



Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Held on March 17, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township met in special session on the above date at 5:00 p.m. in the Office of the Trustees, 9501 Jerusalem Road, Curtice, Ohio 43412

Mark Sattler opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance with the members as listed during roll call:

Beau Miller, present
Dave Bench, present
Mark Sattler, present

Topic: COVID-19 Preparations:

This meeting was at the request of Fire Chief Parasiliti to inform the Trustees as to the state of readiness of our Fire Department during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Chief Parasiliti recapped some of the concerns of the community in this difficult time.

- Chief Parasiliti and his department are researching the availability of funding to help defray expenses relating to COVID-19.

The Lucas County Commissioners have set up the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and designated Michael Hart as the governmental liaison. Mark Sattler will serve as the Jerusalem Township single point of contact with Michael Hart.

Chief Parasiliti distributed copies of the Fire Department newly drafted Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the COVID-19 Pandemic to protect our patients and firefighters. After review by the board, Beau Miller moved to approve the new SOP. Seconded by Dave Bench with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes
Mark Sattler, yes
Beau Miller, yes

Motion carried.

Chief Parasiliti provided information on the following:

- Jerusalem Township Fire Department has enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies. Chief Parasiliti shared the inventory list and expressed his appreciation to Captain

Flack for accumulating the supplies for an unexpected event such as this. The Trustees also expressed their appreciation to Captain Flack for his preparations.

- The Jerusalem Township Fire Department has an Ultraviolet (UV) light for use as an alternative method of sanitizing our Fire vehicles and squad units. There are only 6-8 UV lights in Lucas County Fire Departments. Those Departments with UV lights are making them available to other Fire Departments upon request as part of the practice of assisting each other.
- Jerusalem Township Fire Department has 25 WMD bags containing full protective suits, boots, masks and related gear. They are part of a county-wide grant. The EOC has asked for information on our inventory of these WMD bags. We have provided the information. If the EOC requests some of these WMD bags be transferred to them, the Chief will contact the Trustees to alert them to the request and secure their decision regarding the request.
- Chief Parasiliti discussed procedures if the fire /EMT first responders encounter COVID-19 patients.
- Area Fire Stations will assist each other under mutual aid if staffing is compromised due to exposure and quarantine of first responders.
- Josh Swanson assembled decontamination kits for each vehicle. Much of kit components were acquired through vendor donations supporting our Fire Department and our community. We are all grateful for Josh's work and the generosity of our community vendors.
- The Jerusalem Township Fire Department is the only Fire Department in Lucas County that is not staffed 24/7. Chief Parasiliti is examining options to ensure around the clock staffing including "on-call" arrangements.
- Chief Parasiliti indicated that a few of our firefighter / EMT volunteers may have family members who could be at higher risk if the firefighter / EMT is exposed to COVID-19. Chief Parasiliti will work with these Volunteer department members to try to accommodate their concerns and preserve the safety of their families.
- The Jerusalem Township Fire Department message to our community: **We are prepared, we are trained, we are educated. We are following CDC and Health Department guidelines.**
- To the community: Please check on your elderly neighbors. Talk to them by phone and check on their well-being and let's help each other.
- Enjoy our outdoor surroundings while observing Social Distancing. We have perhaps the most beautiful surroundings in the area with no shortage of activities (walking, birding, fishing, etc.).
- Please take opportunities to encourage each other. Help others to focus on the positive and overcome worry.
- If anyone needs assistance, look to your neighbors, help each other and if necessary, call 211.

The Trustees agreed that they fully support our Fire Department preparations.

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team – We will follow the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) lead in this area. If the National Guard is deployed, it will be to assist us in areas of need such as first responders, health care, etc.

Beau Miller made a motion to suspend all Rentals through the end of April, 2020, seconded by David Bench with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes

Beau Miller, yes
Mark Sattler, yes

Motion carried.

If needed, the hall could be used as quarantine housing for our first responders. If needed for this purpose, the Red Cross will provide all the necessary equipment for the site.

Kevin Chapman reported that he and Eric have increased the sanitization activities for the hall and offices.

The Trustees thanked Chief Tony Parasiliti and his team for all of their preparations and taking the opportunity to brief us.

Public Participation:

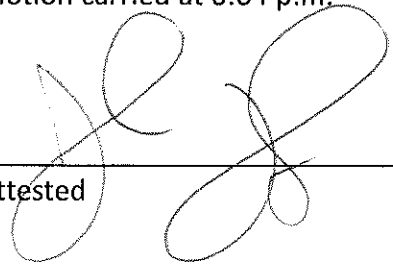
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Adjournment:

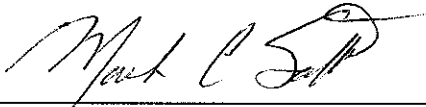
With no further business before the Board, Dave Bench made a motion to adjourn today's meeting. Seconded by Beau Miller with roll call as follows:

Beau Miller, yes
Dave Bench, yes
Mark Sattler, yes

Motion carried at 6:04 p.m.



Attested



Approved