

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET HEARING

March 13, 2018

Special meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Others present: 12 citizens

Motion by Link, second by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board enter into a special hearing on the 2018-2019 general budget.

The budget is based on .9616 mills generating approximately \$284,891.00 to support the General Fund. Also included in the final budget are the 2.53 mills Fire/EMS special assessment and 2.21 Police special assessment mills as voted and approved at the Public Hearing held in August 2017. Board priorities included allocation of expenditures to ensure maintenance of current services, focus on improving infrastructure of Municipal Building, sidewalks, parks and recreations. No raises were given for full time, part time or seasonal employees for the Municipal Building. No raises were sought for the elected officials. General Fund, Cemetery, Parks and Recreation, Community Park Marina, Bond Payments and Sanitation were presented to the public for review and comment.

Questions/Explanations:

Neil Belanger from the Roscommon County Road Commission encouraged that in future budgets that Gerrish Township allocates more funds towards roads. He explained that it takes an average of \$90,000 (total) yearly to maintain our community roads. The RCRC will be allocating additional funds around \$50,000 for 2018 along with \$21,000 for road maintenance and continue our brining program. The Board explained that our General Fund with another reduction in millage is stretched and cannot commit any more additional dollars to roads and drains at this time without finding additional revenue sources. The Board explained that an architect firm has been hired to assist in the evaluation of the Municipal Building to help prioritize the infrastructure needs that the Board plans to address. A question was asked about the increase in expense of potentially outsourcing the tax bills. The Board explained it would not be an increase rather it would eliminate some of the expenses on various line items not listed in the Treasurer's cost center such as newsletter printing, labor, and copy machine costs. A question was asked when the last time Gerrish Township proposed a headlee rollback to the voters. The Board could not recall that information.

Motion by Patchin, second by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board exit the special hearing on the 2018-2019 budget.

Public Comment and Announcements: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

David Udy, Supervisor

Approved