

Special Meeting
Eagle Township Board
August 30, 2004

1. Call to Order - The special joint meeting of the Eagle and Watertown Township Boards was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Morris at the Watertown Charter Township Hall, 12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Watertown Supervisor Ed McKeon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Supervisor David Morris, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Trustees Steve Colby and Patricia Hazen. Treasurer Patti Schafer arrived at 6:50 p.m. Also present were: Members of the Watertown Township Board including Supervisor Ed McKeon, Clerk Jean Husby, Treasurer Janice Thelen, Trustees Chris Pratt, Al Skerritt, and Peter Kemple; as well as LGRFA Fire Chief John Baker, LGRFA Deputy Chief Steve Fabiano, GLAESA Fire Chief Casey Godlewsky, many members of the LGRFA Fire Department, and many residents/interested persons.

3. Public Comment – Karen Cooley addressed the Watertown Township Board and those in attendance.

4. Agenda Approval – As there was not a full board present the agenda was accepted as presented.

5. 2003 LGRFA Audit – Ms. Jean Young of Plante & Moran presented the LGRFA audit. She reported that all financial information is presented in a material fashion as on record at the LGRFA.

Trustee Hazen made a motion to accept and place on file the 2003 audit of the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

6. LGRFA Benefits – Chief Baker presented Mr. Bill Lewis of Integrity Benefits to address any questions the Board had regarding the health benefits currently being offered to LGRFA staff. (Health benefits costs are increasing 4% over last year.)

7. Review of the Inter Local Agreement – Watertown Supervisor Ed McKeon distributed copies of proposed amendments to the Inter Local Agreement for discussion and review. The Boards also entertained comments from the audience regarding these proposals.

8. Review of LGRFA 2005 Proposed Budget – Chief Baker reviewed the proposed budget and entertained questions from the Boards and those in attendance.

9. Public Comment/Discussion – Mr. Steve Fabiano addressed the Boards and attendees as a taxpayer in both Eagle and Watertown Townships regarding what has improved since the LGRFA began operation, and encouraged the Boards to consider regionalization and other options for cutting costs.

Supervisor Morris became indisposed at 8:40 p.m.

10. Adjournment – Trustee Hazen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk