



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 09, 2007, 8:00 a.m.  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 8:08 a.m.**

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

**Members excused:** None

**Staff present:** P. Parker, Fire Metro Chief  
T. Henkel, Maintenance  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**A. Consider approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2007, Advisory Meeting**

**MOTION BY HOXSIE. SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2007, MEETING AS PRESENTED. 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 2007-08 fiscal year Metro Fire Fund Budget.**

Committee members were given handouts of the 2007-08 Metro Fire Fund Preliminary Budget. Parker went line by line through the budget offering comments and explanations for different items. Parker said that Metro is picking up expenses that were once covered by Admin. He explained the SAFER grant which allows Fire Departments to add five new workers with payout of wages on a schedule of 90% 1<sup>st</sup> year, 80% 2<sup>nd</sup>, 50% 3<sup>rd</sup>, 30% 4<sup>th</sup> and all wages would be paid out by the Department by the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Parker explained with the SAFER grant Metro would hire three captains and three firefighters.

Parker stressed that staffing is bumping up the budget. The days when we had volunteers are becoming less and less. There are family commitments and people want to be paid for services. With calls up about 10% we need to train the volunteers as well as the trained workers.

The question was raised by Maitland as to what will happen to Henkel, who currently is the captain of Fire station #8, if we receive the SAFER grant. Henkel has expressed that he is not interested in the fulltime Captain position. Henkel is currently receiving 30% of his pay from the Fire fund and the rest from the township.

Parker, Kladder and Vreeland will schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss the situation with Henkel.

Hoxsie commented that the Township collects on Taxable and Metro Budget is on SEV (State Equalization Value). Parker said that a reformation on this is in the works.

Kladder provided a handout of his questions and concerns about this Budget.

**MOTION BY HOXSIE TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INCREASE FROM 1.5 TO 2. MAITLAND SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.**