

Torch Lake Township Draft
Regular Monthly Meeting Immediately Following Public Budget Hearing
Hubbell Community Building
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Brian Cadwell at 6:00 p.m.

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

The purposed of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for the Fiscal year 2021-2022. A copy of the General Fund Budget and millage rates were presented to the public. General Operations 1.300; Hubbell Fire 1.9682; Bootjack Fire 0.9421; Point Mills 0.5100 and Roads 1.000. The budget was explained to those present. In the coming 2021-2022 budget we will be purchasing a used loader. The floor was opened to the public for questions and comments with no response. There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Isola and a second by Ambuehl. The meeting adjourned at 6.05 pm.

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board was called to order at 6:06 pm by Supervisor Cadwell.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was observed for Ronald Aittima who passed away and at one time was a Fireman and served as Supervisor of the Township.

Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; and Sapino, yes and Isola, yes.

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

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Ambuehl to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter from Charter dated March 11, 2021 stating that four new channels would be available in April. They are Pet TV, Recipe TV, Cars TV and Justice TV.

Township Insights news dated March 12, 2021 informing Townships of the American Rescue Plan Act will be providing local units of Government federal recovery funds. Torch Lake Township should be receiving \$180,000.00. The Township should receive a portion within the next 60 days and a description of what the funds can be used for will be coming.

EGLE, State of Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy provided a copy and a notice of permit for the Bridge Replacement on County road T26 (Mud Lake Road) over Mud Lake Creek. A motion was made by Isola and a second by Moore was made to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Sapino to approve prepaid bills from the General Fund of \$32523.37, from the Garbage Fund, \$13745.21 and current bills from the General Fund of \$10225.48.

Also, a check to West Shore Fire for \$561.76 for equipment from the Bootjack Fire Department Special Assessment and a check to the Houghton County Road Commission from the Roads Assessment Fund for \$150283.03 for paving roads in Torch Lake Township and a check to Wayne Henry for \$50.00 for gas from the Milfoil Assessment Fund for 2020. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes and Ambuehl yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that the Hubbell Fire Protection Fund with Superior National Bank will no longer receive service charges on the account as they change the status. Also, Range Bank is working on getting a better rate on the Garbage Account. A motion was made by Isola and seconded by Ambuehl to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: The Sewage Committee has finally received notice they will be receiving a Grant/Loan For the Lagoon. 6 million at 1.25% loan for 40 years and a 6.477 million Grant.

Refuse: 2018 Mack truck has been in Tomahawk WI for repairs for the last two weeks and should be done this week.

Fire: None

Parks: None

Old Business: A motion by Isola and a second by Ambuehl as made to amend the Professional Fees \$1800.00, Bootjack Building and Grounds by \$1000.00, Bootjack Fire Dept. \$500.00 and Hubbell Building and Grounds \$600.00. Roll call: Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Special Fund Budgets (Amended) for 2020-2021 were provided. A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Moore was made to approve the amended budgets as presented. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: A motion by Moore and a second by Sapino to approve millage rates, the Special Fund budgets, the General Fund budget and Schoolcraft/Torch Lake Joint Refuse budget. Roll call: Isola, Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A Resolution to establish salaries for 2021-2022 effective 4-1-2021 was adopted as follows: Supervisor \$12500.00, Clerk \$13750.00, Deputy Clerk \$14.50 an hour up to \$2500.00 a year, Treasurer, \$14500.00, Deputy Treasurer, \$15.50 up to \$2750.00 a year and Trustee wage is \$190.00 a month with \$95.00 for any extra meetings. A motion was made by Isola and a second by Moore to approve the resolution establishing salaries. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Sapino, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A new meeting schedule for 2021-2022 was presented. The meetings will continue to be held the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Hubbell Community Building, Jacobsville Community Center or Bootjack Fire Hall. Meeting site listed on schedule. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Sapino was made to authorize depositories for the township as Superior National Bank, Range Bank and Incredible Bank. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Cadwell and seconded by Isola to approve Roger Zappa as the Torch Lake Township attorney for 2021-2022. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to hire REMC1 Support to back up the Township data other than accounting. The cost being \$50.00 to set up and \$50.00 a year. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Cadwell, yes, Moore, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Cadwell and a second by Ambuehl was made to approve the purchase of lights for the Hubbell Fire Department trucks from West Shore Fire at the estimated price of \$6000.00 which includes a light bar etc. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Ambuehl, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: An update was given by Ry Kochiek on the paperwork for Today's Health Club. (Noggins shop)

There being no further business a motion was made by Sapino and a second by Moore to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola
Clerk