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SPECIAL MEETING

May 3, 2022

Mr. Barto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster yes

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Barto

There will be not be any public questions or comments allowed during this meeting. This is an informational and a working meeting for the Board.

Trustee Barto turns meeting over to Trustee Schlachter who called for the meeting.

Discuss property taxes, income, and expenses – forecast

Trustee Schlachter states from what she calculated and what she has seen seems like we are going to be a little light around \$124,000.00 this year for property tax mixed in between the property tax funds. Even looking at the revenue summary looks like we should be at 50% right now and we are not. Michele states that is one individual line item other revenue might be a little more as far as property tax that is our main revenue line but it is coming in at 44% instead of 50%. Trustee Schlachter states as we move forward, we are seeing a decline in revenue, am I right by saying that? In property tax.

Michele replies yes. The county gives us the amount for the property tax and we put that into our revenue based on information they gave us. Trustee Schlachter says we need to look at that for the budget because I think they are giving us the gross. Michele says yes, I think they are too. Trustee Schlachter says because the past two years it hasn't come back to be as much as they are telling us. Michele states there is also residents that are delinquent in paying their property taxes. That all comes into play too. Discussion regarding police overtime and payroll. Trustee Barto asks Trustee Schlachter didn't you and Leo when he was trustee set a minimum of 24 hours a month that the part time officers had to work to help with the overtime. She replied yes that is why we suggested it. Trustee Barto to follow up with Chief Kaiser to make sure they are making sure the part time officer are working the 24 hours a month.

Discuss 9 1 1 overage and planning.

Trustee Schlachter ask Michele what is your understanding when this is supposed to take place? Michele replies June I think we have an invoice due but we have not received anything on it yet.

Discuss all critical repairs and maintenance needed.

Trustee Schlachter ask Trustee Barto you have been through a lot of the streets, what do you feel is the most critical?

Trustee Barto replies there are about a 1/2 dozen roads that need attention/repared immediately. He is working on getting some estimates together. Trustee Schlachter states we could use some gas tax funds, little bit of road fund. Also, we could use ARP Funding. Trustee Barto hoping to have something by the next meeting. Michele states Bryon was working on funding with OPWC that there is some paperwork for. Trustee Schlachter ask Michele to send her what she has. Trustee Barto would like to look at getting some park equipment at Shoreland Park.

Discuss critical capital spending needed.

Trustee Schlachter states we just bought a police car. Going to sell the other one. Trustee Barto thinks we really need to start looking into getting a second new police car. The next newest one they have has 135,000 miles on it. Trustee Schlachter states another thing that needs looked at is the roof in the Shoreland Shelter Park Building. Trustee Barto replies yes we will have to look into getting someone out to look at that and check condition it is in. He thinks its close to 20 years old.

Discuss fund balances – where are we comfortable having reserve balances?

Trustee Schlachter had Michele send over to the Trustees the five balances for each of the five departments. General is going to be tight and police is going to be really tight. Michele states that Roads is on an incline of \$54,000.00. Police are losing money a year. Michele says you don't know what is going to come up unexpected that you need money for. Trustee Schuster thinks we should have 6 months' worth of reserve. Trustee Schlachter will look at the spread sheet and revisit it at another meeting and talk about it more. Just so we know we have this balance but we don't want to go under this much and this is what our average six months are running for each different fund. Trustee Schlachter thinks that would be a good place to decide where we want to be and where Michele feels comfortable as well. Department heads play a big role because they know how old their stuff is. For example, a fire truck. Trustee Barto wants to see the employee situation straighten out with getting some people hired before we would look at getting a new fire truck. We need to have staffing. Chief Kay has some things in place to try to get some people hired.

Discuss where is all this money coming from?

Trustee Schlachter states she thinks we can get the roads repaired. She thinks there's money there with that \$250,000.00. We have to plan ahead. Michele thinks Lucas County Engineers Office can help us with the roads or OPWC and that's interest free. Trustee Schlachter replies yes but we have to make sure we can make the payment and how long are those loans for? Michele says we have one loan out we have 3 years left like \$10,000.00 and that was from OPWC. Some townships have more than one loan out from OPWC.

Discuss the future/sustainability of the township and its services.

Trustee Schlachter we have all these things, all these services. Can we sustain the same services that we have? We only have so much money. Trustee Barto says to Trustee Schlachter I know you have mentioned out sourcing parks and roads? Trustee Barto doesn't see where that will benefit us one bit. He made a few phone calls and doesn't think it would save us money would probably cost more. Just the grass to have someone cut that. Snow plowing is another one that is expensive to outsource.

Trustee Barto suggest hiring someone to eventually take over the road department. Trustee Schlachter states its just that if you look at other townships that are our size as small as we are they don't offer as much as we do. We have to figure out as a township where we want to be. We just don't want to get to the point where taxing our residents so much that they don't want to live here. Trustee Barto thinks by outsourcing roads and parks department out is going to end up costing us more. Trustee Schlachter asks other trustees so you feel as if with the money coming in we can continue to maintain the same services? Trustee Barto replied yes. Trustee Schuster thinks we need to get police to finish up their Lexipol so we can cancel that contract. That will save \$10,000.00 a year there.

Discuss renewal levies – timing and wording.

Trustee Schlachter states she never did a renewal levy or had to write one. She went to the county and had them send her all the documentation of all the wording to us. There was a file in the office as well to refer to. Wording has to be exact. Discussion on what we want to do. If we just renew, we would get the same income coming in that we have now. Trustee Barto worries that the way the economy is right now it is not a good time to change and go for permanent levies. Trustee Barto asks Chief Kay his thoughts. Chief Kay feels if we are going to sustain the fire department, we need to move forward with permanent levy renewals. This is not a levy increase in taxes but a change to the fire departments current levies to become permanent. This allows the department to better plan for future capital needs and staffing. Once again this is not an increase to the residents/tax payers. No other department heads present to ask their opinion on their department's levies. Trustee Schlachter states we will have to get the wording together maybe next meeting and have John Borell review them before submitting. May try and see if we can submit early to put on ballot. Has to be to the Board of Election 90 days before the election. Will revisit at Regular Meeting and see if we decide to do permit or not.

Discuss questionnaire for residents related to spending and priorities.

Trustee Schlachter talks about being interested and Trustee Barto was interested in possibly doing a questionnaire getting something out to the residents about what they would like would like to see taken care of in the township. Trustee Barto would like to get their input in what they would like to see done with the roads, parks, more police, more firefighters. What improvements we can make in the community.

Discussion on how the questionnaire would be done. Anonymous or have them put their name on it. Trustee Barto wants this to be positive not negative thing. They want to reach out to all the people in the township not just people that attend the meetings, tax payers or voters. Trustee Schlachter states we can look into this further and see if it's a route they want to take. Could possibly send out a post card something they can fill out and return.

Trustee Barto takes questions and comments from the audience.

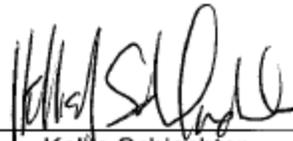
Meeting adjourned at 7: 42 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Barto yes.

Approved by:


Don Barto


Kelle Schlachter


Mark Schuster


Kimberly Kay