

CALLED TO ORDER: Called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

PLEDGE:

ROLL CALL: Schroeter, Bieganowski, McDonald, Radtke, Kramer present. Biondo and West excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Services Director: Supervisor Radtke presented a power point refresher of the consultant report and what has been accomplished to date on our path to withdrawing from Grand Traverse Rural Fire, running our own fire department and completing the tasks the consultant recommended. We have made great progress completing the list of recommendations and the next item is to hire an Emergency Services Director. The position was advertised in the local paper, online and in print with Fire/EMS publications. The interview committee interviewed six (6) candidates. The committee rated each candidate and presented the board with the top four (4) candidates per the Green Lake Township hiring policy. Supervisor Radtke sent an email out to each board member asking if they wanted to interview the candidates or if they preferred to hire the person the hiring committee recommended. Supervisor Radtke heard back from most of the board members stating they did not feel the need to interview the candidate. Treasurer Schroeter feels the title for this position should be Emergency Medical Director not Emergency Services Director. She feels the explanation of the consultant requesting it is not a good enough explanation. She would like to know which of the jobs listed on the job description are not being completed. The hiring committee feels this is in preparation to eventually going from a basic life support to an advanced life support service in the future. Scheduling is not being taken care of at this time and information relayed to the membership/lack of communication with members. Treasurer Schroeter feels the township does not have the money to pay this person. She feels these jobs are being covered and what is going to happen to the people doing the job. Treasurer Schroeter understood the money we paid to Grand Traverse Rural Fire would be set aside and not used until we found out if we could operate on our own. Trustee Bieganowski feels it's not a question of what job isn't getting completed, he feels it's a job description for this person to follow too help move us forward. It's restructuring. Pay rate was also discussed along with benefits or benefits reimbursement from not taking the insurance package. The candidate will be paid \$55,000.00 annual salary plus benefits.

Moved Bieganowski, Second Kramer to make an offer of \$55,000.00 annual salary plus standard benefits package to David Cutway, per the request of the hiring committee, to fill the position of Emergency Services Director. Roll call vote: Schroeter – No, Bieganowski – Yes, McDonald – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Radtke – Yes. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Radtke passed along to the board members we have been in contact with Blair Township working on billings for ALS coverage. The total amount showing as being owed is \$36,250.00 as of January 2017. We have just started getting break downs from Fire Recovery and at this point, the treasurer and clerk are double checking to make sure everything is correct.

Jill Coverdill, 5648 Wrenwood Way, Grawn, Michigan 49637, Ms. Coverdill wanted to commend the board for taking action as quickly as you did. She feels this person needs to be put into place to be the strategy and visionary person since they are the expert, which is very particular to this industry. ALS has its own set of challenges and we need someone with knowledge to work with the board. It's a gamble and we need to remember we are no longer paying \$185,000.00 to Grand Traverse Rural Fire so we have that money and it's moving the department in the right direction to help provide for our residents. Taking this action is a great step of building a really high functioning department.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved Kramer, Second McDonald to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer
Green Lake Township Clerk