

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held January 24, 2023**

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 in person: Clerk Goss, Treasurer Benak, Popp, Trustee Vollmuth

Board Members absent: Trustee Glenn

Others present in person: Fire Chief Brandon Flynn and 2 others

Others present via Zoom: 4

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 – FIRE FUND AND FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

All revenue and expenditure numbers were reviewed, with adjustments made.

A 0.5 mill increase in the Fire Special Assessment District was discussed and supported by board members present.

Motion by Popp to authorize Fire Chief Flynn to move forward on the purchase of this fire engine as spec'd, and the specification sheet appears to be model number 2112-10 dated 05/19/2022; second by Vollmuth.

It was clarified that the motion does not authorize Chief Flynn to order a fire engine.

Flynn will investigate the financing first, and if he comes to roadblocks, he may come to the township level for assistance.

Roll call vote: Vollmuth, yes; Benak, yes; Popp, yes; Glenn, absent; Goss, yes. Motion carried.

Wages were discussed.

Nine (9) percent raises were proposed for the Chief and Assistant Chief, to \$67,474 and \$4,169 respectively.

There was general agreement that training wages will increase to \$20 per hour, response wages will increase to \$30 per hour, and there will be a 2-hour minimum.

Chief Flynn will investigate a life insurance benefit.

Goss will check to see if there is an account number for life insurance.

The training wage line item will go to \$22,320; run wage line item will go to \$18,720.

Social Security line item (715) will be increased to \$6,986. Medicare line item (716) will be increased to \$1,634.

Total wages in the Fire Fund are \$112,683.

Chief's cell phone stipend will go to \$50 per month in the new budget.

The property tax line item (402) without a millage increase will be \$262,000. With a millage increase of 0.5, it will increase to \$393,000.

Line item 999, Transfers Out (to Fire Capital Improvement Fund) will be \$131,000.

Fire Capital Improvement Fund

All revenue and expenditure numbers were reviewed, with some adjustments.

Line item 699, Transfers from Other Funds, will be \$324,073, broken down into \$93,073.38 of township ARPA funds, \$100,000 from the General Fund, and \$131,000 from the Fire Fund due to the proposed millage increase.

Line item 970, Capital Expenditure, will be funded at \$308,500, consisting of \$105,000 allocated to the new brush truck, \$3,500 to the Chief's vehicle, and \$200,000 toward the down payment on a fire engine.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Benak to adjourn; second by Vollmuth. Roll call vote: Goss, yes, Vollmuth, yes; Glenn, absent: Popp, yes; Benak, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk