

**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Budget Work Session
Wednesday, October 19, 2005
5:30 P.M.

Cascade Township Office
2865 Thornhills, SE Grand Rapids, MI

Article 1. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order.
Present: Clerk Goodyke, Trustee Parrish, Trustee Beahan, Supervisor Julien, Trustee Currier, Trustee Koessel and Treasurer Carpenter.
Absent: None
Others Present: Manager Cravens

Article 2. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order.

Article 3. New Business

Discussion of Projections for 2006 Budget

Supervisor Julien discussed the CPI and other studies done by compensation consultants which show that 3% is where the area businesses are in salary increases. The subcommittee recommends 3% as the increase for Township employees.

Manager Cravens reviewed the truth in taxation issue to be taken up at the 6:45 meeting on Wednesday, October 26.

Manager Cravens reviewed the revenue projections for 2006. Revenue sharing income will be essentially the same as 2005.

Discussion followed concerning department budget requests. The township general budget is committed to \$400,000 to the Fire Department.

It is suggested that we spend \$300,000 on roads since the KCRC indicated they would match that amount.

Discussion followed on progress on the open land fund established by the Homeyer Family with matching funds by the Township. Jay and Steve are continuing to work on alternatives if the Grand River property is not available. Ron is trying to work out something with the Thuele family property.

Mary indicated that the Historical Society intends to ask for \$4,000 to \$5,000 from the Township general fund to make purchases for the new room in the Wisner Center. She reported that the group has \$10,000 in the fund at this time, with \$2,000 owed to repay the Township for money advanced to them for afghan purchases.

Jay will present a draft budget at the next work session on November 16, 2005.

Article 4. Manager Comments (None)

Article 5. Board Member Comments (None)

Article 6. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor