

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
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Location: Ray Township Hall
64255 Wolcott, Ray, MI 48096

Present: Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor
Lori Lascoe, Clerk
Betsy Bart, Treasurer
Betty Grader, Trustee

Absent: Doug Stier, Trustee - Excused

Also Present: Chief Mark Hoskin
Asst. Chief Tim Brooks
Earl Schwark
Lieutenant Rob Kitchen
Sergeant Justin Marberg
Sergeant Kevin Dittenber
Firefighter/Medical First Responder Dan Jensenius
Firefighter/EMT Erik Sogge
Kaethe & George Economos
Jamie Smith
12 Residents

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES & ROLL CALL.

Supervisor Jarzyna called the special meeting to order at 7:00 P.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Lascoe called roll; Jarzyna, Lascoe, Bart, and Grader were present. Excused absence: Stier.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to approve agenda as presented.
MOTION carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. FIRE PREVENTION MONTH:

Chief Hoskin stated October is Fire Prevention Month and would like to honor the staff of the Fire Department with the accolades they have accomplished.

Fire Fighter of the Year: Earl Schwark

Chief Hoskin explained this year, all the Officers have nominated Earl Schwark as Firefighter/Medical First Responder of the year. He stated Earl Schwark was nominated for his dedication, years of service, and because he goes above and beyond to serve the residents of Ray Township each and every day. Earl Schwark was presented with the Fire Fighter of the Year plaque from Chief Hoskin. Chief congratulated and thanked him for everything he does.

Everyone in attendance applauded.

Chief Hoskin stated next is commemorating years of service with a pin they can attach to their uniform.

Years of Service:

Captain Mark Sehling- 30 years

Chief Hoskin explained Captain Mark Sehling has been with the department 30 years and he is a training captain, IC coordinators and organizes the trainings. Unfortunately he was not in attendance. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Lieutenant Robert Kitchen- 25 years

Chief Hoskin announced Lieutenant Rob Kitchen has been with the department for 25 years and he is the apparatus officer and takes care of the truck maintenance. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Sergeant Justin Marberg- 20 years

Chief Hoskin reported Sergeant Justin Marberg has been with the department for 20 years and he is the IT Specialist. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Sergeant Kevin Dittenber- 15 years

Chief Hoskin stated Sergeant Kevin Dittenber has been with the department 15 years. Further stated he is always willing at moment's notice. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Firefighter/Medical First Responder Dan Jensenius- 25 years

Chief Hoskin announced Dan Jensenius has been with the Fire Department for 25 years of service. Further stated Dan ensures that all pumps are in working order and he is teaching the next generation of firefighters how to operate the pump trucks. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Firefighter Devon Sherrard- 5 years

Chief Hoskin congratulated Devon Sherrard for 5 years of service to the Fire Department. Unfortunately he was not able to attend the meeting.

Firefighter/EMS Officer Steven Sherrard 5 years

Chief Hoskin announced Steve Sherrard has been with the Fire Department for 5 years. Unfortunately he was not able to attend the meeting.

Firefighter/EMT Erik Sogge- 5 years

Chief Hoskin reported Erik Sogge has been with the department for 5 years. He stated Erik is one of the dedicated guys who makes the calls and takes care of business. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Firefighter/Medical Fire Responder David Hines- 5 years

Chief Hoskin announced David Hines for 5 years of service on the Fire Department. Unfortunately he was not able to attend the meeting.

Badge Pinning: Firefighter/EMT Erik Sogge

Chief Hoskin stated for the badge pinning is Firefighter/EMT Erik Sogge. Chief stated he has completed his probationary training and officially received his badge. He was pinned by his wife Brittany Sogge. Everyone in attendance applauded.

Chief Hoskin stated he has been with the department for a year and a half, and they have made vast improvements moving the department into the future. He stated he could not have done it without the hard work of the Fire Department staff. He personally thanked the staff for helping him and supporting him with the changes the department has made. The Chief thanked the Board members for supporting him in moving the department forward. Further stated Ray Township is a safer place to be.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Confirmation of phone poll for hiring of Fire Department Staff Assistant

Supervisor Jarzyna stated he conducted a phone poll for the hiring of Melissa Rosseel for the Fire Department Staff Assistant.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bart to confirm the Supervisors phone poll to hire Melissa Rosseel for the Fire Department Staff Assistant position.

MOTION carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC, CMC
Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date