



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: P. Collins (Chair), L. Andres, J. Maitland, D. Nelson
D. Hoxsie, W. Mervau, D. Smith

Members absent: None

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Staff

A. Correspondence: None

B. Reports: None

C. Limited Public Comment: None

D. Old Business:

1. Approve minutes of the October 17, 2005 meeting:

Motion by Maitland support by Nelson to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Collins gave a brief history of the amended 2006 Fire-Metro budget. Originally Acme's contribution would have been \$399,000. A proposed revision brought our requested contribution to approx \$379,000 and the final budget ask for \$364,000 plus \$5000 for summer duty crews. Nelson asked why a decrease in health insurance costs. Maitland not sure perhaps the retirement of Wayne Hanna at the end of the year so the coverage would go down.

Maitland said in a nutshell the advisory recommended to the supervisor that for this year there be no millage increase and this was taken to heart. The budget is within the 1.45 mills. Mervau asked what the duty staff was budgeted at last year. It was \$5000.00 the same as this year. Mervau expressed concerns about the duty crews. They are at 32 hours from July to November which is a very busy time. Mervau cited an incident this past summer with the Duty crews and with the quick response a life was saved. Andres also cited the quick response when he was having an heartattack.

Maitland would like to sit down with Sharon Corpe, Township Manager, and Pat Collins, Chair to clarify the amount of the existing fire fund balance forward. He would like to explore this by January of 2006.

Andres expressed concern over the supervisor spending \$17,000.00 on "drawing pictures". Maitland responded to Andres with the comment that was another issue unrelated to the fire fund.

Maitland commented with Public Act 33 in place we don't have to worry about the Headlee. We will not collect the one half mill.

MOTION MADE BY MAITLAND. SECONDED BY NELSON to accept Metro Fire 2006 Budget as proposed with the amendments and recommends that township proceed with passing the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharon Corpe, Township Manager, had proposed three scenarios regarding the budget. Number 1 would leave a \$2,400 deficit, Number 2 would be to raise millage and have a surplus, Number 3 would call for a millage increase. We have until June to collect the one and half mills. Hoxsie asked if we are a year ahead of ourselves to which Collins response was yes.

**MOTION BY BY MAITLAND. SECONDED BY HOXSIE, to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the PA 33 Fire District Special Assessment levy on the Winter 2005 tax bills be set at 1.000 mill on real property.
Motion passed unanimously.**

F. Public Comment/Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.