

Licking County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Dan Pennington presented and discussed the January 2019 for Union Township. The businesses in the area of State Route 37 and Interstate 70 have the highest call volume currently.

Dr. Davidoff voiced concerns with the public failing to stop for school buses and asked for increase patrolling during the morning and afternoon. Dep. Pennington said it would not be feasible to follow school buses during their routes.

Fire Discussion

Leslie Herro asked the Trustees not vote to enter a Fire District this evening. Mr. Prince said they were not.

Mr. Prince said three committee meetings had been held (minutes available). Mr. Prince does not believe he is ready to commit to entering a fire district. Mr. Slater said they are in the process of determining the viability of a fire district.

Ms. Herro questioned the Committee's minutes as they state "all of Union Township" would be entering a fire district and believed the area north of the tracks were not to be included in the district.

Mr. Slater said a fire district area has not been determined as the committee is still gathering information. It is possible an area north of the tracks will not be included in the district. Mr. Prince agreed stating no one has mentioned eliminating Granville Township Fire.

Granville Township Trustee Dan Van Ness questioned why the trustees are not including them in their discussions. Mr. Prince said there is a two-year contract in place with Granville. Mr. Van Ness said the contract could be terminated.

Mr. Slater said Dr. Kramer presented six alternatives one being a fire district which is the most complex of the recommendations.

Ms. Herro wants the trustees to review the alternatives with no emotion and feels Granville is a good partner with good business resources to gain knowledge from.

Chief Mason said the Village of Hebron will be purchasing a new fire engine to be delivered in the next 12 to 18 months.

Ms. Herro discussed the Village of Hebron's ems/fire millage and felt Hebron should conform their boundaries and remove from themselves from Union Township and build a third station and allow Granville to be a partner. Mr. Slater said the Trustees/Township cannot force the Village of Hebron to conform their boundaries.

Mr. Prince said the fire revenue would be reduced if Hebron withdrew from the township. A brief discussion was held on millage in the Township and Village of Hebron. Mr. Ginise said he reviewed the video of the last trustee's meeting and was concerned that Dr. Kramer did not know the number of residents in the area that has a long response

time which Mr. Prince estimated to be between 200 to 400 homes. Mr. Ginise believes the underserved areas of the community are not identified in the report and the report does not state how to resolve the issue and reminded the board Chief Mason said in an earlier meeting that more money would not change the response time. Mr. Ginise asked the board to be as transparent as possible about who's going to benefit from a fire district and what the true cost will be. Mr. Ginise feels a Fire District will cost residents more than six to seven mills to operate.

Mr. Prince said he finished a report on Hebron runs in 2018 and Granville runs from 2017 and 2018 with real addresses. Mr. Prince has identified patterns in the long response times and said the areas of concern include the following roads: Lees, Deeds, Blacks, Refugee, Gale, and Sycamore. Mr. Prince held up a chart he was reading from.

It was asked where Mr. Prince obtained his run information. Mr. Prince said he went onto the Licking County 911 Center website CAD system and pulled up every run dispatch and on-scene times to calculate the times.

Mr. Ginise said the Licking County 911 Director advised him as of last month the Mr. Prince had not made a records request. Mr. Prince said he prepared the chart himself because the CADD system has more information than needed to calculate response times. He added that the process of reviewing every run record was very time consuming. Mr. Prince said he is very concerned about everyone in the township and this chart will establish the long response times.

Mr. Ginise said during these meetings no one has complained about services and no one has stated they want a fire district. Mr. Ginise said for the money paid to Dr. Kramer the information Mr. Prince is presenting should have been included in Dr. Kramer's report.

Mr. Slater said Dr. Kramer mentioned during the last meeting his report does not address density. Mr. Prince said Dr. Kramer will prepare a scatter gram.

Mr. Slater said he has not seen Mr. Prince's report and asked the report to be sent to him to review.

Mr. Van Ness said he is concerned Mr. Prince's report will not reflect response times from Granville's new station. Mr. Prince said he has taken the new location into consideration but feels construction of the new overpass will take longer than planned to cause more delayed responses. Mr. Van Ness said the Fire Department will have control over the traffic lights during and after construction.

Brittney Smith asked about the precision of the scatter gram report and felt the response boundaries were not precise in Dr. Kramer's report. A brief discussion on scatter grams and the response area in the report were discussed.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Prince where he obtained his run data if he did not receive the information from the 911 center. Mr. Prince said he went on the Licking County CADD system and reviewed every individual run provided by both Fire Chief's and recorded the data. Mr. Prince said his report was objective and fair and he has put over 100 hours into

the report at no cost to the residents.

Rick Black asked if Dr. Kramer's scatter gram would be an additional charge. Mr. Prince said it would not. Mr. Black then asked if the Hebron firefighters attending tonight's meeting were on duty.

Chief Mason said they were, and they were in Union Township at a public meeting.

Mr. Prince said it was nice to have the firefighters attend the meeting and invited Granville's members. Chief Curtis said he would not take his staff outside of Granville for a meeting.

Bill McCullough thanked both Fire Chiefs for their work and asked why the trustees were not looking into methods to reduce response times that do not cost the taxpayers money. Mr. McCullough does not feel there is much substance to Dr. Kramer's report and does not feel we are any further ahead than we were in October.

Mr. Prince said the community demanded a Fire Study which he did not believe was needed. Mr. Prince said the only cost saving measure proposed was the Phone App which alerts subscribers to cardiac emergencies.

Mr. McCullough asked which station was the closest to Lees Road. It was stated Heath Fire Department.

At 7:51pm Mr. Slater moved to enter executive session to discuss the possible purchase of property. Mr. Weekly seconded.

Mr. Weekly moved to return to the regular meeting at 8:15pm. Seconded by Mr. Slater.

Mr. Slater moved to purchase the property at 6265 Lancaster Road, Hebron, OH in the amount of \$365,000 to include a house and three acres and the adjoining 2-acre parcel (south) for the purpose of creating a satellite fire/ems station. Mr. Weekly seconded.

Opened for thirty minutes of comments and questions.

Ms. Herro asked if this location would resolve the long response times. Mr. Prince said it would resolve most of them.

Mr. Prince said he has spent the last several weekends driving the township from the location. Traveling at normal speeds Mr. Prince determined the travel time to: Lees Road-Dew Mar Subdivision 4.37 minutes; Beaver Run & State Route 37 1.42 minutes; State Route 37 & Refugee 2.43 minutes; Refugee and the rear of National Trail Raceway 4.26 minutes; Refugee and Sycamore 5.26 minutes and Gale Road 6.18 minutes.

Mr. Ginise asked what would be cost to turn the property into a Fire Station and how would it be staffed.

Mr. Slater said with the design of the home little improvements will be needed for a Fire Station. There will be garage door modifications; minor alterations to a bathroom to be

ADA compliant, replacement of two doors with fire doors and installation of an additional layer of drywall along both sides of the hallway between the bunk rooms. An additional building will be needed to house fire equipment. The Licking County Building Code Director has viewed the building. The building access complies with ADA requirements.

Chief Curtis asked when fire response be available from this location.

Mr. Slater said it was unclear at this time but will be determined over the next six months either with a Fire District or a Township owned Fire Department.

Chief Curtis wants the Trustees to include them (Granville) in discussions as a partner which would include sharing their fire/ems knowledge and feels the residents in their service area are concerned their services from Granville Twp. Fire will be eliminated.

Mr. Slater said the relationship with Granville Township Fire will always continue as the township will need service on the north side of the railroad tracks.

Mr. Ginise said the residents are concerned the revenue to Granville Twp. Fire will decrease and be serviced by a station which is not adequately staffed. Mr. Ginise said the trustees represent all the township not just the Hebron service area and feels they (Granville Service area) are not being represented.

Mr. Prince said he hears them say unless the Township pays Granville Twp. Fire significant sums of money Granville Twp. Fire will stop service. Mr. Prince said in 2018 Granville Township Fire responded to 130 runs in Newark for no money and 65 runs into Union Township for approximately \$300,000.

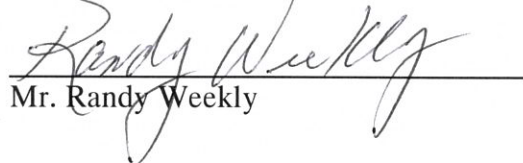
Mr. Ginise requested the Trustees to speak with the Granville Township Trustees. Mr. Prince said they will speak with them.

Roll call was taken. Mr. Slater – yes, Mr. Weekly – yes, Mr. Prince – yes.

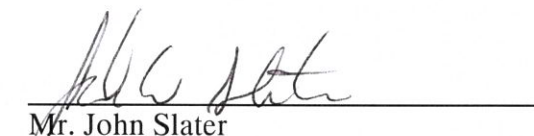
There being no further business Mr. Slater moved to adjourn at 8:46pm.



Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. Randy Weekly



Mr. John Slater



Jessica Slater

Fiscal Officer