

Torch Lake Township
Public Budget Hearing 6:00 p.m.
Hubbell Community Building
March 15, 2023

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THE BUDGET HEARING was called to order by Supervisor Cadwell at 6:00 p.m.

The hearing opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for the fiscal year of 2023-2024. A copy of the General Fund Budget and special funds budgets and millage rates were presented to the Public. General Operations 1.2629, Hubbell Fire 1.9790, Bootjack Fire 0.9715, Point Mills 0.5100 and Roads 0.9819. The budget was explained to those present.

The floor was opened to the public for questions and comments with no response. There being no further business the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Cadwell at 6:03 p.m.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Moore was made to approve the agenda with two additions of financial institutions of Torch Lake C. U., Breakwater C. U., UP State Bank. Along with, considering approving the contractor for Township Storm drain cleaning. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Cadwell to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter dated February 17, 2023 from UPSET West, PH Foundation thanking the Township for the \$2000.00 contribution.

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

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Ambuehl to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$31098.11, from the Garbage Fund of \$15943.99 and current bills from the General Fund of \$39991.00. Also, two checks from ARPA funds. One to Northern Drywall for \$1833.00 for drywall for the Community Center in Bootjack and one to Dollar Bay Linoleum for \$6625.18 for a new tile ceiling in the Community Center in Bootjack. In addition, approval for an electronic payment is requested, to Linda Hale for assistance in preparing a mandatory Uniform Chart of Accounts for \$600.00. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; Cadwell, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that Winter tax deposits have been paid. February 28, 2023 was close out date for winter and summer taxes for 2022. A motion by Sapino and a second by Isola was made to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: 4 bids have come in for the construction of the lagoons. Bids were all considerably higher than expected. May have to seek additional funding.

Refuse: Refuse workers were given a raise of \$2.25 an hour for 2023-2024. Also, Tom Johnson, A long time Refuse worker has given a two week notice and will be leaving.

Fire: Hubbell Fire Chief Dessellier is looking into ordering radios and light bars for the 2003 Fire Truck purchased recently. He is also discussing signage with Koski Signs for the fire department garage doors that were replaced and also checking into neon signage.

Parks: None

Roads: Supervisor Cadwell reported the renewal of Road Improvement Millage will be on the ballot for May 2, 2023. Residents present, from South Big Traverse questioned whether the Township will be paving the 3600 feet of their road up to their turn around and whether a seasonal road extension could be paved also. Supervisor Cadwell stated that the Township has to wait to see if the millage passes and as for the seasonal road, the County has to be contacted.

Old Business: Traverse Engineering received bids for cleaning storm drains on behalf of the Township for \$88615.00 from Pipetek of Plymouth, MI and a bid from MJO of Hancock for \$482,428.42. A motion was made by Isola and a second by Ambuehl to accept the low bid of \$88615.00 from Pipetek. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Cadwell was made to approve budget amendments as follows: Board of Review \$300.00, Township Board \$2000.00, Elections \$1500.00, Par Plan Ins. \$3000.00, Bootjack building & grounds \$6500.00, Hubbell building & grounds \$1800.00, Bootjack Fire Dept. \$17500.00, Hubbell Fire Department \$1200.00, Clerk \$700.00 and Pole Barn \$1000.00. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Sapino, yes; Moore, yes; Isola, yes and Ambuehl, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to adopt 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and Special Fund Budgets presented at the budget hearing. Roll call: Isola, yes, Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Sapino and a second by Ambuehl was made to approve the millage rates as presented in the budget hearing. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes and Ambuehl yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore, and a second by Ambuehl to approve the meeting schedule for 2023-24 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl was made to authorize the depositories for the Township for 2023-2024 as follows:

SNB, Range Bank, Incredible Bank, Torch Lake Credit Union, Breakwater Credit Union and UP State Bank. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Cadwell and a second by Isola was made to appoint Roger Zappa as our Township attorney for 2023-2024. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to approve salary increases for DPW Superintendent, Don LaVergne to \$1850.00 a month and an increase to \$15.50 for DPW worker, Ron Dove. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Cadwell and a second by Moore was made to approve Susan B. Sanford as Township auditor for 2023-2024. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to appoint Lou Ambuehl as Township Clerk effective April 1, 2023. Roll call: Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. Ambuehl abstained from voting. Majority in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Sapino and a second by Ambuehl was made to advertise for a new board member at large. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ry Koschick of Noggins Shop/Today's Health Club provided the Township with a letter of approval for the State License for cannabis from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency. The license fee for the Township is \$5000.00. Mr. Koschick made the request of the Township to make a partial payment of \$1000.00 down and the balance to be paid by the end of May. A motion was made by Cadwell and a second by Ambuehl to allow the payment to be scheduled as requested. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Sapino, NO, Moore, yes and Cadwell, yes. four yes votes one no, motion carried.

Scott Sapino made mention that the vehicles block the roadway on J St. have not been removed yet.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ambuehl to adjourn and was seconded by Isola. meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary A. Isola
Clerk