

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the supervisor at 8:15 A.M.

All board members were present.

The 2016-17 fire budget was reviewed with the fire chief and assistant chief from 8:15 A.M. to 9:40 A.M. Information was presented by the assistant chief showing the desired truck replacement schedule and the anticipated costs of those replacements. Discussion ensued on how to plan for and fund those replacements as they come due.

The 2016-17 building department budget was reviewed with the building official from 11:00 A.M. to 12:40 P.M. Other areas of township operations were discussed as well, including the upcoming roll-out of the FEMA flood plain mapping for Lenawee County, as well as the possibility of local control of mechanical and plumbing inspections.

The 2016-17 police budget was reviewed with the police chief and deputy chief from 1:30 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. The chiefs presented a need to hire a secretary/dispatcher to start training with the current secretary/dispatcher as she will be leaving the department this summer. Chiefs also presented reasoning for requesting to keep the department at a staffing level of four full-time officers after the retirement of Chief Wibbeler this summer, and laid out a plan of scheduling that would help keep costs in line without the need for a number of part-time officers as well.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Garrison to hire Mary Swartz as the secretary/dispatcher in training at a starting rate of pay of \$14.00/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gentner, supported by Garrison to maintain staffing at four full-time officers and to keep the fourth patrol car as well. Motion carried 4-yes, 1-no.

Discussion ensued about a police department building. There was a general feeling that the place for that building was here at the township hall as was originally planned. A committee consisting of: Harvey Hawkins, Bill Gentner, Larry Wibbeler, Jeff Paterson and Bruce Nickel was appointed review the previous plans and report back to the board with recommendations of options before going out for bids. Discussion ensued on how such a building was going to be paid for.

Roger Curtis, Jennifer Hutchison and Craig Hatch from Michigan International Speedway were present to request approval of the 2016 Faster Horses Concert to be held in July. Plans were submitted and discussions held on the layout of the area and the number of mobile alcohol sales persons to be in that area. There was general agreement between the township police department and M.I.S. officials on those numbers. Mr. Curtis also advised the board that Live Nation would like to enter into a long term contract for this event and discussion was held on how that might take place and under what terms that would be agreeable between the promoter and the township. Motion by Richardson, supported by Gentner to approve the application for the 2016 Faster Horses concert, contingent on receiving a signed agreement from Americrown spelling out the details as agreed upon between the parties. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the pay rates for the fire department. Motion by Gentner, supported by Richardson to increase the salary of the chief and assistant chief by \$2,000/year and to increase the hourly rate of fully trained firefighters to \$13.75/hr. from \$13.50/hr. Motion carried, 4-yes; 1-no.

Motion by Gentner, supported by Garrison to increase the salary of Deputy Police Chief Paterson to \$50,000/year effective August 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Garrison to increase the salary of the building official from \$600/month to \$800/month effective April 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Johncox to move forward with the process of having the mechanical and plumbing inspections done at the township level and to begin accepting applications for those positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Gentner to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk