

March 25, 2025

BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Chad Skinner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Board members present: Supervisor Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, Trustee Dave Smith and Trustee Mike Bjork. Absent: None. Public Attendance: Karen Mallon – Deputy Clerk, Dan Kurtz – Township Maintenance, Andy Fleming – Fire Chief, Jon Pickart – Fire Chief; Kathy Miller, Maureen Elson.

New Business:

Budget Review and Approval: The following was approved as 2025/26 budgeted numbers for each cost center: Revenue total projected: \$511,022.00

Individual cost centers were reviewed and total annual costs projected were as follows:

- Supervisor - \$27,475; Trustees - \$13,492; Elections - \$2,000; Township Office - \$57,966; Assessor - \$29,875; Clerk - \$31,839; Deputy Clerk - \$2,282; Board of Review - \$2,375; Treasurer - \$29,275 and Deputy Treasurer - \$500; Township Hall - \$54,630; Garage - \$8,950; Cemetery - \$3,625; Garbage Program - \$47,450; Library Program - \$1,000; Fire Department: \$144,745; Zoning/Planning - \$26,850; Street Lighting - \$3,300; Buck Lake Park - \$7,621; Stager Lake Park - \$13,073; Recreation - \$5,100; Anderson Ball Park - \$6,414; Alpha Upper Park - \$5,177; Partala Park - \$609; Camp 5 Community Center - \$2,141; Recreational - \$10,500; Employee Benefits - \$7,700.
- A review of payroll took place. The Fire Department Secretary salary would increase to \$75.00/month. The fire call hourly rate for level I firefighters would be \$20/hour and for level II firefighters, the rate covering fire calls would be \$25/hour.

The 2025/26 budget for the General Fund had expenditures at \$545,964.00

In regards to the current 2024/25 budget, two budget changes were requested. The Garbage Program account budget was set at \$38,000 and Jan requested that it be increased to \$43,000 to cover all requests currently made for reimbursement. Chad made a motion to make the change and Mike seconded the motion. All were in favor. The second request that Jan presented was to cover the Wage expense covering Camp 5 Community Center. Jan requested that the amount be increased from \$1000 to \$1100 to cover current expenses. Chad made a motion to make the change and Mike seconded the motion. All were in favor.

It was determined that we would transfer \$40,000 from our Recreational Fund back to the State of Michigan Marijuana Funds Account; transfer \$20,000 from our General Fund Savings to the Fire Department Fund and \$5,000 from our General Fund Savings to the Future Capitol Savings Fund.

The Road Fund shows \$160,703 in revenue and \$222,155 projected for expenditures.

Water Utility fund shows \$3,630 in revenue and \$1,500 projected in expenses.

The Mastodon Township General Appropriations Act resolution was put on the table. A motion was made by Mike Bjork to accept the Resolution and seconded by Stacey Watters. The roll call vote was as follows: Mike Bjork– yes; Jan Lemke – yes; Chad Skinner – yes; Stacey Watters - yes; Dave Smith – Yes;

Mike Made a motion to adjourn at 6:26p.m. The motion was seconded by Dave and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Lemke
Mastodon Township Clerk