

Archbold Village Council
German Township
February 20, 2017

The Archbold Village Council requested a meeting with the Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio in an extra session for the purpose of discussing the proposal for the Fire Department. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers.

Present: Bruce Lauber, Kenneth Leupp, Randy Ruffer, Keith Short, Vaughn Bentz, Kenny Cowell, Kevin Eicher, Brian Huffman, Ed Leininger, Kevin Morton, Jeff Fryman, Donna Dettling, Andy Brodbeck, David Pugh, Kathy King, Jason Martz, Scott Haselman.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Fryman at 7:00 pm.

Andy Brodbeck presented the proposed Fire Department agreement between the Village of Archbold and German Township (attachment 04-02-17). This proposal is changed from the original proposal which was based on the separation of the two entities. Jeff Fryman asked if there were any questions. Bruce Lauber asked how the tax abatements work with the levies. Jeff said the tax abatements do not have any effect on the tax levies. Randy asked if there was a way to determine how much it costs for a fire run in the Township versus inside the Village. Andy said he didn't have a good way to calculate that cost. Bruce said he thought after the January 23, 2017 meeting the two entities were very close to making an agreement and was disappointed that it now has increased immensely. Jeff Fryman said that Ed Leininger said we would need to run the numbers. Kevin Morton said the Council wants to be fair and the Council believed the Village residents would have been paying more than their fair share. Jeff Fryman said Ed Leininger agreed with the proposal and Jeff thought the agreement would have to be very close to the proposal for council to approve it. Kevin Morton said after they looked at thirty years of service they didn't feel it was fair to the Village residents. Vaughn Bentz said with the proposal everyone is paying the same rate for fire service. Kevin Eicher said we need to be fair to all residents even though it will be a large increase to the township. Jeff Fryman said they will put this back on council's agenda for March 20, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Attested