

EATON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 3, 2022

Supervisor Roberts opened the 2022/23 budget hearing meeting with the pledge to the flag of our Country.

Present at the Township Hall were Supervisor Roberts, Clerk Patterson, Treasurer Dolman, Trustee Droscha and Trustee Bankhead.

Absent: None

Supervisor Roberts opened the Public Hearing to review the 2022/23 Eaton Township budget and presented the budget.

Treasurer Dolman explained to the audience where our revenue comes from.

Public Comments on the 2022/23 Budget:

No public comments.

Supervisor Roberts made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:12pm and opened the regular March meeting of the Eaton Township Board. Supported by Trustee Droscha. **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Roberts moved to approve the March agenda and the February meeting minutes. Motion supported by Trustee Droscha and seconded Trustee Bankhead. **Motion Carried.**

Clerk Patterson read the synopsis of the minutes from the February meeting. Trustee Droscha moved to accept the Clerk's report. Trustee Bankhead supported. **Motion Carried**

Treasurer Dolman presented the Treasures Report in written format. Trustee Droscha moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Trustee Bankhead supported. **Motion Carried**

Supervisor Roberts moved to pay current bills. Trustee Droscha supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The Sheriff's report was provided to the board.

CORRESPONDENCE: Comcast provided a contract in order to offer services within the township.

Consumers Powers sent a letter about increasing rates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

General Appropriations Act Resolution 2022-03 (2022/2023 BUDGET)

Treasurer Dolman moved to adopt Resolution 2022-03. Trustee Droscha supported the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Bankhead, Clerk Patterson, Trustee Droscha, Treasurer Dolman, Supervisor Roberts. Yeas- 5 Nays-0 **Resolution declared adopted.**

Resolution 2022-04a (Supervisor's Salary)

Clerk Patterson moved to adopt Resolution 2022-04a. Trustee Droscha supported.

Roll Call: Treasurer Dolman, Clerk Patterson, Trustee Droscha, Trustee Bankhead, Supervisor Roberts. Yeas-5 Nays-0 **Resolution declared adopted.**

Resolution 2022-04b (Clerk's Salary)

Treasurer Dolman moved to adopt Resolution 2022-04b. Trustee Droscha supported the motion. Roll Call: Clerk Patterson, Trustee Droscha, Trustee Bankhead, Treasurer Dolman, Supervisor Roberts. Yeas-5 Nays-0 **Resolution declared adopted.**

Resolution 2022-04c (Treasurer's Salary)

Trustee Droscha moved to adopt Resolution 2022-04c. Trustee Bankhead supported the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Bankhead, Clerk Patterson, Trustee Droscha, Treasurer Dolman, Supervisor Roberts. Yeas-5 Nays-0 **Resolution declared adopted.**

Resolution 2022-05 Poverty Guidelines

Based on the guidelines from the Federal Government residents making under a specific annual income wouldn't have to pay property taxes. Treasurer Dolman stated that if we adjust one poverty guideline they all should be adjusted. If property taxes are under \$1200 and in poverty the township would be required to pay the taxes instead of the state of Michigan if a resident is given an exemption.

Supervisor Roberts moved to adopt Resolution 2022-05 to raise the poverty guideline 10% for each income guideline. Trustee Bankhead supported the motion.

Roll Call: Trustee Droscha, Treasurer Dolman, Clerk Patterson, Trustee Bankhead, Supervisor Roberts. Yeas-5 Nays-0 **Resolution declared adopted.**

Budget Amendments 2021/2022

Clerk Patterson presented the following 2021/22 budget amendments:

- **Dept 101 Twp Hall : Increase \$1,300**
- **Dept 102 MTA: Increase \$43**
- **Dept 171 Supervisor: Increase \$395**
 - **Social security & Medicare expense**
- **Dept 223 Audit: Increase \$200**
- **Dept 262 Elections: Increase \$6,100**
 - **Tabulator**
- **Dept 265 Twp Hall Building: \$39,500**
 - **Guernsey Dr. special assessment**
- **Dept 279 Center Eaton Community Center: \$4,400**
 - **Plumbing repairs**
- **Dept 336 Emergency Services**
 - **Fire Protection**
- **Dept 445 Drains: Increase by \$215,900**
 - **Payoff to avoid interest**
- **Dept 751 Parks/Recreation: Increase \$50.**

Treasurer Dolman moved to approve the amendments presented. Trustee Droscha supported. Seconded by Trustee Bankhead. Roll call: Trustee Bankhead, Trustee Droscha, Clerk Patterson, Treasurer Dolman, and Supervisor Roberts. Yeas-5 Nay-0 **Motion Carried.**

Meeting Room Public Address System

Trustee Droscha provided the board with three bids for replacing the PA system. Trustee Bankhead made a motion to approve the expense of adding the PA System quote by Drew Kiewiet. Trustee Droscha supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Hamlin Township's resolution to appeal the CUP failed at the appeals board.

REPORTS

County Commissioner: Trustee Droscha stated the ORV ordinance passed.

Library: Mrs. Cook reported on library events being well attended. The EV charger will be free for the first two hours and then users will be charged for time after.

Rural Fire: Supervisor Roberts reported there is a meeting next week. They plan to vote on how the runs are billed at this meeting. Occasionally the ambulance services have to pull from the fire department personnel but Sparrow is charged when that happens.

CECC: Treasurer Dolman reported there are frozen pipes in the ground which has caused the cancellation of a couple of rentals.

Recreation Co-op: Trustee Bankhead reported that in the beginning of April dirt is being delivered. He is going to have a budget for the board to look over in the coming months.

Assessing: Board of Review will be meeting on the 14th & 16th for appeals. All of the Board of Review members have completed their training.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was a question in regards to Barry-Eaton Health Department using the township.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:16pm

Danielle Patterson, Eaton Twp Clerk