

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH

The Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees held a special budget meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008, in the conference room at 1711 W. Cass Ave. Rd. Bay City, Michigan.

Supervisor Pawlak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Board members present: Bukowski, Brandt, Pett, Banaszak, and VanDriessche. Trustee Miller was excused.

Supervisor Pawlak asked if Board members had any objections to hearing comments once at the beginning of the meeting and again at the end. No one objected.

Public comments were heard.

Bids for a new rescue vehicle will be discussed as well as the 2008 Tax Rate Request.

Before beginning the review of the proposed 2009 budget, some adjustments to the 2008 budget are necessary.

Motion by Brandt and supported by VanDriessche that budget adjustments be made as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Capital Outlay	+ \$65,000.00 (Fire Dept)
Streets & Roads	+ \$30,000.00 (chip & seal maintenance)
Elections	+ \$ 4,000.00 (wages)

Adjustments from Unallocated Funds

Yeas: Brandt, VanDriessche, Bukowski, Banaszak, Pett, and Pawlak. Nays: None. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

Each item in the proposed budget (based on 2.5 mills) was reviewed. Board members and the Fire Chief agreed that wages would remain frozen again this year.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Bukowski that the millage rate be set at 2.5000 to be levied 12-1-08. Yeas: Brandt, Bukowski, Pett, VanDriessche, Banaszak and Pawlak. Nays: None. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

Specifications for a new rescue vehicle were submitted to four dealerships. Only two, McDonald (Saginaw) and Fox (Grand Rapids) responded. No responses were received from Dean Arbor or Hagen.

The recommendation from the Fire Department was to accept the bid from Fox Ford of Grand Rapids for \$44,303.00.

Motion by Banaszak and supported by Pett to order the vehicle from Fox Ford. Options for the truck box are still being looked at.

Public comments were heard.

Motion by Bukowski and supported by Banaszak that the budget for 2009 be adopted. Yeas: Bukowski, Banaszak, Pett, Brandt, VanDriessche, and Pawlak. Nays: None. Excused: Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt and supported by VanDriessche that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Judy F. Bukowski
Township Clerk

Bob Pawlak
Township Supervisor