

Public Hearing
Eagle Township Board
March 27, 2004

1. Call to Order - The public hearing of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Supervisor Morris at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor David Morris, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Patti Schafer, Trustees Stephen Colby and Patricia Hazen. Also present were: LGRFA Fire Chief John Baker, as well as five residents/interested persons.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Morris lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Hearing, Annual Special Assessment District – Supervisor Morris reviewed PA33, which allows the Township to levy up to 10 mills for Emergency Services. He reviewed the status of emergency services within the Township. He also explained that the Board would again be requesting 1½ mills to assist in covering the cost of emergency services in the Township.

4. Close of Hearing, Annual Special Assessment District – Supervisor Morris closed the public hearing.

Annual Meeting
Eagle Township Board

1. Call to Order – Supervisor Morris called the annual meeting to order immediately following the close of the public hearing.

2. Public Comments – There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes – Trustee Hazen made a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2003 as printed. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Motion carried.

4. Review of Township Activities – Supervisor Morris reviewed the activities within the Township for the past year. The review contained a synopsis of activities related to roadwork, financing of the fire station, and taxable value of the Township, among other topics.

5. Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority – Fire Chief John Baker addressed the Board and the audience, reviewing a February monthly report for the Township. He reported that the Department is averaging an enroute time of 1 min 35 seconds, and a response time of 6 minutes and 25 seconds for Eagle Township. He also reported that the Department is now licensed as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Unit. Further, the Department now has five full time staff and that there are always two staff persons at the station to respond to fire runs.

Chief Baker also responded to correspondence the Board has received from Mercy Ambulance Service, which requests that the Authority allow an ambulance from Mercy to be housed at the fire station. He noted that he has had discussions with Mr. Brown, from Portland Ambulance Service, who has expressed that he may be willing to take responsibility for all of Eagle Township's ambulance service, as the LGRFA Department is now an ALS Unit. Mrs. Hazen asked Chief Baker if the current staff is able to drive an ambulance, if the Authority purchased one. He responded affirmatively and stated that the Department has already procured all the costly pieces of equipment that would be required for running an ambulance.

Additionally, Chief Baker reviewed the equipment of the Department. He also informed the Board that the ISO reevaluation process has been started, which he feels should reduce the ISO rating for both the hydranted and non-hydranted areas in the coverage district.

Finally, Chief Baker responded to inquiries of the audience.

6. Budget Review and Approval of Salary Portion – Treasurer Schafer reviewed the proposed budget and salary adjustments for the Board. Mr. Bob Little made a motion to approve the salary portion of the 2004 – 2005 budget. Mr. Jim Harsant supported the motion. Motion carried.

7. Road Work – Supervisor Morris reported that the Board would only be contracting for chloride for Township roads this year. Unless revenue sharing cuts are reversed the Board plans to do no other road projects. The Board then entertained questions/comments from the audience regarding the status of roads within the Township.

8. Budget Approval Resolution – Clerk Simmons made a motion to approve the 2004 – 2005 budget as presented. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Ayes: Colby, Hazen, Morris, Simmons; Nays: Schafer; Resolution carried.

9. Emergency Services Millage – Supervisor Morris made a motion to levy 1 ½ mill for EMS. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Ayes: Simmons, Hazen, Morris, Colby, Schafer; Nays: None; Resolution carried.

10. Operating Millage Resolution – Supervisor Morris made a motion to assess 1% allocation as allocated. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Ayes: Hazen, Schafer, Colby, Simmons, Morris; Nays: None; Resolution carried.

11. Other - Mr. Harsant asked about the Township land use plan that was formulated. Clerk Simmons distributed copies of the twenty-year development plan to members of the audience for their review.

12. Adjournment – Supervisor Morris adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk