



ACME TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 8:00 a.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 8:05 a.m.

Members present: W. Mervau (Chair), D.Hoxsie, M. Krakow, J. Maitland, D. Nelson, D. Smith
Members excused: L. Andres
Staff present: S. Corpe, Township Manager
P. Parker, Fire Metro Chief
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

- A. Correspondence:** None
- B. Reports:** None
- C. Limited Public Comment:** None

D. New Business:

Mervau said we were here today to review and recommend Metro Budget 2007. There has not been a meeting since January of this committee. At that time we discussed Public Act 57 which to date has not been resolved.

Parker said all three supervisors from Acme, East Bay and Garfield met in June. Each one had a township representative with them. Kurtz had Township treasurer, Bill Boltres. They have not met since June.

Acme's estimated 2007 contributions to Metro Fire Budget are \$416,802. This is based on State Equalization Value (SEV). Acme and East Bay are higher because this is where the growth is.

The call volume in 2006 was approximately 2300 with a volunteer base. Acme currently has a roster of 14 people but only 7 are active. The toils of training and the rigorous of making calls are taking people away. We need to think about staffing on a full and parttime basis. Primarily this budget is moving this strategicly plan along for land acquisition. All the prime development sites that would be desirable are also the developers choice. Parker said it would be our hope with the public improvement fund to find some choice land and put a deposit down to hold the land until we need to build.

Parker said this budget was tentatively approved in August by Metro Fire pending subsequent Township board meetings. This is the process Acme goes through in order to approve the budget. Parker felt that as the estimates come in for health care and fleet insurance this part of the budget might go down.

Parker turned to the line item for the Governors Convention in July of 2007. Acme township will be host to this at the Grand Traverse Resort. There will be police, fire, emergency workers working 24 hours a day at Station 8 for 4 days. FEMA will probably consider this a type two. There may be some funding back from FEMA.

Maitland felt this was a conservative budget from years ago. There needed to be a compensation for workers.

MOTION BY MAITLAND. SECONDED BY HOXSIE TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2007 METRO FIRE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mervau turned the discussion to the second item on the agenda; recommend fire protection special assessment rate to be levied in December 2006. Mervau asked Corpe if the mills are at 1.5. She said that was what we based our preliminary budget on. Corpe also explained how 30% of Tom Henkel's salary comes from Metro fire line item. Mervau explained how Garfield and East Bay handle their workers. Garfield has two people on call from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. at a cost of about \$77.00 for the shift. East Bay pays \$50.00 for the night when they are on call. Mervau explained the point value system which at the end of the year workers are compensated for the runs that are made.

MOTION BY HOXSIE. SECONDED BY MAITLAND TO MAINTAIN THE 1.5 MILLS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY NELSON. SECONDED BY MAITLAND TO RECOMMEND INCREASING THE CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE SERVICE LINE ITEM TO THE FIRE FUND BY \$18,250.00 TO PROVIDE A LINE ITEM FOR \$25.00 PER NIGHT FOR TWO, EVERY NIGHT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Corpe reminded the committee members of the next Board meeting on, October 3, 2006, and that perhaps a committee member could come and "sell it to the Board" the above motions and to answer any questions that may be asked.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.