

**Proposed MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD**

May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lovelock at 6:00 pm in the Charter Township of Chesterfield Municipal Offices at 47275 Sugarbush, Chesterfield, MI 48047.

Present: Supervisor Lovelock, Clerk Berry, Treasurer Hartman
Trustees: Anderson, Bell, DeMuyck
Absent: Trustee: Joseph
Also Present: Deputy Clerk Wurminger, Attorney Seibert

Supervisor Lovelock gave a brief overview of the current Police Department financial situation and the opinions stated in the recent study conducted by the International City/County Management Association.

Clerk Berry read into the record an email sent by Trustee Joseph regarding the Police Department Special Assessment Millage.

"I am unable to attend tonight's Special Board Meeting due to travel obligations associated with my full time employment as Program Director for the 16th Circuit Court - Juvenile Division. I am very conscientious about scheduling obligations around regular Board meetings and Special meetings when I am aware of their existence. I have never missed a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Regrettably, tonight's Board meeting was scheduled without any input from me, Clerk Berry or Trustee Anderson. We were all together at the Township for a meeting on 5/5/14 and there was no indication of any Special meeting. I did not learn of the meeting until 5/8/14 I support the Chesterfield Police Department 100% and have made them my #1 priority since taking the oath of office. However, I am convinced that a millage request at this time is unwise. While I personally have no problem paying additional taxes to ensure the vibrancy of our department, I am in the minority. Especially when compared to the results of the November 2012 millage. There are several million dollars in the Police Department Fund balance and 9 million dollars in the Township's fund balance. I believe we are obligated to use these funds created by over-taxing residents before asking them for more.

Placing a millage increase on the ballot at this time is unwise for many reasons. Rolling out the language for the millage in a Special Meeting where the residents and nearly half the Board were not properly notified is unwise. It lacks openness and transparency. Approving a 2 million dollar parking lot repaving project the week before you ask for a multi-million dollar tax increase is unwise. Increasing taxes BEFORE working to implement some of the ICMA suggestions is unwise. Moreover, this millage should not be a referendum on the Chesterfield PD vs. the Macomb County Sheriff Dept. We have the financial resources to secure the police department's solvency for years to come without an added tax increase. I believe the success or failure of this millage is more accurately a referendum on the leadership of this Department. The day after the 2012 millage failed, Chief Smith and members of the previous Board went to work on their next millage attempt. Their refusal to operate within the confines of the budget were and are a blatant disregard for the will of the people. Chief Smith has failed to put forth any other plan since the failed millage in 2012, other than another millage. Consequently, if this millage should fail, I believe the Chief should agree to submit a Letter of Resignation the following day. Township residents and the brave man and

women who serve in this department deserve a leader who is able to manage the department and resident safety within the confines of the resident approved budget.

I believe there have been sufficient votes gathered in secret to place the millage before the voter's in August. Despite my belief that this initiative is unwise, out of respect for the dedicated men and women of this department I will offer no further criticism of this effort if it is approved tonight. Ultimately, it will be appropriately left to the will of the people."

Sincerely,
Trustee David Joseph

Motion by Lovelock, supported by Bell to adopt Resolution No. 2014-12 approving ballot language for the Police Department ballot proposal which increases the special assessment millage from 5.00 mills to 6.25 mills inclusive for five years.

Clerk Berry read into the record the ballot language.

The following ballot proposal shall be submitted to the electors at the August 5, 2014 election:

**INCREASE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
MILLAGE FOR POLICE PROTECTION**

SHALL THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON ALL LANDS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, WHICH COMPRISE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS PURSUANT TO 33 PA 1951, AS AMENDED, BE INCREASED FROM A SUM NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (\$5.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH \$1,000.00 OF TAXABLE VALUE OF SUCH PROPERTY TO A SUM NOT TO EXCEED SIX AND ONE-QUARTER (\$6.25) DOLLARS FOR EACH \$1,000.00 OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING POLICE PROTECTION BY THE CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, PURCHASING POLICE MOTOR VEHICLES, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THE SAME?

THE ESTIMATED REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED IN THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE MILLAGE IS INCREASED AND LEVIED IS \$1,678,819.00.

THIS PROPOSED MILLAGE IS AN INCREASE OF 1.25 MILLS FROM A PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED 5.0 MILLS.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lovelock, Bell, DeMuyneck, Hartman

Nays: Anderson, Berry

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Lovelock, supported by Berry to adjourn at 6:46 pm.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

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