

TASCSC Quarterly Transportation Conference Call – Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Attendees:

Gayle Planera, Bloom Township
Charles Barnes, Oak Park Township
Jerald Wolff, Palatine Township
Pat. Peters, Rich Township
Lynndah Easterwood Lahey, Wheeling Township
Dorothy Osting, Worth Township
Pete Hawkins, Thornton Township

The Talking Point for the Conference Call was, “Hiring/Attracting Drivers”. The Attendees all agreed that this subject affected all of us so it was indeed a worthwhile topic for discussion. While there were no concrete solutions reached by the Attendees, there was robust discussion relative to our commonalities relative to this issue. We all have invested in Drivers: Trained them and provided paths to Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) with Class B Passenger Endorsement. Unfortunately, we tend to lose them to other employment opportunities which can pay more for their professional services. Driver retention is very often the root cause of needing to hire.

Other discussed topics:

1. A new bus was purchased by Palatine Township. The purchase was secured in part through a grant. Mr. Wolff will shared the details of the grant information once he secures the details.
2. The Profile of what the “Ideal Driver” is was discussed and described.
3. Rich Township’s Pat Peters discussed the availability of Training Videos from RTAC and RTAB.
4. The idea of a Driver Pool was suggested by Mr. Wolff. Conceptually, multiple Townships could pull from a pool of drivers as needed.

As we further discussed these related matters, we shared some information about our individual Townships. Some of the collected information is included below:

Contact Person	Township	Operation Hours	Starting Pay Hourly	CDL Requirement	Driver Status	Pre Hire Clear Driving Record Requirement
Gayle Planera	Bloom	8:00am - 3:30pm	11.50	Yes	Part-time	Yes
Charles Barnes	Oak Park	7:30am – 4:30pm	15.00	Yes	Part-time	Yes
Jerald Wolff	Palatine	7:30am – 3:30pm	15.50	Yes	Full & part time	Yes
Pat Peters	Rich	7:30am – 2:00pm	12.00	Yes	Full time/part time/temp	Yes
Lynndah Easterwood Lahey	Wheeling	9:00am – 3:00pm	14.00	Yes	Full time & part time	Yes
Dorothy Osting	Worth	7:00am – 3:30pm	12.00	Yes	Part time	Yes
Pete Hawkins	Thornton	7:00am – 5:00pm	13.00	Preferred	Part time	Yes

The next ITASCSC Transportation Quarterly Conference Call is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00am. It will be facilitated by Linda Steininger of Hanover Township who will send out calendar notices for the next call. The topic for that call has yet to be determined and Your Input is always valued. Please feel free reach out to Your Colleagues for or with any pertinent information.

You are Very Much Appreciated and Thank You in advance for cooperation.

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