



ACME TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, July 18, 2005, 8:00 a.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 8:06 a.m.

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

Members excused: D. Hoxsie, D. Nelson

Staff present: S. Corpe, Office & Planning Coordinator/Recording Secretary

A. Correspondence: None

B. Reports: None

C. Limited Public Comment: None

D. Old Business:

1. **Approve minutes of the June 27, 2005 meeting:**

Motion by Maitland, support by Smith to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Discuss recommendation to Board of Trustees regarding Fire District:** Collins discussed some of the handouts for the meeting, including a memo from Corpe to the Board explaining the figures in the special funds budget including the funds for fire and police protection. There is also a copy of the budget worksheet page for the Fire Fund. The projected budget for 2005-06 indicates a surplus of \$17,598, which will increase the fund balance forward to approximately \$206,537. Collins also provided a new copy of a worksheet Dawn Plude prepared earlier in the year.

Collins next discussed two proposed Board resolution drawn up by Chris Bzdok. One would dismantle the current P.A. 33 fire special assessment district (SAD) and create a new one; the second resolution would establish the assessment roll and amount of millage that would be levied. It appears that notice of hearings must be mailed by first class mail to property owners in the proposed SAD and a notice must be published in the newspaper at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Collins prepared some rough projections as to fire revenues and expenses in 2006 and 2007. The 2006 calendar year Metro Fire budget has not been prepared yet; for projection purposes he assumed it would be the amount originally requested for this year. He projected property assessed value growth and Metro Fire budget growth at 3%/year. The projections were done at 1 mill and 1.5 mills. At 1.5 mills there could be sufficient funding for 5 years. Development growth and its effect on the Metro Fire budget and revenues is a variable.

Maitland appreciated the planning by the township that has resulted in a fund balance. He would recommend collecting 1 mill from the fire district again in Winter 2005, along with the .4522 additional millage.

Andres feels that it will be the committee's job to educate the public on the benefits of proceeding. He has done some research into what it would cost him if the township left Metro Fire, with its Level 6 ISO rating. Under Rural Fire with its Level 9 ISO rating, his home insurance costs would rise from about \$2,000/year to about \$2,600/year. He feels he can better afford the continuation of the millages to participate in Metro Fire than the increase in insurance costs.

Motion by Maitland, support by Andres to recommend the resolutions provided by Bzdok to the Township Board for approval, with overall funding to be at the same level as 2005 (1 mill plus the .5 mill adjusted for the Headlee rollback). Motion carried unanimously.

E. New Business: None

F. Public Comment/Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.