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APRIL 14, 2025
JOINT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

The Arlington Township Board: Ted Swanson, Ron Klein, Susan Wilson, Jill Sanborn and Georgette Peterson met at the Bangor Fire Station along with members from Bangor City and Bangor Township to review the Fire Station budget.

Arlington Township originally voted NO on the proposed budget due to a 26.6% (\$62,000 to \$78,500) salary increase for the Fire Chief. The reason given was to be able to hire an experienced Fire Chief to replace the current one when he retires. In addition, some of the board and other municipalities stated the Fire Chief deserved that raise.

Arlington Township voiced that a 7% increase to \$66,340 this year was reasonable given State of Michigan employees received 5%. The Fire Board said the bottom line could not be changed so there was discussion on shifting excess salary money to the capital improvement fund.

The Fire Board said that, per their bylaws, the municipalities have no say in the line items. Arlington Township asked the purpose of the meeting as the Fire Board is saying we have no input.

Arlington Township then voted Yes by majority to approve with the stipulation that the line item for the Chief's salary be reviewed.

Respectfully Yours,


Susan Wilson