

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING  
JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2017  
9:00 AM**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in emergency session at the Medina Township Hall on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, to conduct the business of the Township. Chairman Ostmann called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. with the following Trustees in attendance: Bill Ostmann and Ray Jarrett. Also in attendance was Law Director, William Thorne. There was no general public.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Ostmann asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett. Mr. DeMichael was absent.

**Appointment of Investigator**

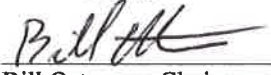
Mr. Thorne said the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to appoint an investigator to look into the alleged misconduct of several firefighters with the Medina Township Fire Department. Mr. Thorne has spoken to Carl DeForest a former Brunswick Police Chief who is now City Manager. Mr. DeForest has confirmed with the Brunswick Administration that they would have no problem with him looking into the allegations. Normally you would appoint the Fire Chief but the statute allows you, at your discretion, to appoint a private citizen so Mr. DeForest can be appointed. At this point, since the names have not been released, it was brought to your attention in Executive Session and Mr. Thorne's suggestion would be to appoint Mr. DeForest to look into the alleged violations of the Medina Township Fire Department code of conduct. Mr. DeForest would like one of the Trustees or the Chief to be available when he gets ready to question the Firemen because he would like them to be advised and that they be directed to cooperate so that if they don't cooperate discipline can be given. Mr. DeForest will give them a guaranteed statement which basically is a statement that tells them that they have been ordered to cooperate. If they don't cooperate, discipline can be taken against them, but, on the other hand, anything they say will not be used against them if there was any criminal action taken as a result of anything and it has been raised that **inaudible** criminal misconduct, someone is going to die, that's not anything we were thinking of looking into at the time but any statements they would give would not be able to be used against them. Mr. Jarrett asked Mr. Ostmann if somebody should contact the firefighters and do you want to contact the Fire Chief directly and reach out to those particular individuals and advise them that they are to cooperate 100% in the investigation. Would that suffice? Mr. Thorne said he thought it would, just so they have been advised. Once Mr. DeForest has been appointed we can give him a call and see how he would like to proceed. Mr. Thorne assumes Mr. DeForest is not going to bring them all in and question them at one time; he's going to contact them individually so as long as it could be confirmed, I think, that they were advised that they were supposed to cooperate.

Mr. Jarrett said he will reach out to the Fire Chief today and advise him to contact those individuals, singly and advise them of their cooperation. Mr. Thorne said after that we can talk to Carl to see if he'd like to be there when that is done. We can arrange for Mr. Jarrett to do that. Mr. Jarrett said he can make himself available. Mr. Thorne said all he confirmed is that he is willing to do it and he was looking into it a little since none of the reports were complete, only the allegations, but it was serious enough based on the hospitals report that we needed to do this. Mr. Ostmann also has a police report of the incident.

Mr. Jarrett motioned to appoint Carl DeForest from the city of Brunswick to do an investigation of firefighter individual's alleged misconduct. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann. Mr. Thorne said Mr. DeForest is doing it as a favor so there will be no fee. Mr. Ostmann said to thank him.

Mr. Ostmann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.

  
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Angela Ventura, Fiscal Officer

  
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Bill Ostmann, Chairman

  
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Ray Jarrett, Trustee