

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
April 5, 2014

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to open the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to adjourn into a work session of small groups with Mr. Weber and Mr. Duvelius being in separate groups.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to reconvene from the work session of small groups.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes

This Special Meeting was for a Financial Work Session with the residents. Plans for recovery were the topic discussed and those in attendance were divided into three (3) groups. Many ideas were generated through group work sessions and were then presented by each group, then discussed.

Group one (1) presented their ideas of:

- Repackaging the levies to cover the needs of all the departments with a net tax burden less than the current rate.
- A waiver for journal entries for a clean slate moving forward.
- Develop a five (5) year plan moving forward for major groups with past and future views.
- Collaborate with the school districts for the needs of both parties.
- Have a newsletter to the residents from the Board to reassure residents of what is going on.

Group two (2) presented their ideas of:

- Sell Mounts Park
- Explore the possible uses of the township building for example renting it out.
- Come up with a financial plan before the State does.
- Do not add any additional levies.
- Create long term leases for park improvements.
- Mainly focus on the Roads, Police and Fire.

Group three (3) presented their ideas of:

- Reaching out to the community and use the website to present general information.
- Discuss the public relations issue and separation of the powers between the Fiscal Officer and the Trustees.
- Give clarification of the accounts with deficits and how this likely occurred.
- Develop a CAFR.
- Speak more as a joint group and communicate as a whole with press and restore faith in the community.
- Focus on the reputation of the township.
- Talk to other townships about their financial plans.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes