

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held March 30, 2010**

Call to Order

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690.

Roll Call

Township Board members present: Benak, Boyd, Hockin, Hubbell and Lake

Township Board members absent: None

Also attending: 9 others

Agenda as Written in Special Meeting Notice

Public Hearings

2010/2011 Fire Special Assessment Budget

2010/2011 All Other Township Budgets

Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice

Budget Amendments-Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Approval of Bills-Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Budgeted Transfer-Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Resolution # 10-07, Salary for Supervisor

Resolution # 10-08, Salary for Clerk

Resolution # 10-09, Salary for Treasurer

Resolution # 10-10, Salary for Trustee

Resolution # 10-11, Resolution for Parks and Recreation Administration

Resolution # 10-12, Salary for Parks & Recreation Administration

Resolution # 10-13, General Appropriations Act

Letter for Broadband Support

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was set as written in the special meeting notice.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Hockin declared a conflict of interest on Resolution #10-11

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Proposed Special Assessment Fire District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011

The supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Notice of the budget public hearing for the Special Assessment Fire District Budget was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on March 23, 2010 as required by law and on March 28, 2010 for informational purposes.

The property tax millage rate of 1.2500 mills is proposed to be levied to support the proposed Fire District Special Assessment budget. The supervisor reviewed the proposed revenues and expenditures, projected fund balance change and salary/wage schedule. No capital expenditures are proposed.

There were no written comments

Public Comment:

Cheryl Walton, 4995 Buck Rd

- Asked how much revenue is derived from the property taxes (1.25 mills).

Vaughn Harshfield, 4404 N. Broomhead Rd

- Asked for an explanation of the Salaries & Wages, Operating Expense and Contingency.

Steven Mangus, PO Box 84

- Asked if wages include the fire chief position.
- Stated money spent from the Fire Capital Improvement Fund actually came from the fire millage by way of a transfer from the Fire Fund.
- Objects to 1.25 mill levy, would like to see levy reduced to 1.00 mills.

Robert Herzberg, Sr., 630 Shelly B Ln.

- Concurs with Mangus.
- Proposed fire building is too extravagant, not needed.

Cheryl Walton, 4995 Buck Rd

- Questioned the fire chief wage for 2010/2011.

All questions asked by the public were answered by board members.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on the Proposed General Fund Budget and All Other Township Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011

The supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. Notice of the budget public hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on March 23, 2010 as required by law and on March 28, 2010 for informational purposes.

The property tax millage rate 1.0000 as reduced by MCL 211.34d is proposed to be levied to support the proposed General Fund budget. The supervisor reviewed the proposed revenues, expenditures, debt service, capital expenditures, fund transfers and projected fund balance change for all funds. The salary/wage schedule, graded wage scale and salary resolutions were reviewed for all funds.

There were no written comments.

Public Comment:

Steven Mangus, P.O. Box 84

- Asked about seal-coating the boat parking lot at Whitewater Township Park.

Cheryl Walton, 4995 Buck Rd

- Asked why State Revenue Sharing goes to the General Fund
- Asked why the fund balance for the General Fund is so high. States MTA only recommends 3 months reserve.

Steven Mangus, P.O. Box 84

- States it makes sense to put State Revenue sharing in the General Fund where it can then be transferred to other funds.
- Asked about transfers to other funds.
- Questioned the Park debt; stated why not pay it off and save the interest expense.
- Suggests making bank statements and credit card statements available on a monthly basis.
- Suggests township accept credit cards for payment of taxes.

Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd

- Asked how much has been put in Ambulance Replacement Fund.
- Suggests cell tower lease revenue be put in Ambulance Replacement Fund.

Steven Mangus, P.O. Box 84

- Concurs with Halstead re: cell tower lease revenue being put in Ambulance Replacement Fund.

Vaughn Harshfield, 4404 N. Broomhead Rd

- Stated an appropriation is not a mandate to spend.
- Asked where the 95,594 deficit in the General Fund comes from.

Steven Mangus, P.O. Box 84

- Questioned the budget for attorney fees.

Cheryl Walton, 4995 Buck Rd

- Asked about the plans for the Leedy/Burleson property once it is purchased.
- Voiced concern regarding the possibility of building a township hall on the site.
- Voiced concern regarding the proposed fire building.
- Stated the township has stifled growth in the township.

Steven Mangus, P.O. Box 84

- Reiterated Walton's concerns.
- Suggests changes to the Zoning Ordinance to encourage growth.

There being no further public comment the public hearing was closed at 8:27 p.m.

Budget Amendments-Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Budget amendments for the 2009/2010 fiscal year were presented by clerk Hockin.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Benak, to approve the budget amendments for the 2009/2010 fiscal year as presented by the clerk. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Approval of Bills-2009/2010 Fiscal Year

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak, to approve Alden State Bank vouchers 32499-32546.

Motion approved 5-0.

Budgeted Transfers-2009/2010 Fiscal Year

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to approve transfers of \$5,800 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Fund as budgeted; \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Replacement Fund; and \$25,800 from the Fire Fund to the Fire Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion approved 5-0.

Salary Resolutions

Resolution #10-07, Salary for Supervisor

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Hubbell, to adopt Resolution #10-07, Salary for Supervisor.

Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Resolution #10-08, Salary for Clerk

Moved by Benak, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #10-08, Salary for Clerk. Roll call vote: Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Resolution #10-09, Salary for Treasurer

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #10-09, Salary for Treasurer. Roll call vote: Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Resolution #10-10, Salary for Trustee

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Benak, to adopt Resolution #10-10, Salary for Trustee. Roll call vote: Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Resolution #10-11, Resolution for Parks and Recreation Administration

Hockin declared a conflict of interest regarding Resolution #10-11.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #10-11, Resolution for Parks and Recreation Administration. Roll call vote: Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, abstain; Hubbell, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Resolution #10-12, Salary for Parks & Recreation Administration

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Benak, to adopt Resolution #10-12, Salary for Parks & Recreation Administration. Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Resolution #10-13, General Appropriations Act

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #10-13, General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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Boyd stated the board should work on eliminating the deficit budget and prepare a balanced budget.

Letter for Broadband Support

Lake presented a request from Tino Breithaupt, Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce requesting letters of support for their Regional Broadband Initiative stimulus funding.

It was the consensus of the board to approve letters of governmental support being sent to USDA BIP administrators and NTIA BTOP administrators by supervisor Lake.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Lake reminded board members of the following meetings: April 6th meeting to interview auditors; April 8th meeting to interview attorneys; and April 13th regular board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, Clerk