

PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 22, 2013

Supervisor Behnke called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM at the Pennfield Charter Township office. Present were Supervisor Behnke, Clerk Case, Treasurer Phillips and Trustees Beard, Damerow, Harris and Skelding. One person from the public was present.

A motion was made by Treasurer Phillips and supported by Trustee Skelding to go into a closed session under attorney-client privilege to discuss a personnel matter involving a Township Employee at 2:31 PM. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Beard and supported by Trustee Damerow to come back into open session at 3:53 PM. The one person from the public was allowed back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Pennfield Charter Township Resolution #13-33

PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 13-33

(a Resolution approving ballot language for a proposed 1.50 mil increase for

Police and Fire services)

WHEREAS, the Pennfield Township Board wishes to insure that the Township has sufficient funds to pay for Police and Fire protection services, and

WHEREAS, townships may provide for funding of public safety services by means of a millage levy for such purposes pursuant to 1933 PA 62, as amended, MCL 211.201, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Pennfield Township Board wishes to levy an additional 1.50 mils to pay for the cost of providing Police and Fire protection services to the

residents of Pennfield Township, so

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennfield Township Board, Calhoun County, approves the following millage ballot question language and hereby directs the Township Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 6, 2013, election ballot:

Shall the authorized charter millage for the Charter Township of Pennfield, established at 3 mils (\$3.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) be increased up to an additional 1.50 mils (\$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for one year, 2013, with revenues from this millage to be used by Pennfield Charter Township for the purposes of Police and Fire protection, raising in the first year of levy an estimated \$297,840.00?

Moved by: Treasurer Phillips Supported by: Trustee Skelding

Supervisor Behnke – Yes Trustee Beard – Yes

Clerk Case – Yes Trustee Damerow – Yes

Treasurer Phillips – Yes Trustee Harris – Yes

Trustee Skelding – Yes

Vote shows 7 yes, -0- no. **Resolution 13-33 is adopted.**

2. Adoption of Pennfield Charter Township Resolution #13-34

PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 13-34

(a Resolution proposing possible budget reductions to Public Safety Services if the proposed 1.50 mil increase for Public Safety Services

does not pass on August 6, 2013)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennfield Township Board hereby proposes the following possible budget reductions to Public Safety Services if the proposed 1.50 mil increase for Public Safety Services is defeated on August 6, 2013:

1) Elimination of three (3) full-time fighters shall be laid-off effective September 1, 2013 which will eliminate all medical and non-emergency calls for service;

2) Elimination of one (1) Sheriff's Department patrol shift which shall include the elimination of two (2) Sheriff's Deputies effective September 1, 2013 which will leave no dedicated patrol in Pennfield Township for eighty (80) hours per week;

3) Elimination of the Code Compliance and Enforcement Officer position effective September 1, 2013 which will eliminate dedicated blight and junk vehicle enforcement

Moved by: Treasurer Phillips Supported by: Trustee Skelding

Supervisor Behnke – Yes Trustee Beard – Yes

Clerk Case – Yes Trustee Damerow – Yes

Treasurer Phillips – Yes Trustee Harris – Yes

Trustee Skelding – Yes

3. Review of the General Fund Budget

A discussion took place of possible budget cuts to the General Fund if the upcoming

Public Safety millage does not pass.

A motion was made by Trustee Damerow and supported by Trustee Beard to change

the pay rate for Trustees from \$100.00 per meeting to \$75.00 per meeting effective at the June, 2013 Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Trustee Harris asked to be excused from the June, 2013 Board Meeting.

It was moved by Treasurer Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 PM. **Motion carried.**

Robert P. Behnke, Supervisor Kathleen R. Case, Clerk