

Special Council Meeting
07/22/2020
1:30 PM

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference and streamed live on the Village of Blanchester Facebook page

Harry Brumbaugh, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon and Richard Simpson were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to excuse Gary Bauer and Reilly Hopkins from meeting. All voted yea.

Chief Reinbolt explained that Matt Lindsey had been hired about a month ago and immediately following his employment start date had some personal issues that were interfering with his focus on the job. Lindsey had asked to resign due to the circumstances, stating his mind was not in the proper state at the time. He left on good terms, and Chief assured Lindsey he would be welcome to come back at a future date if desired.

Consequently, Ty Smith had recently contacted Chief about possibly working with the Village of Blanchester again if there was an opening available. The department was still anticipating Luken leaving Village employment around the end of August. Chief recommended hiring Ty Smith to fill this vacancy. In this manner, the police department would be able to save money on screening and training as Smith had already been trained with the Village from former employment. Chief told Smith that he would want a commitment of about 18 months minimum if rehired which Smith confirmed.

Gave some background of City of Fairborn which was also having difficulty keeping good police personnel. Don inquired about Ty's performance while here, and Chief stated Smith was a good employee, and only left due to needing full-time employment. Harry asked if there would be another background check before hiring. Chief stated he wanted to ensure due diligence was performed for the hiring process.

BRUMBAUGH/HOLLON: Motion to hire Ty Smith full-time at 1st year wage on PD payscale (\$17.60/hour) per Chief's recommendation. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Meeting ended at 1:43 PM.

Approved: August 13, 2020

Mayor: John M Carman

Attest: Julie Carrel