

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Meeting
November 2, 2022

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at the Williamsburg Emergency Services Building, for the purpose of providing information on the Fire and EMS Tax Levy on the ballot November 8, 2022. This was the only business conducted at the meeting and it was informational only. Mr. Bainum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum, Bari Henning and Gary Jordan answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Doug Lefferson, Emergency Services Chief Jason McCarthy and approximately 13 others (sign in sheet available at Township Hall).

Mr. Bainum introduced the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Mr. Jordan spoke about the failure of the levy on the May ballot. He stated it was the first levy in 20 years and that the Township could have prepared better. Mr. Jordan stated that the Township has provided more and better levy information this time. Mr. Jordan turned the meeting over to Fiscal Officer Doug Lefferson for an informational PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Lefferson's presentation included levy facts (5 mills, Continuing, estimated annual revenue \$645,000), estimated cost to homeowners, the need for additional full-time and part-time staff, a \$100,000 per year operating deficit, a new staffing design, use of the levy funds, revenue generated from the Joint Economic Development District (Nestle' Purina and Design Within Reach), and the ballot wording. Mr. Lefferson indicated his presentation in its entirety will be posted on the Township website.

Mr. Bastin had reviewed some Township financial filings and was trying to confirm the need for additional funding and the Fire fund and EMS fund annual deficits. Mr. Lefferson and the Trustees confirmed that the combined annual deficit for the Fire fund and EMS fund was approximately \$100,000 annually. Mr. Lefferson stated that the increase in some of the other funds was attributable to one-time payments received from the American Rescue Plan Act totaling approximately \$350,000 which have not yet been spent and JEDD payments received. These funds do not impact the need for \$650,000 annually from the proposed Levy.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:01 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson