

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held February 4, 2020**

Call to Order

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

Roll Call of Board Members

Board members present: Treasurer Benak, Clerk Goss, Trustee Lawson, Popp

Board members absent: Trustee Hubbell

Others present: Fire Chief Brandon Flynn

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

There were no adjustments.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

None

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

Motion by Popp to approve the Whitewater Township Fire Department budget for 2020/2021 as presented by Chief Flynn.

The motion was not seconded.

Revenues and expenditures were discussed line by line.

The DNR grant monies for wildland gear reimbursement will be received as revenue in the Fire Fund grants line item (590). Expenditures for the wildland gear will be paid out of the Turnout Gear line item.

Pay rate increases are requested in training and run wages.

Volunteer time was discussed. The Halloween party and spaghetti dinner are community outreach events for the fire department. It was agreed that firefighters will not be paid for time spent on WESA activities.

Chief Flynn confirmed that the probationary firefighter wage will be \$15 an hour.

There was agreement with the increases to \$15/hour for training and \$18/hour for runs.

The pros and cons of funding the janitorial line item were discussed. There was agreement to not fund it for now. Goss will talk to Steve Meyer regarding the ambulance share.

Discussion turned to the Capital Item Replacement Schedule dated December 2019 for the fire station, apparatus, and other equipment prepared by Chief Flynn.

Flynn said his intention is to ask the board for a 0.25 percent increase in the Fire Special Assessment District and have that money go into the Fire Capital Improvement Fund to set aside for capital item equipment replacement. He provided specifics about the condition of several of the fire vehicles.

After discussion, it was agreed that \$10,000 or \$15,000, possibly more, will be transferred from the General Fund to the Fire Capital Improvement Fund for capital item replacement.

Flynn also provided a grant tracker document.

Budget work sessions were scheduled as follows.

- 2/13 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2/18 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2/25 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Lawson to adjourn; second by Benak. On voice vote, all those present voted in favor, none opposed, Hubbell absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk