

SECOND REGULAR MEETING  
RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
5525 OCCIDENTAL HWY  
TECUMSEH MI 49286  
OCTOBER 24, 20116  
10:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by supervisor Dale Witt.

Members present: Kami Johnson, Thomas Hawkins, Larry Crittenden, Debra Brousseau, Betty Holdridge and Dale Witt.

Members absent: Dale Mitchell

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

-A Link to the five year Park and Recreation survey will be on the website. Printed copies for residents without web access available in the office.

-Insurance agent with Ted Hartleb Agency brought in copies of Liability Insurance for Board. Annual premium has decreased, due to claim/loss ratio is down for the township.

-Holloway Fire Station title work and survey is being worked on. Title work and deeds will be prepared so Township can proceed forward with the sale of the building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

James Palmer spoke on Park and Recreation survey, and would pick a copy up at the township. Supervisor stated that budget for 2017 would be available for public review on November 3, 2016 at the Township hall. Larry Crittenden thanked James Palmer for his participation in the Savoy brine well issue on Valley Road.

**APPROVAL of AGENDA:**

Move item 6.1 2016/2017 Budget-Capital Outlay (Vehicles) before old business for convenience of Fire Chief and Police Chief.

Motion Brousseau, second Crittenden to approve agenda with moving 6.1 above old business.  
M/C all.

**6.1 Capital Outlay (Vehicles)**

Chief Mathis explained the purpose of purchasing a vehicle for fire department.

Purchase of vehicle for fire department to be used by chief and other qualified fire personnel for the purpose of a BLS, non-transporting vehicle. Could respond with BLS equipment and medical supplies. Cut down on response time for emergencies and be able to administer basic care sooner.

Approximately 57 calls last month with 20 responses from home to scene. Vehicle could be used instead of taking large vehicles out on all calls.

Purchase price of vehicle with emergency lights and equipment would be \$28,000.00/\$29,000.

Some concerns raised were:

Could a 2009 Police vehicle be repurposed? Cost may not be justified compared to a new vehicle.

Would vehicle be available for use by others on the department? Yes.

Motion Crittenden, second Brousseau to purchase vehicle for fire department. Vehicle will be a Ford 2017 model SUV for a cost of \$29,000/\$30,000.

Roll call vote

Crittenden	Yes	Brousseau	Yes
Johnson	Yes	Hawkins	No
Holdridge	Yes	Witt	Yes

Motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Police Chief Grayer spoke on purchasing two new vehicles for police department to replace current 2009 Tahoes. Police chief would use one of vehicles for present.

Crown Vic would be removed from service by department. Transfer equipment from that vehicle to new vehicle if it can be used. Current vehicles are two wheel drive and are not useful in all weather. They have approximately 150,000 miles to date.

Vehicles can be purchased now and financed with first lease payment due from 2017 budget.

Ford vehicle would be a savings on Liability insurance, and operating costs.

Motion Hawkins, second Brousseau move to purchase two 2017 Ford vehicles for police department on a three year lease plan. Cost of vehicles will be \$75000.00.

Roll call vote:

Hawkins	Yes	Johnson	Yes
Brousseau	Yes	Crittenden	Yes
Holdridge	Yes	Witt	Yes

M/C all.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### 5.1 Park Committee

Hawkins stated he has no issue with non-residents serving as officers on

Brousseau agreed as someone who is not a resident may have great skills to be an officer.

Motion Brousseau, second Hawkins to strike the phrase regarding non-residents serving as officers on park committee. M/C all.

Trustee Hawkins to develop a post on website asking for persons interested in serving on the park committee. Goal is to have them in place by January 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

6.2 Water Supply at RCC

Leak between well and water tank. Gordon and Son Well Drilling will do repairs to well and pipes. Pex piping to be used inside of building and installed by township personnel.

Motion Brousseau second Hawkins to accept proposal from Gordon and Son Well Drilling for repairs at RCC up to \$3000.00 with total repairs up to \$4000.00. M/C all.

6.3 Budget Amendments

As of this date, current budget will have a revenue shortfall of \$49,708.00. Appropriations will be decreased in Contingency Fund by \$28,000.00, Superintendent Budget by \$13500.00 and Park Committee Budget by \$9091.00 to balance revenues and expenditures.

Because of opt out policy for health insurance, line item was added to Police and Fire Budgets to use in place of adding to wages in budget. These line items are 101-301-717.001 and 101-336-717.001 Health Insurance Opt Out. The expenses for these two line items will be \$13,400.00 for 2016. \$8,227.00 will be moved from 101-104-890.000 Contingency Fund and \$5,173.00 from 101-301-860.00 Gas and Oil to 101-336-717.001 and 101-301-717.001 to balance the expenditures.

Motion Brousseau, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 11:25 A.M.  
M/C all.

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Dale Witt, Supervisor

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Betty Holdridge, Clerk