TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING AS PREPARED 5-0

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

VIA ZOOM

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz, Martel, Merchant and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: 8 + 5 Board

Others: Mike Strange as Moderator; Fire Chief Lane, EMS Director Bertram, Park Chair Ginny Hawkins, V. Chair Rita Service.

1. Meeting convened at 2:03 via Zoom. Cook explained the procedure for this meeting. He has allocated time slots for individual presentations to assist us in evaluating their budget requests. Changes can be made if necessary, with the goal to come to consensus on the items covered. No item under $1000 will be discussed.
2. No Public Comment received.
3. **Motion** to approve the Agenda as presented was passed 5-0 roll call vote.
4. Pay Schedule: 2021 Pay Schedule was reviewed with discussion of suggested changes for 2021-22. No Action taken.
5. Budget Discussion:

Presentations from Petersen on Capital Expense projects and Road program; Hawkins and Service discussed Day Park requests; Bertram reviewed Ambulance budget; Lane reviewed Fire budget.

**Break at 4:00 PM.**

Cook reviewed cost centers for Planning, ZBA and Zoning Admin. Windiate discussed Clerk and Elections cost centers.

1. Review of General Fund 101 was last as it contains the greatest number of departments.
2. **BOARD COMMENT:** The Day Park is expensive. Possibly a millage is needed. It would need to be discussed at an Annual Meeting. Schultz would recommend no more than a quarter mill.

All Board members were asked to go back and check numbers and look for possible cuts. The next meeting will be **February 17th at 6:00 PM.**

1. **Motion** to adjourn was approved.

These Minutes are respectfully respected and will be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk