

PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE TERRITORY

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 2010 6:30PM

Roll call for the Town Council members: J. Hart, Wm. Hueber, S. Smith, K. Kindler present with exception of R. Barnette.

Roll call for the Pittsboro Fire Department and Board: T. Griffith, L. Love, D. Devlin, A. Baldauf present.

Others: Attorney J. Buddenbaum, Clerk Treasurer J. Compton, J. Mardis, Town Manager, Marshal Patterson, Lt Scott King

Public: Paige Gregory, Ron Love, Richard Timmermann, Greg Land

President John Hart opened the public hearing for the presentation by Paige Gregory. This presentation provided the Council, the Township representatives and the public a power point document of funding figures that will be involved in the formation of a Fire Territory. She was able to show that all tax payers would have the same tax rate levied and her graphs showed 2 years of small rate changes taking place for both entities. This formation of a Fire Territory will allow a larger funding source of the levy for the Fire Department instead of the emergency loan for operations.

The Council did ask questions pertaining to the debt of the fire department and possible elimination of the Trustee and Township. The Township is responsible for its debt and it is possible the County would be the providing unit in event of the Township being eliminated.

Discussion of the Safety Board was brought forth and Mr. Buddenbaum said this should be considered and could be different or the same members as on the Territory Board.

All Council members did ask the Trustee for a copy of his annual report and it was provided.

Mr. Hart did thank Paige Gregory for her presentation and information she had provided for this hearing. She stated she would remain for the Council meeting following.

Mr. Hart adjourned the public hearing at 7:07 and a short recess would follow before opening the regular scheduled meeting.