MCHENRY TOWNSHIP Budget Workshop

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Budget Workshop Meeting MINUTES, February 6, 2024

Supervisor Barla called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending the meeting was

Supervisor Barla

Trustee Shaver

Trustee Macrito

Also attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Administrator Macrito and one public.

Motion to approve minutes. None

Supervisor Barla Review Town Fund and General Assistance asked if there were any questions about it.

Administrator Macrito suggested to start with the Assessors report.

Starting on page 6, Discussion Ensued.

Assessor Mahady started off asking for a 3% increase on the salaries.

Administrator Macrito went over some of the numbers line by line.

Trustee Shaver went over the percentages asking how her staff reacted to the increase, answering She replied very happy. Discussion Ensued.

Trustee Macrito had a few questions about the amount of her staff.

Trustee Macrito thought the increase should be 5 or 6 percent.

Trustee Shaver suggested a 4% increase.

Administrator Macrito went over the breakdown of those numbers.

Trustee Shaver asked about the reserve.



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Supervisor Barla stated the we are at about a nine months reserve and the one disaster could wipe us out.

Discussion Ensued

Administrator Macrito explained how the numbers would brake down reducing the overtime to \$5,000.00 from \$8,000.00 to achieve up to 4% increase of the salaries.

Trustee Shaver, moving on the rest of the budget.

Supervisor Barla askes about the car's maintenance cost

Trustee Macrito asked about the budget of the clothing expense.

Assessor Mahady explained why the need for that amount.

Next to move to the Parks budget.

Trustee Macrito was asked about the donations with the Home Depot.

Trustee Shaver asked what caused the large reduction in the salary here?

Administrator Macrito explained, we lost one employee, Terry Wagner.

Supervisor Barla went over the Senior Bus program expense.

Discussion Ensued

Many questions were asked about the maintenance.

Supervisor Barla getting back to the budget, starting with a 4% increase. Discussion Ensued.

Trustee Shaver suggested cutting the overtime from \$6,000.00 to \$3,000.00

Moving on to the rest of the Parks budget line by line.

Discussion Ensued on the Playground equipment and the Grant.

Administrator Macrito asked if there were any other questions, none being heard moving on to the revenue page.

Going to the last page, General Assistance,

Administrator Macrito asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Barla expressed concern that more money will be needed on General Assistance and that's why we feel a need for the increase.

Moving on to the Revenue.

Supervisor Barla pointed out the security rentals were at \$4,000.00

Discussion Ensued about the Ball Fields, about helping out where we can.

Supervisor Barla stated that we need to talk with the folks that use the fields.

Trustee Shaver asked about the Bus Vouchers, Supervisor Barla explained it is about buying a book of coupon.

Trustee Shaver asked about the Grants.

Supervisor Barla stated that we were just awarded \$24,000.00 for this coming year.

Trustee Macrito asked if this is where we discuss the fare increase or not increasing it?

Administrator Macrito explained that with the Grant the faire has to be a donation not faire.

Discussion Ensued, much talk about the funding of the Senior Bus Program and that the Annual Meeting coming up where the Electors will have a large amount of support to keep this service.

Discussion went on about the Parks and the cost of maintaining them.

Administrator Macrito, moving on to the middle section starting wit travel expense.

Discussion Ensued about the TOI Meeting in Spring Field, Question on if it is worth the cost.

Supervisor Barla stated we don't need any increase and we will work with what we have.

Discussion went on about the Attorney's fees, Administrator Macrito stated that there would be no need for an increase, Trustee Shaver thought posable decrease, Administrator Macrito stated "I would say no.

Moving to page 4.

Trustee Shaver asked about the contingency fund

Moving on to the Senior Exp. And the Salary's to increase to \$16.00 an hr.

Trustee Macrito thought we should pay them more.

Motion to approve this Budget with changes by Trustee Shaver, second by Trustee Macrito

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Barla Aye

Trustee Shaver Ave

Trustee Macrito Aye

All Ayes Motion carries

Administrator Macrito stated the next meeting is on March 6, 204 @ 6:00pm

Administrator Macrito so than the Budget and Approbation for April 11, 2024 prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

Supervisor Barla summarized the meeting

Board Comments

Trustee Macrito talked about the possibility of a Pickle Ball court.

Trustee Shaver talked about the remote cars events He stated that the NWH was there and did an article on it.

Motion to Adjourn by Trustee Shaver, second by Trustee Macrito @6:57pm All ayes Motion carries.

Danielle J. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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