

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor, Jerry Jollay called the January 20, 2016 Special Meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m., at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road.

Also Present: Watervliet's Mayor, Dave Brinker and Fire Chief, Dan Jones,
Watervliet Township's Fire Board Member, Joe Stepich and Clerk, Pat Bambrick

Watervliet Joint Fire Board Contract:

- Watervliet Joint Fire Board explained to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, that it is difficult for them to justify servicing Bainbridge Township for less than 2 mills.
- Their budgeting for fiscal year 2016-2017 begins on February 10, 2016 and at this point they will budget without a contribution from Bainbridge Township.
- They intend to terminate their contract as of March 31, 2016.
- A meeting was set for February 3, 2016 at 5 p.m. for both boards to meet again to see if a settlement can be reached.
- The Watervliet Fire Board and Supervisor J. Jollay, left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Public Comment Opened at 6:15 and Closed at 6:45

Planning Commission Meeting

- A February Special Meeting of the Township Planning Commission was scheduled for February 17, 2016, to resume study of the Township's options for Fire Service.
- Clerk Patty Hiler-Molter will contact Whiteman and the South West Michigan Planning Commission to assist the Planning Commission.

Supervisor J. Jollay returned to the meeting at 7:00 pm.

North Berrien Fire Rescue - Clerk Hiler-Molter will contact North Berrien Fire Rescue to see if they are willing to resume talks with the Township regarding Fire Coverage.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Yetzke/N. Weber to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Patty Hiler-Molter, Township Clerk

