

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP Budget Workshop April 20, 2020

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY S.S.
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

**Budget Workshop Meeting
MINUTES,
April 20, 2020**

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Trustee Anderson here, Trustee Rakestraw here, Supervisor Adams here, Trustee Wojewski here, Trustee Verr here. In addition, attending the meeting was Attorney Militello, Clerk Aylward, Highway Commissioner Jim Condon, Accounting Manager Macrito and call in Public.

Approval of the April 13, 2020 minutes.

Motion to approve by Trustee Anderson, second by Rakestraw.

Discussion ensued – Trustee Verr stated he would like to see added that a Forensic Audit is considered professional services and does not need to go out for bid according to Attorney Militello.

Trustee Anderson withdrew his motion

Trustee Verr made a motion to table the minutes, second by Rakestraw.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams ayes, Wojewski nay, Verr aye
4 ayes, 1 nay – Motion carries.

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Review of the General Road and Bridge Revision #4 and Permanent Hard Road #3 Fund budgets.

Discussion Ensued – Discussion continued with the GRB Revision #4 and Permanent Hard Road #3 Budget – Highway Commissioner Condon Reviewed the changes made that were requested by the board and changes he made. Trustee Verr questioned the NSR programs how they are broken down. Highway Commissioner Condon explained the breakdown sheet provided, explained that they are paid by the county when they are completed. Condon explained

that this program has been in place for a long time. Trustee Anderson asked the Supervisor for the minutes of when the NSR program was discussed by the prior board. Trustee Verr Then proceeded to state that the numbers don't add up and that this will be thoroughly investigated. Highway Commissioner stopped Mr. Verr and asked if he was accusing him of illegal activities and if so to state them. Mr. Condon then relieved Attorney Militello as representing the Highway Commissioner and will get his own attorney. He asked Attorney Militello to finish the few items he is in process of with easements. Highway Commissioner then stated I'm not going to argue with this board and stated I have done my best to take into consideration the boards ideas and have made changes to the budget to come to a compromise, I have supplied with all the requested documents. He asked the board to approve the budget as provided. Trustee Wojewski responded to Trustee Rakestraw that the taxpayer does not want this board's help. He also stated that what you are saying Mike is that the voters are not smart enough to make their own decision. He will draft a resolution in the next few days. Trustee Rakestraw stated that he believes that Mr. Condon is still overstaffed and should be making more accommodations due to the covid19 economy. In addition, I don't believe you can keep the workers busy during the winter. Highway Commissioner Condon stated that he always stated that he also reduced payroll by .4% instead of the 1% increase suggested by the board. In addition, I have been able to keep the workers busy all year long. We still did not get all the projects done that we wanted last year.

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Review and Discuss Tentative Town Fund Budget 5th – 8th Draft.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Anderson asked what the status was in regards to eliminating the parks and Emergency Assistance funding from the budgets. Attorney Militello stated he would have a written opinion for the Monday budget meeting. Trustee Verr inquired about the McRide Program and why we are paying for that. Supervisor Adams stated he would get a copy of the contract to the board, which the board approved. Trustee Verr also asked for a cost per ride report for the next meeting. Supervisor Adams stated he would supply the board with an updated report. Trustee Verr stated that he wants the Supervisor to decrease the township staff by 5. Supervisor Adams stated that he couldn't reduce the staff anymore. The remaining staff is needed to operate at this time. Trustee Verr asked that at the next board meeting we have on the agenda discussion and possible action on doing General Assistance for other Townships. discussion and possible action of no new hiring of the township for the next board meeting.

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Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) – None at this time

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Motion to adjourn at 11:35am made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Supervisor Adams

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Verr aye, Adams aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays – Motion Carries

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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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