

Stevensville Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes for
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Dewey, Council members Michalson, Holcomb and Barker were present. Staff and members of the public were also present.

2. Discussion on the Following Items

Inter-local agreement and land lease agreement between the Town of Stevensville and the Stevensville Rural Fire District

Chief Motley spoke about the evolvement and how the Inter-local agreement came to be; Agreements started back in 1997. The Inter-local agreement began back in 2000, and they have been continually drafted and revised since then. Currently, we are on an agreement since 2017, although, it expired a year ago. Therefore, we need a new agreement put together and adapted. It eventually morphed into how we buy and share items and entities between the town and the town fire district. Chief Motley would like to see direction moving forward, so that we can bring the proposal back to the district. The biggest piece of the agreement is the lease of the building. The lease can be a part of the agreement, or separate. Mayor Dewey made everyone aware, the lease of the building was incorporated into the agreement with the last one. Chief Motley mentioned, they are now providing a retirement benefit to district members for their 20 years of service. Mayor Dewey said it's done by Resolution #382. Mayor Dewey clarified that there are two different retirements, a town retirement and a state retirement.

Chief Motley answered Council member Michalson's question, pertaining to the duration of the contract; A 5-year agreement would be an appropriate time period. Something new into the agreement, the Fire District does not pay for water. With the town overseeing the airport now, they also offer water. Charges, including what and how much, or a "cap" per year as far as expenses was discussed among Council and both fire departments. The Fire Chief explained why the Inter-local agreement are the most important part. It was then discussed for the lease to be for 5 years, at \$5,000 a year. Chief Motley will have a separated draft written up and brought to the council for review. Council member Holcomb requested the past costs for the price of utilities. Property insurance, based on the square foot will also be reviewed.

3. Public Comment

Mayor Dewey called for Public Comment, none at this time.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Dewey adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:32pm.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Brandon Dewey, Mayor

Monica Hoffman, Town Clerk

