

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Meeting
August 29, 2022

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Monday, August 29, 2022 for the purpose of announcing a new Emergency Services Chief due to an upcoming retirement. Mr. Bainum called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum, Bari Henning and Gary Jordan answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Doug Lefferson, Michael Welch, Judy Morgan, Eli Mann, Jared Shouse, Jayne Lawrence, Mikayla Pollitt, Joan Foster, Taylor Scott, Jason Pollitt, Dakota Pollitt, and Jason McCarthy.

Mr. Bainum welcomed everyone and stated that the naming of a new Williamsburg Township Emergency Services Chief effective September 30, 2022 was the only business to be conducted at the meeting. Mr. Bainum then announced Jason McCarthy as the new Chief. Mr. McCarthy, a Williamsburg Township resident, is currently a Lieutenant for Central Joint Fire-EMS District, and also currently works some for the Williamsburg Township department. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer spoke highly of Mr. McCarthy's experience, vision, and leadership qualities.

Mr. Jordan stated the Trustees interviewed eleven individuals and were impressed with the depth of skill sets and knowledge of the candidates. Mr. Jordan also commented on the loyalty and passion for the profession that was demonstrated. Mr. Henning indicated he believed several could lead the department and echoed the previous comments.

Mr. Bainum motioned to name Jason McCarthy as the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services Chief effective September 30, 2022. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to have Mr. McCarthy's start date be September 9, 2022 as he job shadows Chief Wiedemann. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. McCarthy was then asked to make a statement, which is contained below:

"As I stand before you today, I have many emotions, the three that are most prevalent are, excitement, pride, and in all honesty completely terrified. To be given the opportunity to be the leader of such a storied department is a great honor!

I would first like to thank the Township of Williamsburg, The Fire Department, the trustees, and Mr. Lefferson for affording me the opportunity to accept the Fire Chief position with the Williamsburg Twp. Emergency Services. The Fire Department is the heart of any great community, and this department needs to continue to radiate a proud and positive atmosphere throughout this community. It is my intentions to lead from the front while leading by example. We will continue remembering and celebrating the past while forging forward to unprecedented levels of professionalism and unity to protect and serve an amazing community filled with Wildcat pride.

"To be good and to do good is all we have to do."
John Adams

The abundant number of extremely qualified individuals to whom applied for the fire chief position is a testament to the hard work and dedication put forth by the past and present members of the department. It is my vision to echo this passion and hard work.

"When you hand good people possibility, they do great things!"
Biz Stone

Moving forward as the Fire Chief I intend to recreate the training program for Fire, Rescue, and EMS disciplines. Training is one of the greatest building blocks to success in the fire service. Every member of our department myself included needs to have the desire to better themselves and each other for the betterment of the department and our service to the community. My intentions are to help build upon the already established foundation of each member on the department and lead them to new heights. Here at the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services, we will celebrate success and learn from our failures. We will attack problems as a team and work towards a common goal.

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."
Helen Keller

We as a Department have mountains to move. We can and will accomplish goals with teamwork and unity. Our first monumental task will be coming together as a community to pass the levy to secure needed funds to allow for the future hiring full time and part time Firefighter/ Paramedics within the department to better protect the community. We want to continue to teach, train, and maintain our volunteer members that bring pride and ownership to the community and department. These new positions that the successful passing of the levy will solidify, are intended to decrease response times, provide adequate resources, and allow the department to have better involvement within the community.

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." Harry S Truman, Thank You."

The Trustees closed by stating they were glad to have Mr. McCarthy and proud to stand with him.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:22 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson