**Grafton Township Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**October 29, 2020**

The special meeting started at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29th. In attendance were Trustees Homer-Miller, Wesemeyer and Weigel along with Fiscal Officer Amy Richards. Fire department attendees included Bob Richards.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss purchases associated with the CARES Act funds, hall rentals and a fire department personnel issue.

Chief Richards received a request from a firefighter for a six-month leave of absence. Bob is good granting the request. Trustee Homer-Miller made a motion to accept the six-month leave of absence, seconded by Trustee Wesemeyer. Christie yes, Carl yes and Andy abstain. Motion carried. **20201029-01**

Discussion was had on renting out the hall. It was determined to keep it as is and not rent it out due to the spikes in COVID-19 cases. The fire department’s annual holiday party will be held at the hall, but it will be scaled back to only members and their spouses/significant others. Penny determined the amount of people that can be in the hall to ensure social distancing. Additionally, those living in the same house do not have to social distance.

Amy stated that we needed to accept the 2021 tax rates. Trustee Weigel made a motion to accept the 2021 tax rates as presented, seconded by Trustee Wesemeyer. Andy yes, Carl yes and Christie yes. Motion carried. **20201029-02**

Discussion was had on spending the remaining CARES Act funds. After discussion Trustee Wesemeyer made a motion to spend the funds on the items listed below, seconded by Trustee Homer-Miller. Carl yes, Christie yes and Andy yes. Motion carried. **20201029-03**

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| 5,000.00  | flooring - River Floors |
| 5,400.00  | new office and meeting room chairs |
| 15,000.00  | touchless faucets/labor/plumbing |
| 7,700.00 | Security System Fire Department |
| 2,500.00 | Furniture for FD Living Space |
| 35,000.00  | digital/LED sign |
| 10,000.00  | climate control upstairs |
| 15,000.00  | turnout gear |

**THE BOARD HEREBY DETERMINES THAT SAID CARES ACT EXPENSES ARE NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH CARE EXPENSES SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO MITIGATING OR RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND ALL PURCHASED ITEMS ARE TO COVER COST CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES AT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 601 (d) AND ANY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS**.

Trustee Homer-Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., second by Trustee Wesemeyer. Christie yes, Carl yes and Andy yes. Motion carried. **20201029-04**

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 **Trustee Homer-Miller, Chairperson Amy Richards, Fiscal Officer**