

AUGUST 2, 2010

Held

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Deters called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM. Mr. Ritter, Mr. Wolterman and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance.

He said the purpose of the meeting is to consider passing a resolution to put a replacement fire levy on the November ballot.

Mr. Deters said that it's fair to say the public has been heard from on this issue and there would not be public comment at this meeting.

Mr. Ritter said he's thought about this for a long time, even back to last year. He takes this very seriously. He said it would be reckless to do a renewal as we would not have adequate cash at the end of the cycle. The 5.27 mills scenario will allow for capital improvements and, with some belt tightening, conversion of two part-time positions to full-time positions. He wants a safe, quality fire department and we do have such a reputation.

Mr. Wolterman said that before he went on vacation, we were at 5.99 mills. His position is to make good management decisions. He respects the managers of the Township and will go along with their recommendations. He said if we're staying at present levels, we're not progressing. The services provided by the Township are dependent on the good will and payment of the citizens. He said it is incumbent by the trustees to ensure that services are provided and that proper response times are achieved. He asked Chief Smith if 5.27 mills is sufficient. Chief Smith said that they have been through the numbers over and over. Based upon their calculations, he believes they can make this work and move the department forward with this level. He said they have many things on their plate to move forward. This is reasonable and practical.

Mr. Deters asked about response times. Chief Smith said that they can still maintain a reasonable response time with this funding level. Mr. Deters said initially he was concerned. He feels this levy is as tight as it can be to maintain the level of service. He doesn't like that the taxes would be raised. At the Township level, our tax dollars go directly to the Township in benefit to the citizens. We're fiscally responsible with our funds. Ultimately, the choice is with the citizens to vote. This is a fiscally responsible choice.

Mr. Wolterman said that we have been fiscally responsible and responsive to the citizens.

Mr. Reuter read Resolution 50-10, "Resolution for the Necessity for 5.27 mill Replacement Fire Tax Levy for a Continuing Period of Time."

Mr. Ritter made a motion to adopt the resolution as read and Mr. Wolterman offered the second.

Mr. Ritter said that we're replacing a five-year renewal with a continuing levy. This is a modest levy.

The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter said he is happy with where we are ending up with this.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, at 5:39 PM, Mr. Wolterman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Ritter offered a second.

Mr. Deters. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"


Fiscal Officer


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