

Torch Lake Township
Public Budget Hearing 6:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting Immediately Following Public Budget Hearing
Hubbell Community Building
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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The Budget Hearing was called to order by Clerk Isola in the absence of Supervisor Cadwell. at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Clerk Isola, Treasurer Moore, Trustee Ambuehl and Trustee Sapino. Absent: Supervisor Cadwell.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for the Fiscal year 2020-2021. A copy of the General Fund Budget and Special fund Budgets and millage rates were presented to the public. General Operations 1.3000; Hubbell Fire 1.9682; Bootjack Fire 0.9421; Point Mills 0.5100 and roads 1.0000. The budget was explained to those present. In the coming 2020-2021 budget we will be contributing to the Bootjack First Responders, purchasing more Christmas decorations, and contributing to UPSET West program. The floor was opened to the public for questions and comments with no response. There being no further business a motion was made by Sapino to adjourn and a second was made by Moore. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board was called to order by Clerk Isola at 6:06 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Sapino, Moore, Ambuehl and Isola present. Cadwell absent

The meeting was turned over to Trustee Ambuehl so Clerk Isola could take the minutes.

A motion was made by Isola and a second from Moore to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Sapino and a second by Moore was made to approve the minutes from February 19, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: A Charter letter dated 2-28-20 with information on price increase for Spectrum MI Plan and channel relocation. Also from Charter a letter dated 3-12-2020 announcing a new network called Bull Dog Shopping.

A March 16, 2020 letter was received from Michigan American Water Company concerning COVID 19 assuring customer the drinking water provided has treatment barriers making it safe for customers. A second letter from Michigan American Water Company saying they have a prepared plan in place for the health and safety of their customers and employees in light of the COVID19 virus.

A letter from Today's Health Club dated 2-18-20 advising they received a letter from the State of Michigan with the progress made with the Marijuana Regulatory Agency stating they have reached prequalification status for the Medical Marijuana.

Also, a letter dated 2-27-20 was received from UPSET West thanking the Township for the \$2000.00 contribution.

A motion by Isola and a second by Ambuehl was made to accept and place the correspondence on file. All favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Sapino to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fund for \$29675.53, from the Garbage Fund of \$11967.32 and current bills from the General Fund of \$37110.59. Also a check from Bootjack Fire Special Assessment for \$6458.92 to North Star Emergency Vehicles for improvement to truck 2 and 3. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Ambuehl, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that as of March 2, 2020 the Township's part for collection of winter taxes was done. A motion by Isola, and a second by Ambuehl was made to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: None

Refuse: The Refuse committee is requesting a raise for Karen Rovano who serves on the committee, from \$40.00 a month to \$50.00. Schoolcraft Twp will be raising their committee members also. If they raise them more than \$50.00 we would ask that Karen receive the same compensation. The Joint Refuse will be contributing \$3000.00 toward the insulation cost of the insulation of the DPW building, where the garbage truck is stored, to be paid quarterly. Refuse workers will receive a .50 raise in April. The sub who works the truck will receive a 1.50 raise.

Fire: None

Parks: Parks are in need of new picnic tables. Also, reportedly there are a lot of trees down at the White City Park.

Roads: No committee report.
Treasurer Moore made mention of her road, Louie's Point is mushy, and muddy and wanted to bring it to the road committee's attention.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore to approve the 2020-2021 budget for the General Fund, the millage rates of 1.300 for General Operations, 1.9682 for Hubbell Fire, 0.9421 for Bootjack Fire, 0.5100 for Point Mills Fire and Roads, 1.0000 and the Special Fund Budgets for: Garbage, Water Fund, Little Traverse Special Assessment, BVFD Special Assessment, HVFD Special Assessment, Hubbell Fire Protection, Bootjack VFD Checking, Township Road Assessment, Milfoil Special Assessment,

Dollar Bay Fire Truck Special Assessment, Park Fund. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Isola, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to pass a resolution to increase pay to \$14.50 for the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer effective April 1, 2020. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes; and Ambuehl, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl to approve the meeting schedule for 2020-2021. The meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Meeting places being Hubbell Community Building, Hubbell Fire Department and Jacobsville Community Center as noted on the schedule. All in favor, motion carried.

Sapino (corrected MI)

A motion by Isola and seconded by ~~Cadwell~~ Sapino to approve Superior National Bank, Range Bank and Incredible Bank as Township depositories. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to approve amending Bootjack Fire Department \$1000.00 and Assessment Equalization 1000.00. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Sapino, yes; Moore, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: Everyone attending agreeing to stay safe.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sapino and seconded by Moore. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola
Clerk