JOINT MEETING OF THE WINDSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE WINDSOR TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMERGENCY RESCUE ASSOCIATION

August 24, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

Those present: Dean Heffner, Jo Anna Shovlin, Jennifer Gunnet, Jim Pritchard, Rick Searle, Pat Noll, Mr. & Mrs. Quay Markel, Rod Weitkcamp, Barry Myers, Charlie Hose, Dan Orwig, Shawn Gunnet, Scott Gingrich, Chad Arnold, Joe Yahnke, Ben Rodkey and Tim Mooney.

The Association conducted their regular meeting business.

Mrs. Gunnet distributed the Township's counter proposal. The proposal is labeled WT#1. She noted that WT#1 is for a three (3) year period and includes a 5% increase for each year of the contract. This matches the proposal submitted from the Association. She noted that the Township is not proposing retention funds but would offer two (2) \$1000 scholarships to members and immediate family members of members from two (2) fire companies per year. It was asked if the scholarships could be awarded to anyone from the six (6) fire companies instead of designating two (2) fire companies each year as there may not be someone from those fire companies that would be able to use the scholarships. Both Mr. Heffner and Mrs. Shovlin thought that this was acceptable.

A discussion followed regarding other financial obligations that the Township has for 2018 and beyond as well as the likelihood of a tax increase in 2018. It was also mentioned that a Fire Tax is being considered for 2019. The question was asked whether the Fire Tax would cover the entire cost of the contribution amounts. Mrs. Gunnet advised that it would not. She added that Windsor Township is a bedroom community. A Fire Tax of .15 mils would generate approximately \$162,000. The Fire Tax millage would have to be substantial to cover the entire amount.

The Association advised that they would consider the proposal and report back to the Township.

The next meeting of the Association will be Thursday, October 26, 2017 at Yorkana.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Gunnet Secretary