

**Williamstown Township
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2017**

Call to Order

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston, Michigan. Supervisor Bloomquist called the meeting to order and reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Bloomquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Kane, Trustee Duffy, Treasurer Cutshaw, Clerk Steinberg and Trustee Williams.

Absent: Trustee Eyster

Also present: Donna and Marvin Zischke of 939 Cherry Valle, Donna Tocarchik 9605 Deer Trail, Karl Bartels 9665 Deer Trail, Jill Fewer 2190 Haslett Rd, William Bailey 363 Turner Rd, Ron and Ida Buntin 1604 Milton Rd, Rick and Nancy Horton 5632 Shoeman Rd, Lisa Dalton 710 N Putnam, and Recording Secretary, Carolyn Burt/ Deputy Clerk.

Public Comment for non agenda items

None. Closed at 6:05

Trustee Williams moved to Open the Public Hearing for the Police Assessment Roll 2017-2018

Seconded by Clerk Steinberg

Discussion:

Supervisor Bloomquist explained that the Board has reduced the special assessment for police services to \$100.00 per residential unit and \$175.00 for commercial units in October 2016. This will be reevaluated again in October 2017.

Public Comment

- Karl Bartels, 9665 Deer Trail, with concerns about the cost of police response and non-involvement in the enforcement of ordinances
- Ron Buntin, 1604 Milton Rd, noted the increased presence of Meridian Police in the community
- Donna Tocarchick, 9605 Deer Trail, regarding the detailed report from Police Department

- Bill Bailey, 363 Turner Rd, expressed support for current police services
- Trustee Williams, 131 Bismark St, noted that the Police reports are available monthly at the Township Hall and in the Board Meeting minutes on the webpage

Trustee Williams moved to close the Hearing on the Police Assessment Roll

Treasurer Cutshaw seconded

Discussion: None.

Motion passed

Public Hearing closed at 6:17pm.

Budget

Supervisor Bloomquist commented on highlights of the Budget and items that will affect the budget.

Clerk Steinberg Moved to open the Public Hearing on Budget

Trustee Williams seconded

Motion Passed

Public Comments

- Donna Tocarchick, 9605 Deer Trail, suggested increasing the number of volunteers to keep costs down for Branch School and Cemetery.
- Trustee Kane, 5170 N. Williamston Rd, on the potential cost savings of contracting for lawn mowing and snow removal.

Trustee Williams moved to close Public Hearing on Budget

Treasurer Cutshaw Seconded

Discussion: None.

Motion Passed

Public Hearing closed at 6:39pm

Public Comment for non agenda items

None.

Public Comment closed at 6:45pm

Treasurer Cutshaw moved to adjourn

Clerk Steinberg seconded

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

Minutes approved by:

Wanda Bloomquist, Township Supervisor	Date
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Mark Steinberg, Township Clerk	Date
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Carolyn Burt Recording Secretary