

Eagle Township Board  
Annual Meeting  
March 26, 2005

**1. Call to Order** – Supervisor Morris called the annual meeting to order 10:00 a.m. at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI 48822.

Members present were: Supervisor David Morris, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Patti Schafer, Trustees Stephen Colby and Patricia Hazen. Also present were: LGRFA Acting Fire Chief Steve Fabiano, GLAESA Fire Chief Casey Godlewski, as well as seven residents/interested persons.

**2. Public Comments** – Burnadette Burn expressed her concerns regarding the current discussions/negotiations between Watertown Township and the City of Lansing for fire service.

Chief Goldlewski addressed the Board regarding the possibility of contracting with the City of Lansing and regionalization of the Tri-County's fire services. He noted that the two main issues raised regarding regionalization include labor issues with union/non union staff and how to deal with volunteer departments within the region.

Acting Chief Fabiano addressed the Board, stating that there are many pros and cons to contracting with Lansing. He made the following observations regarding the possibility:

1. The City of Lansing has no intention of absorbing the full time staff.
2. The City of Lansing's desire to merge stems from the need to justify over staffing of their department.
3. The proposed charge for service would be \$400,000 for 2 years, reportedly doubling after that period.
4. The City of Lansing would not retain any part-paid staff.
5. He also stated that talks with Delta Township might not be unrealistic at this point either. (Delta would keep both full and part paid staff.)

Members of the audience also participated in the discussion regarding fire service issues.

**3. Approval of Minutes** – Supervisor Morris made a motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2004 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, ambulance service, and taxable value of the Township, among other topics.

**5. Township Officer Salaries** – Treasurer Schafer reviewed the proposed budget and salary adjustments for the Board. Casey Goldlewski made a motion to approve the salary portion of the 2005 – 2006 budget. Chuck Pantera supported the motion. Motion carried.

**6. Adjournment** – Supervisor Morris adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk