



The meeting was called to order by president Tom DeSantis at 7:05 p.m.

Board members present: Larry D'Angelo, Walt Koziol, Darrol Spurgeon, Gary Webb, Frank Dyson, Jack Butler, Bob Parrett, Bob Pisoni, and Carol Webb.

Board members absent: Lenny Wojewoda and Larry McCullen.

Special guests present: Ms. Laurie Van Pelt, Oakland County Director of Management and Budget; Mr. Phil Bertolini, Deputy County Executive; Lt. Gordon Pizzini, Oakland Co. Sheriff's Office; Sgt. Matt Snyder, Marine Division; Jim Runstead, Oakland Co. Commissioner, District 6; Mike Kowall, Supervisor for White Lake Township and Eileen Kowall, State Representative, District 44. Many other residents were also present.

Tom DeSantis asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Jack Butler made a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Parrett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Walt Koziol gave the treasurer's report. We had total receipts for the last two months of \$11,358.16. This includes money received from memberships, fireworks donations, and merchandise sale. We had expenses of \$18,321.63. This includes insurance, fireworks, merchandise expenses, etc. Our current balance on hand is \$17,611.46. Gary Webb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Larry D'Angelo seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tom DeSantis said that we would table committee reports until after we hear the presentation from Ms. Van Pelt. She is the Oakland County Director of Management and Budget. She gave an excellent presentation showing the things that have affected the budget reductions in Oakland County. The main reason is the loss of jobs and drastic reduction in property values. The County depends on over 50% of its revenue from property taxes. Michigan had 13.8% laid off workers and this was the figure of a year ago. This year's official figures are not yet released.

Oakland County has an AAA bond rating and they work hard to keep this high rating. They have implemented a 3 year budget. By looking forward to how things are going, they are making budget cuts to keep the expenses in line with expected revenues. We are most likely going to see a deflated economy which is very bad. They continually check the budget to keep things in line with what is going on in the economy. Because of their efforts, Oakland County is one of a few counties in the county that IS NOT operating with a deficit budget.

After her presentation, Ms. Van Pelt opened up the meeting to questions.

The Sheriff was asked how the cuts affected their department. The Sheriff's Department budget was cut by 50%. They looked at their total budget and made cuts that affected the least number of people. The Marine Division used to have 4 full-time and 60 part-time officers. Now, they have 1 full-time and 2 part-time. Obviously, with this drastic cut in their workforce they had to cut services. They did not want to cut the lake patrols but had no choice. Previously, they had 25 boats available for lake patrol. Now they have 2 jump boats available. They have cut out the popular Boot Camp program. There are no more snowmobile classes and no school education classes. The only lakes that have lake patrols this summer are lakes that have contracted with the Sheriff Department to get patrols. Sgt. Snyder wants the marine patrol officers on the lake a minimum of 4 hours to a maximum 8 hour shift. If the weather turns bad, he will cancel that day.

For this year (2010) White Lake, with the approval of the White Lake Improvement Board, has set up funding of marine patrols on White Lake to be funded through the SAD.

Eileen Kowall is sponsoring Michigan bill 6092 to try and get at least 50% of the money paid in boat registrations to be returned to the county in which the boats are registered. She is getting opposition from reps from the other 81 counties. A lot of the boat fees go to education and the Secretary of State has taken 25% as dictated by Governor Granholm. This should not have been done. She is trying to get the formula, which is already a state law, to be implemented. The State had refused to reveal the number of boats that are registered from Oakland County. She needs our help to get this bill passed. More info will be forthcoming. She suggested we write letters and make calls to help with this effort.

Anyone wishing to see this presentation can check the web site: www.oakgov.com/exec/about/bertolinipresentations.html or wlcl.org.

Laurie can be reached by email: vanpeltl@oakgov.com.

Tom DeSantis thanked Laurie for her presentation and all the other guests who came to the meeting.

Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack Butler. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Webb
Secretary