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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2022/2023 TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2022 6:00PM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Ratkovich called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present – Ratkovich, Stamboullis, Metz, Sanders, Nolte, McDole, and Sikkenga. Absent – McDole (arrived at 6:35 pm). Also present: Attorney Mark Roberts; Colleen Coogan, Woodhill Consulting; David Rohr, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary. Motion by Sikkenga to excuse McDole from the meeting as he gave notice he would not attend due to a work-related delay. Motion second by Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REMARK/CONFLICT OF INTERERST: No conflicts of interest.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Opened 6:04 PM

Harley Rider, 44212 Rider Ct.

His concerns were: a) responsible fiscal government by saving for the future, b) what happens to the American Rescue Plans Grant funds, c) the current budget would have the township broke in the next six years, d) On the tenth anniversary of the tornado that hit Dexter Township who is maintaining the outdoor warning system.

Jason Maciejewski, 8983 Starfield Ct.

He questioned what was happening to Wylie Road, both north and south of Island Lake Road, as the road continues to deteriorate.

Lois Beerbaum, 9897 Fleming Road

She echoed the frustration of the deteriorating roads.

APPROVAL of the PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:

Motion by Nolte to approve the agenda as presented. Motion second by Metz. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2022/2023 BUDGET: Opened 6:12 PM

Public Hearing comments opened 6:13 PM

Harley Rider, 44212 Rider Ct.

His concerns were: a) less transparency with the current board, b) add line item under General Revenue to show deficit transfer into fund balance, c) need line item to show American Rescue Plan funds transferred into fund balance, d) Open Space and Land Preservation line item is in violation of State Law, and e) in the interest of more transparency he requested more line item details so the public can know what the boards intentions are.

Molly Maciejewski, 8983 Starfield Ct.

She requested money be allocated to fix Wylie Road south of Island Lake Road up to the Lima Township line. She noted the dust control wasn't working as the road base has deteriorated. Public Hearing comments closed 6:15 PM.

Motion by Sikkenga to close the [Budget] Public Hearing. Motion second by Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board discussion and comments:

Consultant Coogan clarified several points: a) the budget is not in deficit as all the reserves have not been depleted, b) it is an old practice to record a fund balance as revenue when currently the fund balance falls to the bottom line, c) maintenance of the Outdoor Warning System [by Frontline] is in the Building Maintenance line item, d) Intergenerational Equity – when closing the 2021 Budge the General Fund balance was 400% of annual expenditures, exceeding recommended fund balances by the Michigan Government Finance Officers and the Association of the United States and Canada, e) American Rescue Plan Funds rules that any municipality under 10 million population can use the money as General Government Revenue, f) there are reserves in the General Fund and Fire Fund, g) future budget amendments for the Fire Fund and Open Space and Land Preservation line item, h) the current OSLP line item is to cover expenses, not purchase land, i) prioritized list of road repairs with discussion on roads in common with Lima Township.

6:35 pm McDole arrives at the meeting.

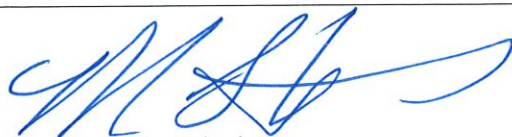
Motion by Nolte to approve the 2022/2023 Budget as presented in the [Board] packet. Motion second by Sikkenga.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Nolte, McDole, Stambouellis, Ratkovich, Metz, Sanders, Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried 7-0.

FY 2022/2023 Budget Hearing closed at 6:39 PM.

As there were two agendas presented (Budget Meeting & Regular Meeting) for tonight, Attorney Roberts suggested not starting [at the top] on the second agenda but combining the agenda with the regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stamboulellis, Clerk

Dexter Township

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, THE DULY QUALIFIED CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2022 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15, DAY OF MARCH 2022.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP