

Supervisor Bill Haggard called the special meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 10:00am on January 16, 2015. Also present were Jim Wojan, Rick Speck, Kitty McNamara, Karen Wojan, Val Kammerman, Corey Bascom, and Jean Wierenga.

Purpose of Special Meeting: To review the recent audit with St. James Township Accountants.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paperwork from Richard Gillespie requesting document distributed by McNamara be attached to the minutes.

The meeting was turned over to Accountants Val Kammerman and Corey Bascom to present to the board their report on the audit. They covered the audit almost page by page, giving their analysis of the state of the township funds. They also took questions from the board members regarding the status of each fund during their presentation. Their main concern is to recommend changing the structure of the funds in the QuickBooks program that handles all the township accounts which are General Fund, Fire Fund, Street & Road Fund, Sewer Fund, and Yacht Dock Fund. These funds will become individual companies within the program. Also, a separate payroll fund will be set up. Hopefully a changeover can be completed by or shortly after April 1, 2015 as a new fiscal year begins. ~~All in all, the accountants stated the township is in good shape financially.~~ The meeting was then opened up to the public for questions, which were only a couple questions.

Next on the agenda: Motion by McNamara and seconded by Haggard to table the board work session until the February regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Third on the agenda: Approve Millage Renewals to be placed on ballot for May 2015 Election. The Operating millage, Airport millage, and Transfer Station millages are up for renewal. A special state election coming up in May will allow the township to place these millage proposals on the ballot. The Operating millage, 3.2500 mills: Airport millage, 1.0000: and the Transfer Station millage, 1.75 mills. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Haggard to approve placing the three proposals on the ballot for four years each. Motion carried.

Motion by Haggard and seconded by Wojan to adjourn meeting at 11:45am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township