

Martin Township Budget Workshop Meeting

May 26, 2021

Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Tiemeyer, Leep, Sipple, Schipper, and Smit

New Business:

Budget Workshop:

Library Budget - Alice Kelsey and Julie Pallet presented the Library budget for 2021/2022. There was an increase in dues. Everything else has remained the same. The Library Board proposed a raise for Librarian and Aide's wages of 5%. The Library Board also asks that the Township pay the Librarian for vacation time per the Library Board policy. The Librarian has not received any more vacation time and she has been working for the Library for 14 years. The Board discussed wage increases for Library staff and additional vacation time per Librarian and approved the increases as presented.

Fire Budget – Chief Knight and Captain Thomas opened the discussion with the Board on the proposed budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. There were increases in fuel, fire department insurance, training/conferences and computer tech support. The Board also discussed the options for the fire truck damages from an accident on April 3, 2021. The insurance claim was in the amount of \$344,838 for damages. The Board considered several options for the Township - replacement for a new truck, fixing the old or buying used to replace engine 12. Given all the numbers and options the Board determined that fixing the current truck in the amount of the insurance claim is the best route for now. There is no room in the budget to purchase a new front line truck and move engine 12 to the back up. Currently engine 12 has 5 years before replacement per NFPA standards.

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Leep, to approve \$815 from training and conferences account to Dillon Thomas for lost wages due to an injury related from 04-03-21 incident. Roll Call- Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads Budget - The Board discussed the 122nd Ave project in place and expressed that the County should keep the Township in better communication regarding the project. Leep stated that the final bid process has yet to go out from the County. Gravel and dust control has maintained the same cost. There is a substantial carry over of road fund revenue for future improvements.

Salary Resolution – Motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to approve the Salary Resolutions 2021-03-06 for no salary increase for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees for the fiscal year 2021/2022. Roll Call- Leep, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund Budget - Smit opened up discussion on the General Township budget for 2021/2022. The Board discussed the budget which included adding a computer/tech line item,

increased bank charges, Election capital outlay, Assessor salary, Treasurer supplies, hall utilities, Sexton wages, contracted mowing services, cemetery supplies and maintenance, drains at large, Ambulance contracted services, park maintenance and building insurance. There were decreases in election worker fees, Clerk deputy wages, print/publish, recycling, planning commission planner and planning commission print/publish.

Truth and Taxation / Budget hearing set for June 9th 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit, to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 10:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Smit".

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk