

April 3, 2023

**Budget Meeting**

Supervisor Wayne Kelly opened the Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget at 7:00 p.m.

The 2023-2024 Summit Township operating budget was discussed in detail and reflects a .9746 mill levy. The elected officials' salaries are as follows: Supervisor: \$16,560.00, Clerk: \$21,502.00, Treasurer: \$19,320.00.

The salaries for the Trustees are \$4,800.00 each.

The Budget Public Hearing closed at 7:06 pm.

Supervisor Kelly called the regular meeting of the Summit Township Board to order at 7:06 pm.

Members present: Supervisor Wayne Kelly, Clerk Kay Deanda, Treasurer Mary Bedker, Trustee Ed Chase and Trustee Todd Jorissen.

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

The minutes for the February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting and the Special Budget Meeting on February 20, 2023 were approved as presented with a motion by Bedker seconded by Jorissen. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Communications:**

**1. Sheriff Report-none**

**2. Fire Chief Report-**February had a total of 6 calls and March had a total of 3 calls for Summit Township. So far, a grand total of 32 calls for 2023. This time last year there were a total of 44 calls. Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday May 13, 2023 from 7 AM until noon at the Riverton Township Hall. There will be raffles and fund raisers in the Fire Hall. Last year there were about 500 people in attendance. Riverton Fire Department received a \$9000 grant from the Good Neighbor Fund for the trolling motor on the new rescue boat. At this time Mason County is looking for a new Emergency Manager. Oceana and Manistee Emergency Managers are filling in as needed.

**3. Commissioners Report-none**

**4. Road Commission Report-**13 Barricades were given to Mason County to use for emergencies. The Road Commission is storing them for the county. Still need Riverton's part of the contract before going forward on the Brye Road project this year. The State of Michigan is making it harder to use brine on the dirt roads in the county. No solutions for what else could be used at this time. Brine has increased in cost from 17 cents to 21 cents. Based on the same computer platform as the Snow Path program for the winter, there will be a Dust Path program started for the trucks that spread the brine in the summer. Weight restrictions will tentatively be off by April 10<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. There may be some new programs at West Shore Community College for CDL certifications.

**5. Communications-none**

Brief Public Comment — Docks will be in Bass Lake by next week. The Marrison Boat Ramp needs some fill added before it is ready for summer.

**Under Old Business the following was discussed:**

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**Under New Business the Following was discussed:**

**i. Budget Amendments for Fiscal year 2022-2023** were discussed. Motion by Chase, seconded by Jorissen to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**j. The 2023-2024 Operating Budget** was presented. Bedker made a motion to accept the 2023-2024

budget as presented with a .9746 mill levy and appropriations be drawn for same. Seconded by Deanda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**C. Establishing Depositories** for the Township funds was discussed. Deanda made a motion to use West Shore Bank, Preferred Credit Union, Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, the Ludington Branch of the Shelby Bank and Michigan Class, Safe Harbor Credit Union. Seconded by Chase. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**D. Paper for General Circulation**-Motion by Deanda seconded by Chase to use the Ludington Daily News as the newspaper for general circulation and Mason County Press, as needed, for notices and meetings for Summit Township for the 2023-2024. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**E. Summer School Property Tax Collection**- Motion by Bedker and seconded by Jorissen to approve the collection of school property taxes as certified by the taxing units electing to collect summer taxes on property located within the township. The Ludington School District agrees to pay the township \$4.00 per parcel collection fee on or about September 1, 2023 as invoiced by the Township. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**F. Pavilion/Hall Rental Deposit Refund Checks**-Presented is an amendment to the current contracts that would add:

"Refund of Deposit: After the pavilion checklist has been completed, a refund check will be mailed to the person who wrote the deposit check. We ask that this check be **cashd within 90 days** from the date of the check. Any checks still outstanding after 90 days, will have a stop payment put on them. If a second check is cut, a \$50 charge will be deducted from that check to cover the costs of stopping payment on the first check."

This amendment is to help prevent incurring the charges for stop payments. Motion by Jorissen and seconded by Chase to approve adding this amendment to both the Pavilion and Hall Rental Contracts. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**G. MI Gutter Guys Estimate for hall gutters**- Motion by Chase and seconded by Jorissen to contract MI Gutter Guys to add new gutters on the township hall for \$1,359.15. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer's report was given with a February 1, 2023 balance of \$396,695.56 disbursement of \$88,768.85 and revenues of \$172,959.54 leaving a March 31, 2023 balance of \$480,886.25.

Chase made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$64,294.68 for check 11353 thru 11410 inclusive and payroll check 15621 thru 15632 totaling \$25,074.17 for a total of \$89,368.85. Seconded by Jorissen. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Clerks Report** – There will be no May election in Summit Township this year. We submitted a HAVA grant to the state for election equipment for \$1292.05 in June 2022. It looks like these funds are going to be paid out in April or May 2023.

**Supervisor's Report** – Water samples will start soon, after the chance for frost. Pavilion is being sided and soon will have new paint inside. The Summit Park bathroom gutters will be looked at soon. Two to three land divisions are in the works.

Extended Public Comment: none

There being no further business brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



*Kay Dedda* Summit Township Clerk