

SPECIAL MEETING
RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3266 GADY RD.
TECUMSEH, MI 49286
AUGUST 29, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by Supervisor Witt.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brousseau, Palmer, Mead, Hawkins, Johnson, McDermott, Witt

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. NEW BUSINESS:

3.1 Workshop – Township Budget / Kiwanis Trail / RCC Expansion Project

BUDGET:

Fire Department wages spiked last pay. The spike came from doing more public interest events, and more fires. We have changed the payroll from quarterly to monthly. The Fire Department employees appreciate the change.

Building Department is not as high as we would like. The Ordinance Enforcement will be lowered.

Police Department did receive a grant to help with the cost of the new body armor purchased.

Looking forward to the 2020 budget in the purchasing of the Fire Truck, different interest rate regarding longevity of loan. Board indicated that they would be interested in financing for shorter term of 5 years to pay off vehicle. Chief Hannah looking at both trade in and selling old fire truck. Will inform board, so they can make their decision.

The Township is currently putting in \$100,000.00 to help fund road improvements. The board may want to consider using those monies for other things. We are waiting to see if the State will be reducing the shared revenue and giving that income to the schools.

SAD – The board needs to start thinking about the possibility of renewing SAD.

Park Committee is doing a great job. What was recommended for the board to consider is hiring an Events Coordinator, to oversee several projects. This would be a part to full time position with one recommendation of determining a set salary, for a certain set of jobs, and the coordinator can work accordingly.

Also looking to hire someone to become part of Raisin Works. They need the extra help. The weather demanded that the team spend most of the summer cutting grass. Many projects did not get done.

RCC - The board needs to look into what we want to use RCC for, and not just expand it for election needs. What else can we use the building for? This would fall under the purview of the Events Coordinator. It was recommended to start the process of hiring someone now and write it into the budget for 2020.

It was brought to the attention of how the voting tabulators were updated and, what the cost of a high-speed tabulator. How it could benefit the Township. How the new proposal may cut the voter turn out by half because voters will now be able to make use of the absentee ballot.

KIWANIS TRAIL - Cities of Adrian and Tecumseh have invited the Township to join a Trails Authority they want to establish. The board would like to see what is happening with monies designated from the Fee Family donation, to maintain the trails. The board needs to decide how much money we are willing to spend on behalf of the residents, and if this means raising taxes to cover our portion of the maintenance.

4. ADJOURN: Motion made by Brousseau, supported by Hawkins to adjourn meeting at 12:38AM

Dale Witt, Supervisor

Marge McDermott, Clerk

Clerk's DRAFT