

COVERT TOWNSHIP OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Via Video Conference

The purpose of holding a Special Meeting is to discuss the following:

To discuss postponing Union negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Covert Township Professional Fire Fighters Union and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Covert Township Police Officers Association, and to address the concerns and request from both Unions.

The Special meeting of the Covert Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Palgen at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Palgen.

Members Present: K. Harrington, D. Cook, D. Palgen, W. Pritchard, L. Taylor

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Helen "Lizzie" Mills

Public Comment

None

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the Board meet in closed session to consider a confidential written legal opinion under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act."

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0, CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the Township Board return to open session.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0, CARRIED

In recognition of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the additional pressures on staff, the following motion was made:

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** a one-time, non FAC eligible stipend of \$750 to the following employees: full-time Fire Department personnel, full-time Police Department personnel, Public Works Department, Office Manager, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Ordinance Officer. Part-time personnel employed by the Police or Fire Department shall receive a pro-rated portion of the stipend paid to full-time staff based on hours worked in March and April.

Friendly amendment proposed by K. Harrington, accepted by L. Taylor, as follows:

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Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0, CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington to adjourn 8:54PM.

Next Regular Board Meeting- Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by D. Cook, Covert Township Clerk