

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/FIRE CONTRACT/GEN BUS
October 13, 2010
8:00 am

Trustee Oiler opened the meeting for the purpose to discuss with the Village of Westfield Center the pending fire contract.

Attendance: James Likley, Ronald Oiler, Gary Harris, Mayor Tom Horwedel, Rick Robbs and Terry Bittner from village council. Bill Hutson, village law director and Bill Thorne, Assistant Prosecutor. Also present was Gayle Foster, The Post writer and fiscal officer Martha Evans.

BILL HUTSON: Presented each one with 3 contracts: A. Latest Village proposal B. Latest Township proposal C. Present contract (copies are available at the fiscal officers office)

- Thought when transition was made it would be very simple by removing village and add township and removing township and add village and we would go on pretty much the same way. The proposal from the township eliminated a number of things such as fire committee, fire chief meetings and the owners' provision in case of termination.
- Work off Exhibit A for discussion.

BILL THORNE:

- The trustees questioned the reason for fire committee since the chief would be overseeing the budget and paying the bills. If the village and township established a budget, it will be up to the chief to stay within the budget. BILL HUTSON replied "for communication purposes". The village considers this a partnership. This topic was discussed at length.

The following items were discussed using Exhibit B:

- ✓ Item 2 needs clarification
- ✓ Item 3 add *all equipment*
- ✓ Item 5 needs clarification
- ✓ Item 7 add *Capital and approved by both parties*
- ✓ Item 9 township should see about getting insurance for fire department and name the village as other entity
- ✓ Item 12 in *Exhibit A to be left in*
- ✓ Item 13 add *capital*
- ✓ Item 14 strike word *soft*
- ✓ Item 15 – many issues and each entity will go back and discuss
- ✓ Item 16- add *-Personnel action may be taken by the Township with the Village being notified as soon as practical concerning any action taken or to be taken.*
- ✓ Item 18 add *Village*
- ✓ Item 19- township suggesting 10-15 years-needs discussion

Topics that need to be fully agreed upon: Effective date of notice of termination, non-resident income split and fire committee.

There is more discussion needed between the two attorneys with each entity stating their reasons and what they want in this contract.

There will be another meeting as soon as each board feels they are ready to sit down and discuss their proposals again.

Chairman adjourned meeting.

Approved November 1, 2010