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Dexter Township Board – Budget Meeting Tuesday February 17, 2026 6:00PM

Call To Order

Supervisor Scott called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call/Conflict Of Interest Check

Present: Trustee Nolte, Trustee Abbott, Treasurer Metz, Clerk Stamboulellis, Trustee Sanders, Trustee Sikkenga, and Supervisor Scott.

Absent – None

No Board member had a conflict of interest.

Trustee Sikkenga noted that her mother was in the emergency room, and she might need to leave suddenly if called.

Approval Of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Trustee Sikkenga, seconded by Clerk Stamboulellis.

All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Call For Public Comment On Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

There were no public comments on the FY 2027 budget.

Budget Discussion

Operating Budget Requests

Supervisor Scott presented the operating budget requests, noting that all updates from the previous budget workshop had been incorporated. The supervisor highlighted that the revenue projections had been updated using the correct formula for the 2.7% projected increase as provided by the assessor, which resulted in slightly lower projected revenue compared to the budget workshop.

The board reviewed the budget line by line, with several notable discussions:

Regarding FOIA expenses, Trustee Sikkenga questioned how these expenses were being tracked in the budget when they should be offset by FOIA fees collected. Clerk Stamboulellis explained that the FOIA expense line was used to track costs associated with more complex FOIA requests requiring legal counsel or additional staff time. After discussion, the board agreed to include a \$1,500 placeholder in the budget for these expenses to more accurately reflect potential costs.

MS

Clerk Stambouellis requested the board consider possibly adding funds for 9-day early voting at Dexter Township for the upcoming election year – dependent on the Washtenaw County Agreement. She noted that residents currently must travel to Sylvan Township for early voting, which is inconvenient. The clerk will provide cost estimates before the final budget approval in March, but anticipated needing funds for 2-3 election workers.

When discussing the Public Works department, Supervisor Scott clarified that a previous discrepancy in the drains' costs was due to a mislabeled GL number, not an actual increase in expenses.

Capital Budget Requests

Supervisor Scott noted that technology upgrades had increased slightly to include web upgrades for ADA compliance and potential tablets for the boardroom for all boards and committees.

The supervisor also mentioned that the transfer to capital projects would be lower than originally projected because the elevator repair would be less expensive than anticipated, as it was determined to be a lift rather than an elevator.

Trustee Sikkenga raised a question about how capital transfers are recorded, concerned that the township might be over-transferring funds. Supervisor Scott confirmed that the current transfers reflect both the capital plan amount of approximately \$7,800 plus the road funds.

Overall, the budget projects a surplus of approximately \$73,000 (slightly less with the FOIA expense addition).

General Appropriations Act

Supervisor Scott presented the General Appropriations Act resolution that will be formally considered in March. The supervisor noted that some numbers might shift slightly based on decisions made during this meeting.

The board discussed potentially not levying the full amount for police services, given the large fund balance in that fund. Supervisor Scott indicated that multiple versions of the resolution would be presented at the next meeting to allow the board to make that determination.

Second Call For Public Comment On Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

There were no public comments on the second call.

Other Issues, Comments And Concerns Of Board Members & Staff

No other issues, comments, or concerns were raised.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the budget hearing.

The budget hearing was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Michelle Stambouellis, 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 THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH, DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.



MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

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