# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2015

#### CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Jeff Herb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and stated 'Adequate Notice of this meeting of October 22, 2015 has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting to the Star-Gazette; and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and the township website. Formal action may be taken at this meeting. Public participation is encouraged. This agenda is subject to last minute additions and deletions by the White Township Committee'.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

The Deputy Mayor asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Deputy Mayor Herb, Committeeman Race, and Clerk Kathleen Reinalda. Mayor Mackey was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews for the Risk Manager position and the Plumbing Inspector position.

The following Risk Managers were interviewed; Zach Edelman, Fairview Insurance; Bob Gemmell, Brown & Brown Insurance; and Luis Alamo, Alamo Insurance. All candidates provided a brief description of the services they would be providing, if chosen. Deputy Mayor Herb and Committeeman Race asked specific questions to better understand the roll of a risk manager. No action was taken.

The following Plumbing Inspectors were interviewed:

- 1) Leon Fortin White Township resident; worked as a union plumber; currently works as a plumbing inspector. Suggested hours Wednesdays.
- 2) Val Desanto Newton resident; currently works for plumber; no inspection experience. Suggested hours nights.
- 3) Duane Cowley White Township resident; has local plumbing business; holds plumbing inspector license. Suggested hours flexible to work in conjunction with Building Official.

The committee discussed each candidate's qualifications with Ralph Price, Building Official, who was also present for the interviews. Mr. Price recommended Duane Cowley based on his current level of plumbing education and his desire to obtain additional

certifications in the field. Mr. Cowley is also very flexible which will help the department to operate more efficiently and serve the public at a high level.

Motion made by Mr. Race, seconded by Mr. Herb with Mayor Mackey absent, to hire Duane Cowley effective November 2<sup>nd</sup> at an annual salary of \$5300.00. Working hours will be defined as two days per week, Mondays and Wednesdays, at two hours per day, 7:30am to 9:30am. Herb – yes, Mackey – absent, Race – yes. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm on motion by Mr. Race, seconded by Mr. Herb and carried by unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC

Township Clerk