

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes
Special Meeting
March 2, 2012

The Oshtemo Township Board held a special meeting at the Oshtemo Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott Ernstes
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Griffin.

Motion by Culp, second by Larson, to approve the February 14th regular meeting and February 21st special meeting minutes. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST – REPLACEMENT OF AERIAL TRUCK

As presented at the February 14th meeting, Fire Chief Barnes advised the aerial fire truck, Unit #541, in the Fire Department's fleet had been removed from service due to mechanical failure and it has been determined repairs would be significant and noting the truck's age of 30 years, and other remaining questionable components; his recommendation was that it be recognized as having reached its serviceable life with the projected repairs exceeding its current value.

Chief Barnes advised three potential replacement vehicles had been delivered to the Department and extensively reviewed by members of the Fire Department. He provided a detailed comparison of each vehicle and criteria used for the evaluation. Chief Barnes recommended the purchase of the Smeal aerial truck at a cost of \$826,725 with a \$3,000 contingency for additional items; upgrade of the safety railing at the base of the aerial, and high visibility chevron stripping to outrigger posts. He advised equipment, i.e., radios, etc. will be removed from the retired vehicle and installed in the new. He also recommended the purchase be approved subject to a favorable inspection by third party maintenance vendor Moses Fire Equipment. Chief Barnes advised funds for the purchase are available in the Fire Department fund balance. He also noted the proposed replacement vehicle is a demonstrator model which could be sold at any time, thus the request for a special meeting for the Board to consider his recommendation.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell commended Chief Barnes and the Fire Department for the detailed review.

Motion by Everett, second by Heiny-Cogswell to accept Chief Barnes' recommendation and approve an expenditure not to exceed \$829,625 for the purchase of the Smeal aerial unit contingent upon a favorable inspection report from third party review by Moses Fire Equipment. Carried.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
SUPERVISOR