WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690 Phone 231-267-5141/Fax 231-267-9020

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call of Board Members
- C. Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda
- D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- E. Public Comment

Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the township board. Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with following board rules and procedures:

- 1. Comments shall be directed to the board, with questions directed to the chair.
- 2. Any person wishing to address the board shall speak from the lectern and state his or her name and address.
- 3. Persons may address the board on matters that are relevant to township government issues.
- 4. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding the time needed to answer board members' questions. The chair shall control the amount of time each person shall be allowed to speak, which shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
- 5. In order to avoid unscheduled debates, the board generally will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board.
- F. Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice
 - 1. Budget Work Session Fire/Fire Capital Improvement Funds
- G. Board Comments/Discussion
- H. Public Comment
- I. Adjournment



Whitewater Township Fire Department

	REV	ENUES				
Code	Rev	Adopted 20/21	Proposed 21/22	Adopted 21/22	Proposed 22/23	Adopted 22/23
402	Property Taxes			231,241	239,000	
445	Penalties & Interest			0	0	
590	Grants-Private Sources			4,000	10,000	
630	Rural FD Rental Fee			0	0	
635	Mutual Aid			0	0	
637	Cost Recovery			0	0	
665	Interest Earned			500	500	
671	Other Revenues	0	0	0	1,000	
673	Sales of Fixed Assets			7,000	3,000	
674	Rural Dissolution	0	0	0	0	
675	Contributions	0	0	0	0	
679	GTB Inspection Services	0	0	0	0	
687	Refunds	0	0	0	0	
699	Transfer from Other Funds	0	0	0	0	
	Transfer from other range			242,741	253,500	
	FYDEN	IDITURES		242,741	233,300	
	LATEN	Adopted	Proposed	Adopted	Proposed	Adopted
Code	Expenditure	20/21	21/22	21/22	22/23	22/23
702	Salary, Chief	58,350	58,350	60,100	60,100	22/23
702	Salary, AC	3,605	3,605	3,713	3,713	
704	Salary, Captain	0	0	0	0	
705	Training Wages	21,000	21,000	21,000	20,000	
707	Run Wages	12,000	12,000	12,000	14,000	
713	Other Benefits (AFLAC)	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
714	Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	
715	SS (0.062)	5,940	5,940	6,000	6,500	
716	Medicare (0.0145)	1,380	1,380	1,500	1,500	
721	Loss of Wage	0	0	0	0	
727	Office Supplies	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,200	
728	Postage	150	150	150	150	
739	Fuel/Oil	4,500	4,500	4,500	5,000	
740	Operating Expenses	5,000	6,500	6,500	7,000	
745	Turnout Gear	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
747	Uniforms	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
801	Legal Services	0	0	0	0	
803	Medical Professional Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
804	Professional Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
809	Lawn Service	500	500	500	500	
810	Janitorial	600	600	600	600	
811	Waste Removal	200	200	200	200	

812	Septic Services	0	2,000	1,000	0	
	Mutual Aid					
814		4,000	4,000	4,000	1,500	
815	Contractual Services	500	500	2,000	3000	
818	Rural Fire Dept. Assessment	0	0	0	0	
823	State Unemployment	0	0	0	0	
830	Pension Plan	5,835	5,835	6,010	6,010	
840	Dues/Memberships	750	1,200	1,200	1,200	
845	Snow Plowing	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,500	
851	Internet/Website	900	900	900	1200	
854	Late Fees	0	0	0	0	
855	Community Education	500	500	500	500	
860	Mileage Reimbursement	250	250	250	250	
865	Meal/Lodging Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	
880	Education Training	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
901	Publishing	500	500	500	500	
920	Natural Gas	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
922	Electricity	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
924	Telephone	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	
925	Cellular Phone	500	500	500	600	
926	Propane Heat	0	0	0	0	
927	Pager	0	0	0	0	
928	Water	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
930	Facility Repair/Maintenance	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
932	Equipment Repair/Maint.	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	
933			20,000	20,000	20,000	
942	Building Rental		0	0	0	
956	Misc. Expenses		0	0	0	
964	Refunds	0	0	0	0	
970	Capital Expenditure	5,000	5,000	18,100	18,000	
820	Liability Insurance	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	
821	Workers Comp	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	
890	Contingency	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
999	Transfers	0	0	0	0	
333	Transiers	237,810	240,060	254,873.00	254,373	
		237,010	240,000	254,875.00	234,373	



WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

To: Whitewater Township Board

From: Fire Chief Brandon Flynn

Date: February 2, 2022

Subject: Special Assessment District increase request

In 2020 and 2021, Chief Flynn requested a .25 and .50 mill increase in the fire special assessment district to fund the Fire Capital Improvement Fund specifically for the replacement of aging fire department equipment. Included with this request was supporting documentation such as the capital item replacement spreadsheet and the fire departments grant tracker spreadsheet.

After careful consideration I will again bring to the township board the urgency to fund the Fire Cap Fund by increasing the Fire SAD .50 mill to a total of 1.50 mills with .25 mills dedicated to capital outlay and setting the operating budget at 1.25 mill.

The fire department continues to make some progress on the capital item replacement schedule with a federal grant award for 12 new SCBA air packs and a Tribal 2% grant to replace one snowmobile totaling \$90,300.00. Additionally, \$13,895.00 in grant funds were awarded to Whitewater Township Fire Department in 2021 for miscellaneous equipment and we are waiting to hear on a 2% grant submission for an SCBA air compressor that would be installed on Air 3. For fiscal year 2021, the fire department was approved to replace the Fire Chief's vehicle and our 1969 Brush Truck for a total of \$150,000.00 and the Township Board had agreed to contribute \$45,000.00 to the Fire Cap fund towards the purchase of a new fire pumper truck as well as match Tribal funds to replace our second snowmobile.

Replacing Engine 3 continues to be a high priority for this fire department. Our 2002 fire pumper turns 20 years-old this year and is in need of approximately \$50,000.00 worth of mechanical work. We were told by CSI in November that it barely passed the annual pump test and all of the water valves need to be replaced. Another high priority for the Whitewater Township Fire Department is staffing. Having lost one of our dedicated firefighters last December, our roster is down to 10 fully trained firefighters including



the Chief. Only 4 of our staff actually live in Whitewater Township and they all have full time jobs which limit their response and increase response times which places a heavy burden on the Fire Chief.

Communication continues with Supervisor Popp about a resolution to this staffing problem. An idea of hiring a full-time maintenance person that is cross-trained as a firefighter is a common discussion, however, wages and benefits always seem an area of concern. Another thought is to raise wages. My proposal to increase the training wage to \$17.00/hr and the response wage to \$20.00/hr would be an attempt to retain our current staff and possibly entice new members. With the adoption of the newly rewritten PA 291 rules for firefighter training, I believe it will be more difficult than ever to recruit new employees onto a paid-on-call type department such as ours.

Another option I have considered is the implementation of a shift schedule for the weekends. A firefighter would be able to sign up for a 24 hour shift to be on call for any emergencies. This would do two things: Ensure that an employee is available for a call and create additional compensation in the form of a stipend for our staff. A preliminary look at a shift program would cost approximately \$21,000.00 annually. This would include two personnel on Saturday's and Sunday's (53 Saturday's & 52 Sunday's) with each 24 hour shift paying \$100.00.

Ideally, a roster of 20 for the Whitewater Township Fire Department would ease the stress for all employees. Currently the budget can only accommodate 12 firefighters so any change in compensation or recruitment efforts will require an overall budget adjustment. As this Township continues to see growth and development proposals, we must start planning for the future and be prepared to handle these changes.

The Fire Special Assessment District has been set at 1.00 mill for the past 9 years. During the Rural Fire Department years, this township was able to take advantage of resources, management and manpower of a multi-agency operation. Unfortunately, now that we are our own agency, we cannot depend on these abundant resources which now have to come from within our own agency. Below is a compiled list of fire and emergency service assessments from our surrounding neighbors in Grand Traverse County for comparison.

In closing, please consider increasing the Fire SAD to allow for better planning and realization of the capital item replacement schedule to provide an uninterrupted professional fire service to the community of Whitewater Township.

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Acme	Emerg. Serv	2.650	2.550	2.200	2.675	2.750	2.750	2.850	3.025	3.400
Blair	Fire	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500
East Bay	Fire	2.959	2.959	2.859	3.129	3.230	3.420	3.550	3.550	3.800
Garfield	Fire	2.100	2.200	2.350	2.350	2.350	2.350	2.450	2.450	2.450
Peninsula	Fire	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.400	1.400	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Whitewater	Fire	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000



Whitewater Township Fire Department

Grant Tracker

#	Grant Cycle	Grant	Description	Award	Status	Award Amount	Request Amount	Project Cost	Twp Matching Funds	
1	Fall 2018	GTB 2%	Apparatus	NO	Complete	\$0.00	\$133,333.00	N/A	N/A	
2	Fall 2018	GTB 2%	Extrication Equip.	YES	Complete	\$27,600.00	\$27,600.00	\$31,000.00	\$3,400.00	
3	Spring 2019	GTB 2%	Apparatus	YES	Complete	\$15,161.04	\$113,482.00	\$343,886.00	\$328,724.96	
4	Fall 2019	GTB 2%	Trailer	YES	Complete	\$7,125.00	\$7,125.00	\$7,220.00	\$95.00	
5	Year 2019	DNR	Wildland Gear 50%	YES	Complete	\$3,360.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,720.00	\$3,360.00	
6	Mar-20	AFG	Regional Air Pack	NO	Complete	\$0.00	\$109,653.36	N/A	N/A	
7	Mar-20	AFG	Air Compressor	NO	Complete	\$0.00	\$39,884.00	N/A	N/A	
8	Mar-20	AAA	Hurst Combi-Tool	YES	Complete	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	
9	Spring 2020	GTB 2%	CPR Equipment	YES	Complete	\$1,805.52	\$2,000.00	\$2,078.40	\$272.88	
10	Fall 2020	GTB 2%	Sowmobile X2	YES	IP	\$14,700.00	\$14,700.00	\$16,700.00	\$11,854.00	
11	Jan-21	AFG	Regional Air Pack	YES	Complete	\$75,600.00	\$109,653.36	\$86,509.00	\$10,909.00	
12	Jan-21	AFG	Air Compressor	NO	Complete	\$0.00	\$39,884.00	N/A	N/A	
13	Spring 2021	GTB 2%	TIC	YES	Complete	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00	\$7,700.00	\$400.00	
14	Jun-21	DNR	Two hose reels	YES	IP	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	
15	Fall 2021	GTB 2%	Air Compressor		IP		\$20,000.00	\$23,708.00	\$3,708.00	
16	Fall 21	MTPP	Dash-Cams (4)	YES	IP	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.45	\$3,595.00	0	
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				69%		\$171,246.56	\$647,210.17	\$547,116.40	\$365,723.84	

2019 Figures Use Consumer Price Index (CPI) for future values

Capital Item	Description	Model year	Age	Useful Life	Replacement Date	Replacement Cost	Total	Reference/Notes	Immediate 0-1 yr	Mid-Range 2-5 yr	Long Term 6-10 yr
Fire Station	80 X 40 /addition	1976/2017	45	50							
Engine	HME Custom	2002	19	20	2023	500,000	500,000			500,000	
Tires		2002	19	*7	2019	3,500	3,500	NFPA 1911			
Tanker	Chevrolet C8500	2000	19	20	2020	343,886	343,886	Replaced 2020			
Tires	All X6	1999	19	*7		3,545	3,545	NFPA 1911			
Pumper Tanker	Feightliner/CSI	2020	0	20	2040						
Tires			0	*7	2027	4,000					
Air/Light	Chevrolet C5500	2006	13	20	2026	250,000	250,000				250,000
Tires	rear only X4	2005	15	*7		1,828	1,828	NFPA 1911	100.000		
Brush 1	AM General, Military	1969	52	20		100,000	100,000	Includes Upfit	100,000		
Tires	All X6	2010	11	*7		1,420	1,420	NFPA 1911			
Brush 2 (DNR)	Chevrolet 5/4, Surplus	1985	36	20		N/A	0	NIEDA 4044	007		
Tires	All X4			*7		827	827	NFPA 1911	827		
Chiefs Vehicle	Ford Expedition	2009	12	10	2019	50,000	50,000	Includes Upfit	50,000		
Tires	1/ L	2012	8	*7	Aug-20	820	666	NFPA 1911			25.000
ATV	Kubota RTV900	2004	17	25	2029	25,000	25,000				25,000
ATV trailer	Forest River	2004	17	N/A	2005	1,200	1,200				
Marine/trailer/motor	Sea Wolf	2015	6	20	2035	10,000	10,000	D. II	40.000		
Snowmobile 1	Arctic Cat	1997	24	20	1	10,000	10,000	Pending	10,000	40.000	
Snowmobile 2	Arctic Cat	1997	24	20	David Lagge	10,000	10,000	Pending		10,000	
Snowmobile Trailer	Wells Cargo	1998		seful life/repair	Replaced 2020	9,500	9,500				
Snowmobile Trailer	US Cargo	2020	0	20	2040	9,500	F 000				
Rescue Skid	Orion 2400	Unknown		N/A	N/A	5,900	5,900				
Wildland Skid 1	Hale 400 gallon	2012?	9	25	2037	12,000	12,000	Brush 1			
Wildland Skid 2	55 gallon	2004	17	25	2029	7,500	7,500	Kubota			7,500
Extrication tools 1				25		10.00-					
Spreaders	Holmatro Core	1998	23		2023	13,085	13,085			13,085	
Cutters	Holmatro Core	2010	11		2035	12,600	12,600				
Ram	Holmatro Core	2002	19		2027	9,065	9,065				9,065
Extrication tools 2	-			25							
Spreaders	Hurst Edraulic	2019			2044	13,085					
Cutters	Hurst Edraulic	2019			2044	12,600					
Ram	Hurst Edraulic	2019			2044	9,065					
Combi-Tool	Hurst Edraulic	2020			2045	12,000					
SCBA (12)	Scott 4.5	2010	11	20	2030	8,500	102,000	Replaced 2021, 12 S	CBA & 24 Bott	les	
SCBA Bottle (33)	Scott 4500			*15				DOT CFR 180.205			
24		2010	11		2025	1,500	36,000	NFPA 1852			
3		2009	12		2024	1,500	4,500				
6		2008	13		2023	1,500	9,000			9,000	
Personal Protective Gear	Fire Dex/Globe			*10				2019 \$2594.00			
	1 set	2011			2021	2,594	2,594	NFPA 1851			
	4 sets	2014			2024	2,594	10,376			10,376	
	3 sets	2015			2025	2,594	7,782			7,782	
	1 set	2018			2028	2,594	2,594				2,594
	2 sets	2019		<u> </u>	2029	2,594	5,188				5,188
Firefighting hose			must be removed fr	om service				NFPA 1962	_		
700'	2 1/2"	1985				225/50'	3,150		3,150		
300'	1 3/4"	1983				155/50'	930	Replaced 400'			
100'	1 3/4"	1989		1		155/50"	310	in 2020			
4750'	Remain	ing hose - 5", 3", 2 1	L/2", 1 3/4" Not incl	uding wildland hose	2						
		New Items									
SCBA Air Compressor	Baur w/Cascade system			ntly owned			40,000			35,000	
Rescue boat with fire pump				ntly owned			125,000		163977	585243	299347
Second Tanker truck	Freightliner/CSI		Not curre	ntly owned			400,000				
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