

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held February 16, 2015**

Call to Order

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

Roll Call of Board Members

Board Members present: Benak, Goss, Hubbell, Lawson, Popp

Board Members absent: None

Others present: None

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Hubbell stated he would like an update on Popp's meeting with the tribe on Friday.

Popp noted that the meeting is on the third Friday, which is coming up.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

None

Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice**Budget Work Session**

Continuing with General Fund, discussion picked up with Department 405, Zoning Administrator. The rest of the General Fund expenditure line items were discussed.

There was fairly lengthy discussion regarding whether the cost of new computers, printers, air conditioners should come out of departmental budgets or 970 Capital Expenditure. Goss will check with the auditors on this and report back.

The components of the \$187,000 allotted to 999 Transfers to Other Funds were discussed. Regarding the \$100,000 proposed for the Road Repair/Replacement Fund, Popp will forward to Board members the list of roads he has asked the Road Commission to evaluate for repair and will come up with an explanation of the \$100,000. He stated the goal is to get 3.5 to 4 miles done, gravel and/or asphalt work and tree repair.

Along the way, brief discussion occurred with respect to the special circumstances of Baggs Road.

Backing up to General Fund revenue, Popp stated he has confirmed that the township's taxable value this year will be \$188,000,000. Also, projected 2015 revenue sharing is about \$201,000.

Regarding the Road Repair/Replacement Fund, Popp has allocated \$75,000 to cost share programs and \$25,000 to tree maintenance or ancillary items.

Moving to Fire Fund, Popp stated we should be ready to put on the ballot the removal of the Fire Special Assessment District, to be replaced with something the voters have control over.

Fire Fund revenues and expenditures were discussed at length.

Returning to General Fund, the Treasurer budget was discussed next. Benak stated the cost of a replacement printer should be included in the budget, likely \$200 to \$300.

Deputy Treasurer wages were discussed. Benak stated Lois has been here a lot longer than Terese and she has no idea how they can possibly be making the same money, and that is not right. This Board should have made it right.

Discussion followed.

In response to Popp's question, Benak stated there is nothing in her budget she wants to change.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Hubbell, seconded by Lawson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

At 8:32 p.m., motion by Lawson, seconded by Hubbell, to reconvene for the purpose of setting further budget work session dates. Ayes: Benak, Goss, Hubbell, Lawson, Popp. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Various dates were discussed. Thursday February 19 at 6 p.m. and Monday February 23 at 6 p.m. were chosen as the next budget work session dates. Zoning Administrator interviews will likely be held the first week of March.

Motion by Lawson, seconded by Hubbell, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk