

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR BOARD  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board was called to order by the Supervisor Ken Schwartz at 6:30 p.m. April 23, 2018 at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Superior Township, Michigan.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Schwartz led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**3. ROLL CALL**

The members present were Ken Schwartz, Lynette Findley, Alex Williams, and Nancy Caviston.  
Absent: Rodrick Green, Lisa Lewis

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

- Ellen Kurath commented on the firefighter presentation from the April 16, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2018 FINAL COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF SAFER GRANT**

- Fire Chief Vic Chevrette gave the final comments in support of the SAFER Grant. Chief Chevrette commented that new houses that are being built are larger than in years past. The new homes are larger and more lightweight. So, when the homes catch fire they burn faster than older homes. Also, the furniture in the homes burn hotter and faster due to the materials they are constructed of.
- He went on to state that 3 firefighters per shift is taking a toll on the personnel. The grant guidelines do not permit for rehiring of laid off personnel. The guidelines also stipulate that the personnel hires need to take places within 180 days of being awarded the grant. All documentation regarding pay and benefits for personnel have to be submitted with the grant application. The grant would pay for 70% in the first year two years, and 30% in the third year towards additional fire personnel.

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**B. MOTION ON SAFER GRANT**

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, to discuss the SAFER Grant.

- Treasurer McKinney stated that she thinks the board should hold a special meeting to look at the numbers for the 3 firefighters after the 180 days. She also mentioned that the township needs a new fire station. She inquired how many mils would be needed to cover personnel. A new fire station and funds to place into reserves. Supervisor Schwartz stated that he had already done an analysis for hiring 3 new fire personnel. It would require just under a half mil to support 3 new firefighters. The Supervisor stated that Chief Chevrette has run basic numbers for a new fire station. The result is that it would take about \$4,000,000.00 to build a new fire station. That would require that a half mil be levied to cover the construction. Personnel and new facility requirements combined, the supervisor believes that a mil would need to be levied by the township over the next 15 years to cover the funds needed.
- The board has to meet again before May 15 to compile the language for the fire and law enforcement millages for the August ballot.
- Trustee Williams asked if Chief Chevrette anticipated any problems with hiring 3 firefighters over 180 days. Chief Chevrette stated that they have an eligibility list from the Conference of Western Wayne to pull candidates from. Trustee Williams also asked what the effect would be on the grant if one of the hires did not remain with the department after a year. Chief Chevrette said that they can refill the position in that eventuality as the grant only requires that 3 personnel are employed with the township at any given time.
- Treasurer McKinney inquired if the fire department has to use their compiled list or if they can hire personnel that are not on the list. Treasurer McKinney wanted to ensure that the pool of candidates was diverse. The fire personnel stated that people can still apply who are not currently on the list. Although, the Conference of Western Wayne provides the security of pre-qualified candidates. They also stated that one of the biggest problems they have in recruiting personnel is that applicants do not want to work alone.

The motion to move forward with the grant application carried by unanimous vote.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Jefferson, Deputy Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor