

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 27, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Supervisor Moore, Trustees LaPorta, McMahan, Murphy, Zirk, Clerk Ford, Assessor Ottley

Absent: Road District Commissioner Freund

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Moore led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. New Business**

At the request of Trustee Murphy, Assessor Ottley explained that there is a cost of living rate of 2.7%. 3.27% is the maximum that can be received. By levying at 4.999%, no black boxing is required. He stated that it is necessary to levy at least this amount in order to receive the tax dollars that the Township is eligible. He explained about a past situation in the township where motor fuel tax funds were permanently lost due to failing to levy correctly. He stated that there is a cost of 11 cents per \$100,000 market value on a home. Assessor Ottley stated that if the Board does not levy to the maximum allowed, current residents would be subsidizing future growth. Trustee LaPorta stated that the numbers presented by the Supervisor on 12/20/10 were inaccurate. Supervisor Moore stated that the proposed Ordinance was posted for 20 days so that the Trustees could review. Trustee LaPorta stated that the financial records are still not available to the Trustees, so the Trustees had nothing to validate the proposed Ordinance. Trustees Zirk and McMahan agreed. Trustee Murphy stated that the incorrect figures provided by the Supervisor would have been a rate of 5.2%.

**Motion was made by Trustee LaPorta, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to complete further analysis and discussion.**

**No one voted. Motion failed.**

Supervisor Moore stated that she is not in favor, because it will raise taxes and that even a small amount is too much. Trustee Murphy stated that this action does not increase taxes and to do so would require a referendum. Trustee Zirk stated that this rate simply insures that the Township receives everything it is eligible to receive.

**Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk, to amend ORDINANCE 12202010-1, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GRAFTON TOWNSHIP FOR TAX YEAR 2010, COLLECTIBLE IN 2011 to reflect the Township Levy rate of 4.999 %.**

**Roll Call**

**AYES: Trustees Murphy, Zirk, LaPorta, McMahan**

**NAYS: Supervisor Moore**

**Motion Passed.**

**5. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee LaPorta, to adjourn the Special Meeting. All present voted Aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted,

Harriet Ford  
Township Clerk