

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 16TH, 2024, AT 10:00 a.m.
1565 JACKSON STREET
MARNE, MI 49435**

- 1. Call meeting to order.**
- 2. Approve agenda.**
- 3. Public comments.**
- 4. Approve Wright Tallmadge Fire Department Budget.**
- 5. Board Comments**
- 6. Adjourn Meeting.**

**WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP
HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024
7:00 PM AT
TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP**

12:35 Lenore Cook called the meeting to order.

Members present: Lenore Cook, Valdyne Schwallier, Adam Taylor and Sharyl Dietrich
Also present: Mike Gavin, Jon Alkema, and Mark Bennett. Absent Rick Schoenborn.

The meeting was turned over to Deputy Chief Alkema and Chief Gavin. They presented the following proposals for fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024.

A Payroll Committee was formed earlier in the year to determine average wages. The committee consisted of Valdyne Schwallier, Adam Taylor, and Brian Winkler, from Woodland Lawn Equipment. The committee submitted paperwork showing the average wages for employees for area fire departments (see attached). It was determined that the Wright/Tallmadge firefighters are underpaid compared to other local agencies.

Presented wage increases are:

	<u>Average</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Incl 5% COLA Proposed</u>
Chief	31,000	23,376	31,000
Deputy Chief	76,059	67,410	79,862
Fulltime Firefighter	56,757	51,480	59,595
Paid On Call Wages			
Firefighter		25.00	26.50
Firefighter/EMT		27.00	28.50
Parttime Wages		19.00	20.00

Other items discussed:

- Overall budget increase across the board from \$607,000 to \$707,400. (increase \$100,400).
- No raise by rank.
- "Forced Work" policy tabled until March. Proposed would be administrative position given comp time, fulltime position will be time and half at the paid-on-call wage.
- Proposed payment in lieu of health insurance - \$4,000 stipend.
- Proposed 2 additional parttime shifts.
- No annual raise policy in place.
- Chief requested his annual cell phone stipend of \$600 be reduced to match actual cost of phone through our plan. Vehicle stipend of \$500/month stays the same.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyl Dietrich

	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget
Totals	0	\$24,000.00
208 (In 206) Health Insurance		\$410,000.00
702 Wages "Salaries"	\$360,000.00	\$34,000.00
704 Training	\$31,500.00	\$0.00
705 Police	\$0.00	\$17,000.00
720 Workers Comp	\$15,000.00	\$22,000.00
740 Fuel	\$19,800.00	\$3,700.00
780 Tallmadge Hazmat	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
790 Wright Hazmat	\$800.00	\$13,000.00
851 Communications/Dispatch	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00
910 Insurance	\$23,500.00	\$12,000.00
930 Supplies	\$11,000.00	\$1,700.00
956 Misc. Expenditures	\$1,700.00	\$32,000.00
995 Pension	\$27,000.00	\$32,000.00
FICA	\$27,500.00	\$628,100.00
TOTALS	\$532,000.00	

206

+ 96,100

	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget
Totals	\$12,700.00	\$13,000.00
704 Training	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
801 Dues	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
910 Physicals	\$30,500.00	\$34,500.00
930 Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
956 Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
977 Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
979 Major Equip Voted Millage	\$75,000.00	\$79,300.00
Totals	\$607,000	\$707,400

208

\$21,000.00
+ 4,300

100,400

Operating Millage/ Math	Taxable	Millage	Levied
Tallmadge	\$508,601,898	1.25	\$635,752.37
Tallmadge IFT	\$4,099,943	0.625	\$2,562.46
Tallmadge Operating Total			\$638,314.84
Police Protection			\$150,000.00
Hydrants			\$65,000.00
Tallmadge Operating Millage			\$423,314.84
Wright	\$204,607,909	1.1947	\$244,445.07
Wright IFT	\$1,600,000	0.59735	\$955.76
Wright Operating Millage			\$245,400.83

Operation Millage Money		
	Budget Dollars	Millage Money Left
Proposed 2023 206 "OP" Budget	\$628,100.00	
Tallmadge 65%	\$408,265.00	\$15,049.84
Wright 35%	\$219,835.00	\$25,565.83