

SPECIAL MEETING
RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3266 GADY ROAD
ADRIAN, MI 49221
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.m., by Supervisor Dale Witt.
- 2. WELCOME, PLEDGE, INVOCATION**
- 3. ROLL CALL:** Debra Brousseau, Russ Mead, Tom Hawkins, Jim Palmer, Kami Johnson, Marge McDermott, and Dale Witt
Members Absent: None
Others Present: None
- 4. COMMUNICATIONS:** State Revenue Sharing is projected to be increased by 1.8% for 2020. Sad Renewal Public Hearing is scheduled for October 9, 2019. LCRC & OHM will be present to answer questions.
October 14, 2019 Board will meet to vote on Resolution. We will need to pass 2 Resolutions regarding SAD. Board may want to consider certain exemptions for residents with unique circumstances. The Board will want an explanation from LCRC how additional monies are used. Some board members wanted to go forward by vote instead of per parcel. Board will have further discussion at the October 9th, 2019 meeting.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion Johnson, support Brosseau to approve agenda as written. M/C all.
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - 7.1 2019 Budget – Review of FD Costs Russ Mead, Chief Hannah, and Deputy Clerk Low put together data regarding FD wages line item 101-336-709.000. Low went to timesheets from 2017-2018-2019, as well as Firehouse program to gather information on FD wages. There is a significant upswing in wages since 2017. Chief Hannah explained in 2018 there were search and rescues that amounted to several hours of wages needing to be paid, and in 2019 a situation arose at Wacker that the FD helped out with so that Wacker could remain open and operating. These issues are non-recurring, and cannot be predicted, there have been a rise in structure fires. We are now in a position that we have many of our firefighters that can respond to the calls. Due to a change in pay from quarterly to monthly, the firefighters are staying to work for Raisin Charter Township. The newer firefighters have been allowed to stay to receive further training. FD will now cut back on the training on site and go to a quarterly training. When asked to assist at an event the FD is asking for compensation to help with costs. Chief Hannah is working on grants.
- 8. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 8.1 Kiwanis Trail – Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up by our attorney, giving

each municipality an option to participate in the Kiwanis Trail Authority. The definition of the trail currently is a walking, biking trail. How is this different than Connecting Lenawee? It is different because the Authority would have the ability to ask the voters for tax monies to maintain the Trail. Do we want to spend residents tax dollars to maintain property that belongs to the City of Adrian? Motion Hawkins support Brousseau to approve the memorandum as written. M/C all.

8.2 Deputy Clerk – Pay Rate Motion McDermott support Hawkins to increase Deputy Clerks pay from \$12.00 to \$14.00. Effective date 9/26/2019. M/C all.

10. ADJOURN MEETING Motion Brousseau, support Johnson to adjourn meeting. M/C all. Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Dale Witt, Supervisor

Marge McDermott, Clerk