



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, August 20, 2008, 7:00 a.m.  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 7:05 a.m.**

**Members present:** W. Mervau (Chair), L. Andres, D.Hoxsie, M. Krakow (7:10), J. Maitland, S. Vreeland, Township Manager

**Members excused:** D. Nelson, D. Smith

**Staff present:** T. Flynn, Asst Chief  
T. Henkel, Maintenance  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**A. Consider approval of the minutes from the October 9, 2007, Advisory Meeting**

**MOTION BY HOXSIE. SECONDED BY MAITLAND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2007, MEETING WITH TWO CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Correspondence:** None

**C. Limited Public Comment:** None

**D. Reports:** None

**E. New Business**

**1. Discuss recommendation to Board of Trustees for preliminary 2008-09 fiscal year Metro Fire Budget**

Committee members were given handouts of the 2008-09 Metro Fire Fund Preliminary Budget. Flynn went through the budget offering comments and explanations for different items. Flynn said that Metro is picking up expenses that were once covered by Admin. Flynn said the budget was pared from 3.5 million to 3.2.

Flynn talked about plans for Acme. We would like to have a Captain here 8 hours a day beginning in 2009. It is the plan to make improvements on the building to allow for sleep-in staff. Flynn commented that there was a definite increase in calls for Acme. We are also buying a new engine for Station 11. Metro Fire saved the money for the down payment. We also will be buying a Suburban.

Flynn said we are looking to improve our "ISO" (Insurance Service Office) 150 rating in next year from 6 to 4. The 150 is broken down to 50% department quality, 40% water system and 10% communications (Central dispatch). This won't affect homeowners insurance but should create dramatic decreases in commercial insurance rates. There could be a savings from \$200-\$500 per parcel yearly.

Hoxsie commented that every year there is a significant increase. You do what you're got to do, but the increase has gone from \$248,000 in 2005 to \$630,000 in 2008. Andres asked what the value of a life was.

**MOTION BY HOXSIE TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD APPROVAL OF THE METRO FIRE 2008-09 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. ANDRES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Discuss recommendation to Board of Trustees for December 2008 Emergency Services Special assessment levy rate.**

Vreeland gave a brief summary of her memo to the advisory.

**MOTION BY MAITLAND TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD A 2.25 LEVY RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. SECONDED BY HOXSIE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Articles of Incorporation**

Flynn commented on some of the highlights of this document. Fire board going from three Supervisors to two Board members from each township, all three townships will pay same assessment rate, Metro will not have separate taxing authority, but could later on. There are provisions for leaving Metro and can be for all emergency services.

Maitland feels meeting per diem should be paid by township.

**MOTION BY MAITLAND TO RECOMMEND APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. SECONDED BY HOXSIE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.**