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Minutes

September 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Station I – 7425 Woodbury Road
Special

The special meeting of the L.S.W. Emergency Services Authority was called to order by Chair Kline on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Station I Fire Hall at 7425 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg. Members present: Kline, Betts, Austin, Hetherington, Hill and McDougall. Absent: None.

The LSW Board accepted applications for Chief through 5pm today. One application was received and it was opened by Chairman Kline. The application was from James Betts. The board reviewed the application submitted. James was asked a few questions. Kay Nickols, Woodhull Township Supervisor, addressed concerns regarding James serving as Woodhull Township's appointed LSW board representative while also serving the LSW Board as an employee hired by the board. She stated that there was no conflict of interest in serving both positions at the same time. She stated that he would need to recuse himself from any votes that would have a financial gain for him. The consensus of the LSW Board was that there was no issue with the situation and that the Interlocal Agreement did not indicate that a person could not serve on the board while serving as Chief. LSW has nothing in their policy and procedures to indicate that a person could not serve on the board while serving as Chief. It was stated that James has a long history with the department and has taken all of the fire training needed as well as MFR training, he is qualified for the position and that he would serve the department well as the Chief.

Moved by Austin, seconded by Hill to appoint James Betts to the position of LSW Emergency Services Authority Chief, effective November 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Roll call vote – Ayes: Kline, Austin, Betts, McDougall, Hill and Hetherington. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Paula Willoughby, Secretary