TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS 5-0

MARCH 24, 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Martel, Schultz, Petersen, Schoenherr and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: +/- 12

1. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING & BUDGET HEARINGS:
2. Meeting convened at 9:00 AM followed by the pledge to the flag.
3. Public Hearing for Proposed 2018-19 Township Budgets:
4. General Fund with a levy of 1 mill: Martel pointed out proposed items in the budget that will be costly or that have increased since 2017-18 budget, including repair of the parking lot and higher legal fees. Other items that were highlighted an automatic locking system for the restrooms at the Day Park, painting at the CSB, work at the cemetery, and the option of a committee for the Day Park. Our phragmites treatment was handled by the County last year and we are in good control of the problem.
5. Fire Special Assessment District Fund with a levy of 1 mill: The Fire Department will be conducting testing later this fall for Fire Suppression ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. A lower rating would decrease home insurance program; the Fire Departmentwill be paying off the fire truck payment loan #1.
6. EMS Special Assessment District Fund with a levy of 1.85 mills: EMS will be advancing to ALS as soon as the application process is approved by the State. PARAMEDIC wages will increase when that happens.
7. Road Budget with a levy of .50 mills: Road repairs are categorized based on need by the County. A plan is being worked on now. No plan to pave E. Torch Lake Drive at this time.
8. Liquor Enforcement Fund: This money is for inspections only.
9. Torch Bay Nature Preserve (TBNP): Some work on signage and parking will need to be done. Also work on the road end will be needed for fire access. Committee has not met lately. Jerry and Judy Kulka volunteer to help, if needed.
10. Close of Budget Hearing: **Motion** by Petersen to close a 9:58 AM was seconded and passed 5-0.
11. A Short recess of Special Township Board meeting until after the Annual Meeting of the Township electors.
12. RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:
13. Meeting call to order at 10:10 AM
14. Public Comment: There was none.
15. Items for Discussion/Action: Windiate makes **Motion** to add Wage Sheet to the Agenda for approval. Motion was seconded and passed 5-0.
16. Township General Fund Budget for FY 2018-19:  **Motion** by Martel to approve the FY 2018-19 General Fund Budget as prepared was seconded by Schultz and passed 5-0 roll call vote.
17. Fire Special Assessment District Fund Budget and millage: **Motion** by Petersen to approve the Fire Special Assessment District Fund Budget and millage of 1 mill, with additions, was seconded by Schultz and passed 5-0 roll call vote. **Add** GL number 206.336.710.000 Medical Insurance with a budgeted amount of $2,500.
18. EMS Special Assessment District Fund Budget and millage: **Motion** by Windiate to approve the EMS Special Assessment District Fund Budget and millage of 1.85 mills as prepared was seconded by Petersen and passed 4-1 roll call vote, with Schultz casting the nay vote. Schultz commented that she is happy with ALS but can’t support the millage increase with all the unknowns.
19. Road Budget: **Motion** by Martel to approve the Road Fund Budget with .50 mills as prepared is seconded by Windiate and passed 5-0 roll call vote.
20. State Liquor Fund Budget: **Motion** by Schultz to approve Liquor Enforcement fund as prepared is seconded by Petersen and passed 5-0 roll call vote.
21. TBNP Fund:  **Motion** by Petersen to approve TBNP Fund as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0 roll call vote.
22. Wage Sheet: **Motion** by Petersen to approve as prepared was seconded by Windiate and passed 5-0 roll call vote.
23. Public Comment: None
24. Board Comment: Martel and rest of Board thank the audience for attending today. We appreciate your involvement with the process. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk