

WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
MARCH 4, 2025
7:00 PM AT
WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

7:00 Valdyne Schwallier called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sharyl Dietrich, Mike Eppink, Rick Schoenborn, Valdyne Schwallier and Adam Taylor
Also present: Jon Alkema, Mark Bennett, Mike Gavin and Steve VanTimmeren

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Dietrich to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2024. No meeting minutes were available for the February Budget Workshop. These will be presented at the June Board Meeting.
- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Taylor to approve the bills to be paid for March, April and May of 2025.
- Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Dietrich to approve the quarterly meeting dates set for fiscal year 2025-26. They will be as follows:
 - Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Tallmadge Township
 - Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Wright Township
 - Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Tallmadge Township
 - Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Wright Township
- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Taylor to allow the Clerk and Treasurer of Tallmadge Township to adjust the 2024-2025 budget.
- Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Dietrich to recommend the 206 Operating and 208 Equipment budgets, as presented to the Fire Board, for fiscal year April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, to their respective township boards.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES

- Chaplin Bill VanderVeen has resigned. Actively seeking replacement.
- Thibault is in his second week of training as fire inspector.
- Chief gave a summary of accomplishments of the Fire Department in the past few years:
 - Extrication equipment in 2015
 - Purchase of Lucas Cardiac devices
 - Medical control-Narcan
 - Breathing treatments
 - Medication for nausea
 - CPAP machine
 - AED started out with one, now have 3
 - Replaced grass trucks
 - Created replacement program for small/large vehicles

- Develop program for duty trucks
- Switch duty night/day program
- 2 new tanker trucks
- Call volume has doubled since 2013
- Working with Polkton, Coopersville, and Chester Townships to acquire an attenuator for the highways.
- Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Taylor to approve the Wright/Tallmadge Fire Department to pay up to \$10,000 out of the Equipment Millage fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyl Dietrich

Totals	2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget
208 (In 206) Health Insurance	\$24,000.00	\$28,000.00
Wages "Salaries"	\$410,000.00	\$440,000.00
704 Training	\$34,000.00	\$42,000.00
705 Police	\$0.00	\$0.00
720 Workers Comp	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
740 Fuel	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
780 Tallmadge Hazmat	\$3,700.00	\$4,000.00
790 Wright Hazmat	\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00
851 Communications/Dispatch	\$13,000.00	\$14,000.00
910 Insurance	\$25,000.00	\$26,000.00
930 Supplies	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
956 Misc. Expenditures	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
995 Pension	\$32,000.00	\$34,000.00
FICA	\$32,000.00	\$34,000.00
TOTALS	\$628,100.00	\$677,700.00

206

Increased
\$49,600.00
7.90%

Totals	2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget
704 Training	\$13,000.00	\$13,300.00
801 Dues	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
910 Physicals	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
930 Maintenance	\$34,500.00	\$37,000.00
956 Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$500.00	\$500.00
7 Equipment	\$16,000.00	\$16,500.00
979 Major Equip Voted Millage	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$79,300.00	\$82,600.00

208

\$22,000.00
Increased
\$3,300.00
4.16%

Operating Millage Math	Taxable	Millage	Levied
Tallmadge	\$541,500,000	1.2446	\$673,950.90
Tallmadge IFT	\$4,099,943	0.6223	\$2,551.39
Tallmadge Operating Total			\$676,502.29
Police Protection			\$170,000.00
Hydrants			\$65,000.00
Tallmadge Operating Millage			\$441,502.29
Wright	\$212,500,000	1.1947	\$253,873.75
Wright IFT	\$1,600,000	0.59735	\$955.76
Wright Operating Millage			\$254,829.51

Operation Millage Money		
	Budget Dollars	Millage Money Left
Proposed 2025 206 "OPS" Budget	\$677,700.00	
Tallmadge 65%	\$440,505.00	\$997.29
Wright 35%	\$237,195.00	\$17,634.51

206 Budget		Quarterly
Total 206	\$677,700.00	
Tallmadge 206 Cont.	\$440,505.00	\$110,126.25
Wright 206 Cont.	\$237,195.00	\$59,298.75

Equipment Millage	Taxable	Millage	Levied
Tallmadge	\$541,500,000	0.2426	\$131,367.90
Tallmadge IFT	\$4,099,943	0.1213	\$497.32
Wright	\$212,500,000	0.7846	\$166,727.50
Wright IFT	\$1,600,000	0.3923	\$627.68

208 Budget	
Tallmadge Major Equip Fund	\$131,865.22
Wright Total Equipment Millage	\$167,355.18
Wright Check to 208 Budget	\$40,000.00
Wright Major Equip. Fund	\$127,355.18

Training	Current Pay	New Pay (minimum)
MFR	\$700.00	\$1,040.00
EMT Matriculation	\$1,200.00	\$1,508.00
Full EMT	\$1,900.00	\$2,548.00
FF 1&2	\$2,800.00	\$3,835.00
Total Cost for Firefighter and EMT	\$4,700.00	\$6,383.00
BI-Monthly Training	\$30.00	\$30.00
Training <4 hours (1/2 day)	\$50.00	\$52.00
Training 4-8 hours (Full day)	\$100.00	\$104.00

Estimated ESTA Costs	
ESTA Part Time Shifts	\$2,600.00
ESTA Paid on Call (calls and training)	\$6,000.00

Firefighter		
	2025	
1	\$55,729.67	Step 1
2	\$58,516.15	Step 2
3	\$61,441.96	Step 3
4	\$64,514.06	Step 4
5	\$67,739.76	Step 5
6	\$71,126.75	Step 6

Lieutenant		
	2025	
1	\$67,739.76	Step 1
2	\$71,126.75	Step 2
3	\$74,683.09	Step 3
4	\$78,417.24	Step 4
5	\$82,338.10	Step 5
6	\$86,455.01	Step 6

Captain		
	2025	
1	\$71,126.75	Step 1
2	\$74,683.09	Step 2
3	\$78,417.24	Step 3
4	\$82,338.10	Step 4
5	\$86,455.01	Step 5
6	\$90,777.76	Step 6

Deputy Chief		
	2025	
1	\$74,683.09	Step 1
2	\$78,417.24	Step 2
3	\$82,338.11	Step 3
4	\$86,455.01	Step 4
5	\$90,777.76	Step 5
6	\$95,316.65	Step 6

This will be reviewed annually at the budget workshop

Annual cost of living adjustments made using the Michigan Inflation Rate Multiplier MCL 211.34d

Administration can hire in within the range comensurate with skills and training

Employees will increase by a step annual (fiscal year) until they are to step 6.

Promotion would give you the first step that affords you a wage increase