

GERRISH TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
March 10, 2015

Special meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Others present: 8 citizens

Motion by Lippert, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board enter into a special hearing on the 2015-2016 general budget.

The budget is based on .9654 mills generating approximately \$275,709.25 to support the General Fund. Also included in the final budget are the 2.492 mill Fire/EMS special assessment and 2.21 Police special assessment mills as voted and approved at the Public Hearing held in August 2014. Board priorities included allocation of expenditures to ensure maintenance of current services, focus on improving parks and recreations and finalization of our five year road improvement plan. A one and one half (1.5%) raise for employees is included for full time and part time regular employees. No raises 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. General fund budget includes needed repairs to the main office roof and increased set aside for future recreation expansions and matching grants.

Questions Asked:

Why the road budget was reduced? Why monies were allocated to county equalization support? Why an increase in medical insurance? Were monies set aside to provide a potential cleanup for recent fire? Why bond line item from marina for early pay off was reduced?

Board Explanations:

Road budget was reduced due to current rating of paved roads and mileage request being voted down by voters. Monies were allocated to county equalization support for the potential use for new assessor to be contracted April 2015. Medical insurance rates are based on current premiums plus 10% increase. Medical insurance plans will be changed to different plan to accommodate rates. No monies were allocated to potential cleanup for recent residence fire. Previous year early bond payment was budgeted for potential monies, current year early bond payment is budgeted for actual monies with additional potential monies on separate line item.

Motion by Lippert, second by Patchin: CARRIED
that the Board exit the special hearing on the 2015-2016 budget.

Public Comment and Announcements: It was suggested to have a more simplified presentation of the revenues and expenses for the public compared to the current software reports.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approval_____