

RAY TOWNSHIP TOWSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017 AT 9:36 A.M.
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Location: Ray Township Conference Room
64255 Wolcott. Ray, MI 48096

Present: Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor
Lori Lascoe, Clerk
Doug Stier, Treasurer
Charlie Bohm, Trustee
Betty Grader, Trustee

Also Present: Jim DiMaria, Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL.
Supervisor Jarzyna called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Board members were present and Fire Chief DiMaria.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
**MOTION by Grader supported by Bohm to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION carried.**
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *No public was in attendance.*
4. WORK SESSION: RE: 2017-2018 Budget
The Board reviewed each line item of the general revenue. Discussion was held on the administration fee and in 2012 the administration fee was reduced to half mil. Bohm stated the budget is the Supervisors budget and he would have to defend the budget.

The board discussed each line item of the program revenues, community development block grant funds, revenue sharing-sales tax, smart funds which is used for seniors and recreation. Discussion was held on charges for service with no anticipation for an election in the budget. Discussion was held on budgeting for new election machines as required by the State.

Jarzyna stated he gave the Wage and Salary Committee the dates the meeting room is available to meet. Discussion was held on cost of living allowance and employees receiving a two percent increase. Discussion there would be no increase for the elected officials, deputy clerk and deputy treasurer. Discussion was held on the maintenance/janitorial position becoming a full time position.

Discussion was held on the maintenance of the building, library, recycling area and park. Discussion was held regarding the truck, tractor and equipment. Discussion held on the Lee cemetery needing the brush trimmed back. Discussion was held that the street lighting fees should go down because of the LED lights that have been installed.

Discussion was held on budget modifications

Bohm stated the Republic waste hauling contract may be coming up this year and there may be one extension of the contract. Discussion was held that the Recreation Director contract should be reviewed.

Bohm advised that it was 12:30 p.m. and meeting was scheduled for three hours.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to extend the workshop meeting to 1:00 p.m.
MOTION carried.**

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Chief DiMaria advised the Board that Chesterfield is donating a 50-foot mobile home for training purposes to the Fire Department. Discussion was held regard possible placement location of the mobile home. He stated the budget is the same as last year. He reported there is aged out gear and equipment that needs to be replaced, along with new equipment needed. Discussion was held on the maintenance of the building, trucks and purchasing a new truck. Discussion was held on offering an incentive for over-time for the six major holidays to keep firefighters in the Township on holidays. The over-time would only be paid if they went out on a call. Discussion was held on an increase for employees.

Bohm suggested having all of the figures put into the budget and to review the proposed budget. He suggested another special meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m.
MOTION carried.**

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk

Date

Respectfully submitted,
Lori R. Lascoe, Recording Secretary
Ray Township Clerk