

Charter Township of Emmett
Special Board Meeting for Public Hearing
For Special Assessment District Number 01 of 2010

The Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Buller, Talbot, and Hill

Quorum Present

The meeting opened with Myers discussing Special Assessment District Number 01 of 2010; the special assessment is a 10 year special assessment with a variable millage rate not to exceed 1.5 mills with the millage rate to be set by The Board on an annual basis. Previous Boards had set the millage rate between 1.275 and 1.375 mills.

There was discussion on the un-controllable increases for operational costs for Public Safety. One increase being the cost of Health and Liability Insurance. The second would be the rise in the Central Dispatch Authority's fee. Last year with the Special Assessment District Number 01 of 2010's millage rate set at 1.375 mills Public Safety had to dip into their fund equity to cover operation costs approximately \$100,000.00

Comment from resident on Central Dispatch getting out of control. Olson explained that the cost is based on the number of calls physically placed within the Township; this brought on more discussion. It was explained that there is a governing board for the CCDA and that they formulate the fee structure. Olson estimates that a call cost the Township approximately \$18.00 but that is a very rough estimate. Olson also explained that could be options out there to spread the fees more evenly; one would be a surcharge on all landlines and cellular phone line bills.

Assessor Mike Leslie reported the approximate cost of the millage rates for residents; costs are based on a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000.00 and would be as follows:

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| 1.275 millage rate | \$63.75 taxes generated per year |
| 1.375 millage rate | \$68.75 taxes generated per year |
| 1.450 millage rate | \$72.50 taxes generated per year |
| 1.500 millage rate | \$75.00 taxes generated per year |

Chief Olson offered his recommendation to the Board to set the millage rate at 1.500; saying that ultimately the decision is up to the Board on what to set the millage rate as. Olson understands that this is not one of the most popular issues, the Special Assessment District Number 01 of 2010 due to the recall that happened as a direct effect of its origination.

There was further discussion on the pros and cons of Special Assessment District Number 01 of 2010's millage rate being set as with the Board Members and the Public.

MOTION 15-09-01 BY Talbot/ Buller to leave the Special Hearing for the Special Assessment District NO.01 of 2010. 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

**TIMOTHY HILL, SUPERVISOR
EMMETT CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**TERESA MYERS, CLERK
EMMETT CHARTER TOWNSHIP**