

**Trowbridge Township Board Meeting
Annual Budget Hearing**

March 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Supervisor Kaylor

Present: Jeff Kaylor - Supervisor, Tony Emmons Jr - Trustee, Steve Angle- Clerk, Cindi Kurtz- Treasurer, Mark Haveman – Trustee

General Fund

Board discussed current fund balance with Clerk Angle stating that there was approximately 2 ½ years of normal operating expenses currently sitting in fund balance. Fund balance is being grown to possibly help fund additional fire truck or road projects. Jeff Gasper has requested an increase from \$ 14,000 to \$ 16,980 per year to maintain the cemeteries. Last increase was at least 8 years ago. Motion by Supervisor Kaylor with second by Trustee Haveman to accept increase as requested. Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – yes, Trustee Emmons – yes, Treasurer Kurtz – yes, Supervisor Kaylor – yes and Clerk Angle – yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Allegan County Legal Assistance Center has requested funding in the amount of \$ 2,000. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Treasurer Kurtz to accept. Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – yes, Trustee Emmons – no, Treasurer Kurtz – yes, Supervisor Kaylor – yes, and Clerk Angle – yes. Motion passed with only Trustee Emmons opposed.

Fire Fund

Pine Grove Fire Department is requesting 1 mil for fire protection for the 2020-2021 budget year. Supervisor Kaylor discussed the budget of Pine Grove Fire Department and the fact that their budget has nearly \$ 80,000 for capital outlays. He stated that we shouldn't be responsible for their capital outlays and suggested we offer to pay a flat rate of \$ 55,000 for the budget year. Repairs for new tires and an additional \$ 7,600 for small capital outlays were put into the budget at the request of Pine Grove Fire Department. General Fund to transfer in \$ 25,000 for the budget year.

Road Fund

Road fund presented with only one application of dust control for the upcoming budget year with the option to do another application if needed. One mile of gravel was budgeted as in previous budget year. Paving of 104th and 32nd has been placed in the budget in the amount of \$ 115,000. The gross amount of this paving project is estimated to be \$ 155,000 but there is \$ 40,000 of matching funds to help offset the cost of paving this section of road.

Motion by Treasurer Kurtz to approve budget as presented with second by Trustee Haveman.

Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – aye, Trustee Emmons – aye, Treasurer Kurtz – aye, Supervisor Kaylor – aye, Clerk Angle – aye

Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting closed at 6:45 PM

Sincerely,

Steve Angle - Clerk