

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
April 16, 2019**

Supervisor Boogren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Boogren, Clerk Borrett, Treasurer Roberts, Trustee Armatti and Trustee Adams

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Joe FitzGerald, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Agenda: Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Police Chief (6a.): At 2:01 pm, motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to move to enter into closed session to consider the performance of the Police Chief, as requested by Chief FitzGerald. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes. Motion carried.

At 2:11, motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to accept Chief FitzGerald’s resignation. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. The Board thanked Chief FitzGerald for his service. Motion carried.

PT Police Officer Pay (6b.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve increasing Part Time Police Officers pay to \$20.00 per hour from the current \$15.00 per hour. Treasurer Roberts, Police Department Liaison, commented on her meetings with the Police Department. This incentive is to attract officers to help with of our staffing shortages. Motion carried.

Police Hire Incentives (6c.): At 2:13pm, motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to move to go into closed session to strategize regarding the Police Union collective bargaining agreement under MCL 15.268(c). Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes. Motion carried.

At 2:46pm, motion by Adams, supported by Borrett, to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, in regards to officer recruitment, that we offer a \$5,000 yearly installment incentive package for new hires. Supervisor Boogren clarified it would be a total of \$5,000

spread over 4 years. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts - yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

Public Comment: Jesse Cadwell commented on the Part Time officer pay.

Board Comment: None

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk