

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP Budget Workshop February 24, 2020

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

**Budget Workshop Meeting
MINUTES,
February 24, 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, Accounting Manager Macrito and 4 Public.

Approval of the February 3, 2020 minutes revised.

Motion to table made by Trustee Anderson to table, second by Supervisor Adams.

Discussion ensued – Trustee Verr stated that John Macritos’ public comment are still not complete. The complete quote needs to be in the minutes, the minutes were tabled.

All in Favor – Motion carries.

Approval of the February 10, 2020 to be approved.

Motion to approve by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Anderson.

Discussion ensued – None

Roll call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Wojewski aye, Verr nay.

4 ayes, 1 nays – Motion carries

New Business – Review and Discuss Tentative Town Fund Budget 3rd Draft.

Supervisor Adams continued with the town budget. Assessor Mary Mahady answered questions in regards to her portion of the budget.

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Motion to reduce increase of salaries from 2% to 1.6% made by Supervisor Adams, second by Wojewski.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson nay, Rakestraw nay, Supervisor Adams aye, Wojewski aye, Verr nay.
2 ayes, 3 nays – Motion fails

Motion to reduce Increase of salaries from 2% to 1% made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams nay, Wojewski nay, Verr aye.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion carries

Motion to reduce overtime from 4000.00 to 2750.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce appraisal from 6000.00 to 3000.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams nay, Verr aye, Wojewski nay.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce Travel/mileage from 3500.00 to 3000.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to remove publications from budget made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce Dues from 100.00 to 80.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Motion withdrawn

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Motion to remove Dues from budget made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw nay, Supervisor Adams nay, Verr aye, Wojewski nay.
2 ayes, 3 nays – Motion Fails

Motion to reduce Dues from 100.00 to 80.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce subscriptions from 1500.00 to 1300.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce Training from 3000.00 to 2500.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams nay, Verr aye, Wojewski nay.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce clothing from 750.00 to 375.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams nay, Verr aye, Wojewski nay.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce miscellaneous from 1500.00 to 800.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams nay, Verr aye, Wojewski nay.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

Motion to reduce Capital Outlay from 5000.00 to 2000.00 made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams nay, Verr aye, Wojewski nay.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

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Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) –

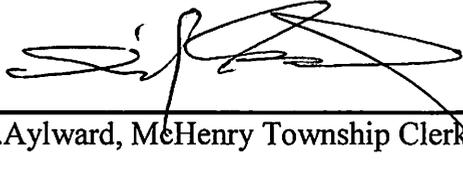
John Macrito – McHenry, IL – First, I would like to comment on the review of my comments from two meeting ago, referencing the elimination of the township bus. You have taken out the bus out of the budget for roughly \$116, 000 my only reason for bringing it up was that at the end of the day the electors are able to bring it back. My hope was to convince you to put it back in the budget. I would rather you put it back in the budget but that is not going to happen. Secondly, you keep nickel and diming this budget; as an elector, I appreciate that as you have now given the electors more money to play with, well not to play with but to operate with. We want to operate the township, as it should be for our community, not to please three people on this board. You have cut a part of Mary’s budget from \$100.00 to \$80.00 restricting what she might need to operate now if she needs the money you will have to call a special meeting, which will surely cost more than \$20.00. We need to be careful of what we are doing. It is not our problem that you don’t trust the people we elected to do their job.

Jamie Rous – McHenry, IL – Since I’m the only one here from the private sector, I would like to talk about how unprepared you are to talk about the salaries for the township employees. The cost of living increase for Social Security was 1.6% increase for people who do nothing but breathe and get older. The inflation rate for the U.S. is 2.73% that is how much the cost of living is going to go up for everybody else. My raise in the private sector is 2.3% in the last couple of years. It is less than what I need to survive from year to year. My supervisor is given a bucket of money and says split between your people that is what is given no matter how good or not you are, this is what you do if you want to keep good employees. Unless you want people on welfare, general assistance, food stamps, which I am sure you guys all, want to cut too. You need to look at how the world works and not just arbitrarily make cuts to 0 or 1% like it is some kind of compromise, it is not. You guys who are all on Social Security are going to get more of a raise then the township employees that are working their butts off every day. Please come prepared and with information and do not arbitrarily cut money if you have no idea of what you are actually doing.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Adams, second by Anderson at 11:10am.

All in favor aye – Motion Carries

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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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