

WATERVLiet CHARTER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Budget Workshop
Watervliet Township Hall
February 1, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Dan Hutchins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Dan Hutchins, Patricia Bambrick, Tom Scheid, Bob Wallace, Joe Stepich and Joe Matthews. Absent: Vick Kinzler

The board reviewed the Police Budget which totaled \$226,428.00. The Sheriff's Department will invoice the Township \$50,000 per quarter. The Township will use the fund balance to pay the amount over \$200,000. D. Hutchins noted that the overtime line item has been lowered \$3,000 as they can use part-time officers for this duty.

The General Fund was reviewed. The Revenues totaled \$445,597 and the Expenditures totaled \$467,311. D. Hutchins said the State Revenues will probably go down another 10% next year. The board discussed the possibility of charging the 1% collection fee.

The Lake Restoration Project was discussed and J. Stepich said there will be two public hearings which will be within 90 days of each other. Larry Spicer will be consulted on how to set up a special assessment district. The costs involved were estimated to be as follows:

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| Larry Spicer's fee | \$1,500.00 | (Shared with Coloma Township) |
| Publishing hearings | \$ 500.00 | (Shared with Coloma Township) |
| Legal fees | <u>\$2,000.00</u> | |
| | \$3,500.00 | |

The Airport funding was discussed. Bob Lohr said the rent on the seventeen hangars is \$300 for each hangar for the year. He said the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and the RC (Remote Control Club) both use the airport. The EAA has totally remodeled the inside of the airport administration building, putting in new fixtures in the restroom, adding a kitchen, and adding a pavilion attached to the administration building. They have installed wiring for runway lighting and have cut and trimmed many trees and limbs. All of the improvements they have made belong to the airport. Lohr said they have easily made \$10,000 in just drainage improvements at the airport. Lohr said the airport has more landings and takeoffs in summer than the Benton Harbor or Dowagiac airports. He said the Annual Fly-in and Ping Pong Drop attract many visitors and they get many people who come in and stay for the weekends here in Watervliet. The board budgeted \$4,000 for the airport and \$1,000 for the airport insurance and bonds. They will have the airport check on self insurance for FY 2011-12. The City of Watervliet paid \$3,700 last year toward the airport budget.

The Board then discussed board and staff salaries.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bambrick
Watervliet Charter Township Clerk

Dan Hutchins
Watervliet Charter Township Supervisor

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