

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 23, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Present; Supervisor Olson, Trustees; Wales, Gaudette, Erickson, Dixon, Clerk Coron, Treasurer Cahee.

Also Present: Superintendent, Steve Soltis

Those in attendance gave pledge to the Flag.

No public to speak during public comment.

The board entered directly into discussion on the 2005 budget. The remaining accounts of the General Fund were reviewed; 101-265 (buildings & grounds) through 101-999 (transfers out).

A fact sheet was presented by Treasurer Cahee as to what is left in the general fund balance, loss in state revenues and interest earned, what investments/improvements the township has made, the rise in the cost of services and township utilities, insurances, payroll, parks, vehicles, overall maintenance, etc. (see attached)

Even with the cuts that have already been made to the budget, the township still faces a deficit of over \$331,000.00.

The board has pulled \$100,000 from the reserve in order to balance the 2002 budget, \$210,000 from reserve to balance the 2003 budget and \$395,000 from reserve to balance the 2004 budget. This had been done in order to keep current millage rate at 3.1 mills. The consensus of the board is that we can no longer continue along that trend.

After a lengthy, laborious discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Wales, second by Clerk Coron to raise the current millage rate by 1.1 mills.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Treasurer Cahee, Trustees; Gaudette, Wales, Erickson, Supervisor Olson, and Clerk Coron.

Nay; Trustee Dixon

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Wales, second by Clerk Coron to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion carried.

The budget workshop was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Samantha Coron, Breitung Township Clerk