

Charter Township of Clinton



February 2, 2012

Board of Trustees
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Dear Board Members:

On February 2, 2012, the grant committee met to discuss the merits of applying for another SAFER grant that would be used to call back the 7 firefighters who are currently laid off from their positions with the Clinton Township Fire Department.

After lengthy discussion, 8 members voted to recommend that we not apply for the grant, and one member voted to apply for any money available.

There were many reasons for not applying for the grant at this time, but the overriding issue is that we would have to guarantee that the 12 firefighters who are currently being paid for with a SAFER grant would not be laid off. This would mean an additional minimum of \$1.6 Million dollars per year that would further accelerate the date that the fire fund would be insolvent.

As you may remember, we are expected to be out of money in the fire fund in 2015 without increases in revenue or decreases in expenses. If we were to secure this grant it would put in jeopardy the fire fund as well as possibly the general fund prior to 2015.

The committee members voting to recommend not pursuing the grant were myself, Bill Sowerby, Carlo Santia, Bill Smith, Joe Silbernagel, Donna Lauretti, Chief Jack Shea. Voting to apply for the grant was George Fitzgerald.

We will be at the meeting to answer any further questions you may have on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Charter Township of Clinton

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