

ARMADA TOWNSHIP BOARD
23121 East Main Street
Armada, MI 48005

SPECIAL MEETING

February 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting – Armada Fire Department Services - Presentation:

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Paterek
Pledge of Allegiance
Members present: Paterek, Kanehl, Finlay, Bednar and Swiacki
Members absent: None
Special Guest: Chief Dan Reynolds

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Agenda items only:

NEW BUSINESS:

Armada Fire Department Services: Fire Chief Reynolds has spent the last two year analyzing the Armada Fire Department as to where we are now and where we need to be in the future. Continued issues and challenges for our fire department have been a significant reduction in volunteer and Paid on Call personnel. Within the last two weeks we have lost two full time firefighter paramedics and one part-time personnel.

Current funding and budgeting: Special Assessment District which was set up in 1986 at a millage rate of 1.5 mills brings in approximately \$300,332. This has not changed in 32 years. Our Advanced Life Support of 1.5 mills brings in approximately \$450, 850 and our ambulance income runs about \$225,000 annually. Now is the time to account for our future and do it the right way, our current funding is not well planned for future growth, sustainability or the preservation of life.

Again, factors affecting our performance is a continued department turnover as employees have left for better pay, benefits and stability. We need to plan for the future and our current plan does not negate what will happen in the next ten years. We need increase wages to maintain performance and sustainability for our fire department. In summary we are not well positioned for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Paterek seconded by Swiacki to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Motion CARRIED

Mary K. Swiacki, CMMC
Armada Township Clerk

John W. Paterek
Armada Township Supervisor

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