

## PULASKI TOWNSHIP

### WORK SESSION

September 11, 2023

The Pulaski Township Supervisors held a work session on September 11, 2023 at 5:00 in the social hall of the Pulaski Township Fire Hall, 3401 Sunflower Road, New Brighton, PA 15066. Casey Zachodni, Chairman led the meeting and had invited the Fire Department members to sit in and discuss some things.

The meeting has been called to order at 5:00 PM by Mr. Zachodni. Those present were Casey Zachodni, Ralph Flara, Mark Wagle, Connie Wagle, Crystal Hickey, Matt Drabick, Rick Brogby, Michael Leppla, Allen Hickey, Don Chapman.

- Mr. Wagle started off by announcing we received the registration card and title in the mail for the new truck and hopefully it will be done soon.
- Mr. Wagle stated he called Design Works downtown regarding the Rotary Sign which was purchased through a grant the Rotary had. Pulaski Townships sign is sign is done and at the shop downtown – just needs installed. He spoke with the owner and for \$150 he will help Mike install the sign. Supervisors agreed to do it. It will be situated on our property on Sunflower Road (top of the hill).
- Mr. Zachodni started with the Fire Department by saying the Supervisors invited them to sit in on work session to discuss any issues and to hear any suggestions. Mr. Zachodni asked if the Fire Department would be interested in selling their building to us to remodel bathrooms, floors, ceilings, etc. and move the township office upstairs, making it ADA compliant & with update the fee for rentals could increase. Mr. Zachodni states he hears complaints about condition of the building and wants to help to solve these issues. Regarding the rental fee we could come to an agreement to split the money made. Mr. Hickey asked why we would not use the property the township owns on Sunflower? Mr. Hickey also stated that the Fire Department did offer to the predecessors (years ago) to strip the office downstairs by taking paneling down and carpet up and reseal everything, however, they did not agree.
- Mr. Zachodni asked if the Fire Department has updated the small gaming license and the response is it is expired, and they feel there is no need for it at this time. Mr. Zachodni is only thinking of fundraising that could be done and wants to see Fire Department bring in more revenue. Costs of equipment and such is very expensive, to replace a fire truck it is about \$800,000.
- Mrs. Hickey did state that the Fire Department is in much better shape financially than it was 6-7 years ago. She states she did have open heart surgery 18 months ago and some things did not get done in a timely manner, but things are shaping up..She also mentioned Pulaski is in better shape than New Brighton or Daugherty Township.
- Mr. Zachodni also spoke with Justin Stone, and they were discussing the thought of hiring a qualified person to oversee the fire departments and also to do the zoning in the township. This person ideally should be someone outside of the townships to be fair to

everyone. Chief Hickey states the enrollment for fire department is increasing with having some new rookies currently. Mr. Zachodni does not want to see a merger with New Brighton which is also the thoughts of Pulaski and Daugherty Fire Departments. New Brighton wants to have a paid fire department within about 8 years. If Daugherty Township merges with New Brighton, Pulaski would only not go to calls in Daugherty. Chief Hickey states Pulaski is in better shape financially than Daugherty or New Brighton.

- The Chief feels if Pulaski does the process of regionalization, they can pull out any time.
- Mr. Flara asked if the Firemen do EMT work on a scene. The response was no due to the cost of equipment and supplies. The police do not do EMT work either for calls. If there is a DOA, the police must come otherwise if the Fire Department is there they only come if needed.
- Chief Hickey also has a receipt for the repair of the siding on the building, the company scheduled them in August, but they have not come yet to repair.
- Chief Hickey stated the Fire Department has their meeting tomorrow (9-12-2023) and all that was discussed today will be passed on to the Fire Department Committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wagle