

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes
Special Meeting
July 18, 2008

The Oshtemo Township Board held a special meeting at the Oshtemo Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Stan Rakowski
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was Attorney James Porter, Auditor Joe Walls, Fire Chief Mark Barnes and Maintenance Specialist Jim Shultz.

2007 AUDIT REVIEW

Auditor Joe Walls reviewed the various funds, revenues and expenditures for the 2007 budget year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Fire Chief Barnes presented a request for purchase of equipment to outfit the recently acquired Yukons. He advised two bids had been received for installation of lighting, vehicle striping, and cargo area storage equipment in the amount of \$37,405.63 from Roe Comm and \$29,400 from Emergency Vehicle Products. Chief Barnes requested the Board approve awarding the bid to Emergency Vehicle Products not to exceed \$30,000. Discussion also included assignment of the vehicles with two as primary response to EMS calls from Fire House #1 and #2 and the third as the Chief Officer vehicle.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to award the bid for equipment to outfit the Fire Department Yukons to Emergency Vehicle Products not to exceed \$30,000. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF MOVING EXPENSES

As negotiated with Chief Barnes, a proposal for moving expenses was presented in the amount of \$11,897.83 from National Storage with a guarantee to not be any higher but most likely will be lower due to the Chief moving some items himself.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the expenditure as presented.

CONTRACT WITH SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Discussion was held regarding Board support of the Fire Department Significant Others Group.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Grace to contract with the SO Group in the amount of \$500.00 for the purpose of assisting firefighters, the department and citizens of the Township in accordance with the group's policies and goals. Carried with Culp voting no.

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION

Motion by Grace, second by Bushouse to adjourn to closed session pursuant to a resolution regarding closed session dated July 18, 2008 for purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll call showed Sikora-yes, Everett-yes, Bushouse-yes, Culp-yes, Rakowski-yes, Grace-yes, VanDyke-yes.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora return to open session at approximately 5:05 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Grace, second by Bushouse to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the necessary documents to pursue all options consistent with discussion during the closed session. Carried.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
SUPERVISOR