

**Lake City Borough Council**

**2350 Main Street**

**Special Meeting**

**January 23, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Gollmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Ginger L. Cinti, Thomas Eberle, Raymond H. Fisher, Mary G. Gollmer, Jenny L. Potter, and Mayor Andrew J. Graves were present. Christopher G. Byers, and Alan J. Watkins were absent.

**Appointed Officials Attending:** Edward J. Betza /Solicitor, and Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary.

**Visitors Attending:** Clay Brocious/Girard Township, Representatives from the Lake City Fire Company; Juston Cannon, Tom Hosack, Tim Olesnanik, and Marvin Waxham.

**Fire Company:** Clay Brocious representing Girard Township appeared to discuss the townships plans for implementing a fire tax in 2024. They plan to enact a fire tax between half mill and one mill, which will generate between \$140,000 and \$274,000. They may also enact an EMS tax. The township would like to get the fire department's goals and spending plan, prior to deciding on the amount of fire tax.

The Lake City Fire Company is looking to receive \$85,000 from the Borough annually. If the Borough enacts a fire tax, the \$40,000 annual fund drive revenue would be lost, and operating expenses would have to come out of the \$85,000. The annual operating expenses are between \$115,000 and \$125,000. Their priority purchases include a fire apparatus to replace the 1986 apparatus, air compressor, generator, and replacement of the 1994 fire apparatus. The annual revenues from the ambulance service, fund drive, carnival and calls have all declined, while expenses have increased. The fire company can no longer survive with out help from the borough.

Council will have future discussions on what type of tax to implement, the amount of the tax, how to disburse the funds and what type of restrictions will be placed on the funds.

**Adjourned:** President Gollmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Stacy L. Kibler**

**Borough Secretary**