between themselves on the idea but not the cost. Mr. Hopkins stated it's not just about numbers, it is peace of mind to have a stable full-time person and not just chasing part-time people. He said it adds to the stability of the employee for both Townships. Mr. Kade stated Bridgeton would have Mr. Pursell as a resource if they go this route which they currently no longer have. Mr. Kade said Springfield is putting out \$29k out of our budget to essentially help Bridgeton. Mr. Kade seems like this is a favor to Bridgeton and Mr. Holby said it is, but they need to figure out the cost. Mr. Kade suggested they just go out and find a part time guy then. Solicitor MacNair discussed the contracts that would need to be executed if they were to proceed with this and then pass resolution. There would be a month to hammer this out with the agreement, so time is of the essence. Mr. Holby stated they would put it on their agenda for Wednesday's meeting.


PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bruce Whitesell, Rt 212, stated he is happy to see two Townships communicating and working together to stretch resources.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Gerhart
Secretary