

**COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008**

President Helen Humphrys convened the Special Meeting of the Copley Township Board of Trustees at 8:06 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustees Panovich, Humphrys, Dressler; Fiscal Officer Marshall; Administrator Spraggins, all Department Heads, Legal Counsel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WORK SESSION – 2008 BUDGET**

Administrator Peggy Spraggins opened the discussion of the 2008 budget proposals prepared by the Department Heads to be considered by the Trustees.

**Revenue** – The discussion revolved around the estimated levels of revenue projected by the county based on existing levys. With healthy carry-overs anticipated, the discussion led to questions as to how we could possibly reduce the amount of money collected in any given year if the fund exhibits excessive balances. Mr. Dressler indicated the possibility for the township to request less tax to be collected for a given year from the county who in turn would pass along the request to the taxpayers. Fiscal Officer Marshall will investigate the procedure and process for such a request.

**Expenditures** – Staffing requests for the Fire and Police Departments were reviewed for 2008 as previously discussed and approved. The Service Department reviewed their staffing requirements as related to requests made in the 2008 budget. If approval is received for certain capital expenditures, additional personnel might be required. The staffing in the Zoning Office is currently under review and will be considering an “Enforcement Officer” for zoning violations.

**Operating Expenses** – Discussion tabled until year-end information can be provided by the Fiscal Office.

**Capital Requests** – Each department reviewed proposals for purchases of vehicles, technology, operating equipment and maintenance projects for a three-year period. The Trustees will review all documentation and make decisions in conjunction with the Fiscal Officer on those to be included in the budget.

Trustee Humphrys made a motion to close PO #817-2007 written to Penn Care Medical Products for the purchase of a new ambulance charging Fund #2191- Fire/EMS and to rewrite the PO for the same purchase charging Fund #2281 – Ambulance Fund; second by Trustee Panovich; all voting aye.

Trustee Humphrys made a motion to amend the Temporary Appropriations for Fund #2281 from \$104,228.46 to \$301,331.78 to accommodate the PO for the ambulance; second by Trustee Panovich; all voting aye.

Trustee Panovich made a motion to enter into Executive Session with Legal Counsel to discuss pending litigation and the purchase of property; second by Trustee Humphrys; roll-call vote: Trustee Humphrys – aye; Trustee Panovich – aye; Trustee Dressler – aye. A five-minute recess was called; the Executive Session began at 10:45 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:20 p.m. with no action taken. A general discussion on township development followed.

Motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. by Trustee Dressler; second by Trustee Humphrys; all voting aye.

**APPROVED BY:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Helen J. Humphrys, President

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Janice Marshall, Fiscal Officer