

The Special Meeting held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 was called to order at approximately 9:00 AM by Chairman Weimer. After the Pledge of Allegiance the roll call was taken, Chairman Weimer, Trustee Tomaino, Trustee Campbell, Chief Police VanDyke and Fiscal Officer Schulz were present. Also present was Officer Ronnie Crum.

Chairman Weimer stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting is to review and decide on acceptance of Cops Hiring Grant and then to adjourn into executive session and discuss the possibility of hiring a public employee.

Chief VanDyke reported that everyone is aware that the Grant was awarded to hire a school police officer. The Grant total is \$123,317.00 over a three year period and the Township being responsible to continue employment and pay the fourth year obligation. The question being with the 4 man department, can the Township afford the 5<sup>th</sup> fulltime person? The grant would be paid on a quarterly basis as Officer Crum applies for reimbursement. Officer Oxley's grant would expire in 2017 and this grant would expire in 2018. The Federal Grant does see an advantage of having an officer in the school, especially with the community oriented school basis. Chief feels it would be a great community relations tool. Chief reviewed the current officers on staff and their availability to work to cover all the shifts, utilizing part-timers. Chief is requesting to hire a minimum of 3 part-time officers to give the full time officers the flexibility to keep them around for a longer time, considering the cost to train an officer.

The benefits were all discussed, drug prevention, community and children dealing with and accepting police officers as positive role models in the community as opposed to an adversarial position.

Trustee Tomaino asked Chief if there were any areas to cut, to save to cover this 4<sup>th</sup> year. Chief explained where there are areas to cut

Fiscal Officer Schulz commented on the amount of vehicles in the department and that this officer located at the school would need one as well. Chief agreed. The Federal 1033 Program could possibly be utilized to find a used vehicle. Milton Township officer would be stationed at the elementary school and the Sheriff's officer would be stationed at the high school. The officer could be utilized during school closing, i.e. summers and holidays to cover with the Township. Fiscal Officer reiterated the funds available in the Police Fund and stressed there are no other areas to squeeze funding from to cover the increased cost, so this endeavor needs to be monitored closely. Chief is currently looking for other part-time officers in lieu of overtime, as the budget does not allow for that type of expenses. Chief is considering two officers for this school position, but they would need to be replaced in the regular department coverage.

**Mr. Tomaino moved to accept the Grant Award and to participate in the Cops Hiring Grant with the US Department of Justice which outlines participation in the School Resource Officer Program , 10-04-15-S1,** seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

Chief will internally interview for officers to fill this position and check their requirements to fit the Grant requirements and present them to the School Board for final approval. The School Board should accept one of the potential candidates and then the Milton Township Board of Trustees will be able to act on it at the next meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

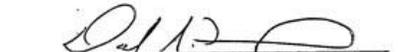
**Mr. Campbell moved to go into executive session to discuss hiring of a public employee, 10-04-15-S2,** seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

**Mr. Weimer moved to come out of executive session, 10-04-15-S3,** seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

**Trustee Tomaino moved to hire Tim Tobias as a full time officer, to begin his 90 day probationary period, effective October 18, 2015, 10-04-15-S4,** seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

**Chairman Weimer moved to approve to pay the registration fee for Zoning Inspector, Mike Kurilla to attend the annual workshop and up to two other committee members, 10-04-15-S5,** seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed with 3 ayes.

**Mr. Tomaino moved to adjourn, 10-04-15-S6,** seconded by Trustee Campbell, and passed with 3 ayes.


Date October 20, 2015