

April 1, 2013

Clerk Mary Samuels opened the Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget at 7:00 p.m.

The 2013-2014 Summit Township operating budget was discussed in detail and reflects a .9746 mill levy. The elected officials salaries are as follows: Supervisor: \$7,650.00, Clerk: \$9,008.00, Treasurer: \$8,558.00.00. The salaries for the Trustees are \$1,000.00 each. There were no increases in wages.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Clerk Mary Samuels called the regular meeting of the Summit Township Board to order at 7:02 pm.

Members present: Mary Samuels Clerk, Mary Bedker Treasurer, Trustees Duane Cooper and Terry Woirol.
Absent: Supervisor Nancy Estola.

Motion by Bedker seconded by Cooper to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 4, 2013 regular meeting and the special budget meeting of February 19, 2013 were approved as presented with a motion by Cooper, seconded by Woirol. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Communications were read from Consumers Energy regarding a Relicensing Information Request for the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant.

County Administrator Fabian Knizacky and Equalization Director Tom Routhier were present to talk about the Huron County EDC Legal Fees.

Mason County joined in with Gratiot, Sanilac and Huron Counties in a Tax Tribunal Case to lobby against the state eliminating personal property tax on the wind turbines. They were successful in their efforts and the wind turbines were not eliminated from personal property tax. The next issue was challenging the multiplier. The old multiplier rate is 100% over 15 years down to 35%. The new multiplier was suggested to be 80% down to 35% in 7 years. The old rate was used in 2012. This issue is still ongoing. The difference to the township between the old and new multiplier is about \$4,300.00. Consumers Energy has until May 31, 2013 to appeal directly to the Tax Tribunal. Will be working on a compromise.

Brief public comment was received from Colleen Plummer regarding the legal fees for the EDC. The County, Summit Township and Riverton Township are splitting the fees by one third each.

Under Old Business the Following was Discussed:

1. **Cemetery Ordinance**-Motion by Cooper seconded by Woirol to approve the Cemetery Ordinance #13 and to place a summary of the ordinance in the Ludington Daily News. The Cemetery Ordinance #13 will take effect thirty days after it has been published in the paper. Ayes all. Motion carried.
2. **Mowing**-Motion by Cooper seconded by Woirol to have Steve Morrill from Morrill Landscaping continue to do the township mowing for the same cost as last year. Ayes all. Motion carried.
3. **Road Improvements for 2013**-Discussion on paving Brye Road with monies received from Consumers Energy through the Road Commission. More discussion will follow at a later date. Need to look into making repairs to Schlick Road.

Under New Business the Following was Discussed:

- **Sheriff Report-14** calls for February and March. The Summit Park Pavilion was vandalized on March 31, 2013. D Cooper will meet with the Sheriff to get a report.

2. **Fire Chief Report**-Joe Cooper reported there is a new member on the board. The MCRFA had a total of 971 calls in 2012. Their annual pancake breakfast is scheduled for April 20, 2013.
3. **Commissioners Report**-Have reduced the Council on Ageing Board from 14 to 7 members. Are working on a State Certified snow-mobile trail.
4. **Budget Amendments for Fiscal year 2012-2013** were discussed. Motion by Cooper, seconded by Bedker to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. (Attached) Ayes all. Motion carried.
5. **The 2013-2014 Operating Budget** was presented. Bedker made a motion to accept the budget as presented with a .9746 mill levy and appropriations be drawn for same. Seconded by Woirol. Ayes all. Motion carried.
6. **Establishing depositories** for the Township funds was discussed. Samuels made a motion to use West Shore Bank, Grand Valley Co-op Credit Union, National City Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Northwest Bank, Huntington Bank and the Ludington Branch of the Shelby Bank. Seconded by Cooper. Ayes all. Motion carried.
7. **Paper for General Circulation**-Motion by Cooper seconded by Woirol to use the Ludington Daily news as the newspaper for general circulation for notices and meetings for Summit Township for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Ayes all. Motion carried.
8. **Pentwater Township Request**-The Pentwater Township Board has asked that their residents be allowed to use the Summit Township Transfer Site for disposal of their recyclables from November through March beginning on November 1, 2013. They will handle all of the administration. No action was taken. Will discuss again at the next meeting.
9. **Special Meeting**-A special meeting will be held on April 22, 2013 at 5:00 pm to discuss the cemetery.
10. **Wind Turbine Revenues** from personal property tax is estimated at \$17,395.00. The question was asked what the board intended to do with the extra revenues. Will discuss at the next meeting.
11. **State Data Center**-Motion by Cooper and seconded by Samuels to pass a resolution in support of the Goji' Group's proposal to build data storage facilities near the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given with a January 31, 2013 balance of \$497,588.15, disbursement of \$39,230.47, revenues of \$109,183.57 leaving a March 31, 2013 balance of \$567,541.25.

Cooper made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$39,230.47, for check numbers 8796 through 8842. Seconded by Woirol. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

1. The main page of the Township Web Site has been developed and is ready to begin inserting text.

Supervisor's Report-None

Extended Public Comment: Colleen Plummer would like a copy of the Good Neighbor Policy. Will contact someone on the board to see if there is one available.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. with a Motion by Cooper, seconded by Bedker. Ayes all. Motion carried.



Mary Samuels Summit Township Clerk