

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET HEARING

March 14, 2017

Special meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Supervisor Udy, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert

Others present: 35 plus citizens

Motion by Patchin, second by Lippert: CARRIED  
that the Board enter into a special hearing on the 2017-2018 general budget.

The budget is based on .9642 mills generating approximately \$281,340.00 to support the General Fund. Also included in the final budget are the 2.53 mill Fire/EMS special assessment and 2.21 Police special assessment mills as voted and approved at the Public Hearing held in August 2016. Board priorities included allocation of expenditures to ensure maintenance of current services, focus on improving parks and recreations along with needed repairs for the main office roof. A one and one half (1.5%) raise for employees is included for full time and part time regular employees for the Municipal Building, Police Department, Parks and Marina. A three percent (3.0%) raise for elected officials was sought. General Fund, Cemetery, Parks and Recreation, Community Park Marina, Bond Payments and Sanitation were presented to the public for review and comment.

Questions/Explanations:

Questions were asked on how proposed raises would be funded with a reduction of the property tax revenue? Answer: There were no reduction in services proposed and raises would be funded with fund equity. Question asked if the road budget reduction was funding the proposed raises. Answer was the road line item was reduced due to the increased matching from the Roscommon County Road Commission because of additional state funding. Concerns were raised that cutting back on road allocation was not the intention of the new funds generated by the state. Questions arose on additional expenses this year versus last year. Explanation was additional allocation for capital projects to include municipal building roof along with allocating funds to appraisal services for assessor. Questions regarding needs for additional funds for appraisal services for Assessing Department when 20% review of parcels is required in Assessor contract. Questions arose if the fund balance will sustain for years to come.

Motion by Tulgetske, second by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board exit the special hearing on the 2017-2018 budget.

Public Comment and Announcements: None

Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

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Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

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David Udy, Supervisor

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