

**LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET & PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX LEVY
2015-2016**

March 19, 2015

5:00PM

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM by Supervisor, Damien Henning, Present Dean Morford, Trustee, Kim Shomin, Treasurer and Sondra Festerling, Clerk. Absent, Katie Derrohn, Trustee.

Minutes of March 27, 2014 Public Hearing on Budgets and Tax Levy was presented. The Minutes were approved at the April 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, and were accepted as presented.

Hereby be it resolved that Littlefield Township shall cause to be levied and collected on the general property tax, on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll an amount up to 2.000 mill, and also authorize fire and EMS department millage up to 1.000 mill on real and personal property within the township, as authorized under state law and approved by the electorate.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member S. Festerling.

Supported by board member K. Shomin.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Henning, K. Shomin, D. Morford, S. Festerling.

Nay: None.

Absent: K. Derrohn

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Sondra Festerling, Clerk

D. Henning **Moved** that the bills totaling \$27,793.46 to be approved for payment from the General Fund. Second by D. Morford, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Moved for approval by D. Henning the following:

1. The Littlefield Township Board Meeting will be on the first Tuesday of each month.
2. The Township Treasurer shall have the option of transferring funds between the following banks: Fifth Third Bank, Chase, Citizens National, First Community Bank, PNC Bank, Citizens Bank, First Federal of Alpena, Bank of Northern Michigan, Huntington Bank, & Chemical Bank.

3. To collect the one percent (1%) Administration Fee.
4. The Township Board shall have the right to buy, sell, and lease land.

Above motion Second by D. Morford, Approved 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Moved by S. Festerling that the Township Supervisor shall be paid the Assessor Fee, if the Supervisor takes over the assessing of the township. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41:95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting; the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2015, the salary of the township supervisor shall be as follows: \$11,000.00 base salary (not currently certified as assessor at proper level).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member S. Festerling.

Supported by board member K. Shomin.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Henning, K. Shomin, D. Morford, S. Festerling.

Nay: None.

Absent: K. Derrohn

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Sondra Festerling, Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2015, the salary of the township clerk shall be as follows: \$12,000.00 base salary.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member D. Henning.

Supported by board member D. Morford.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Henning, K. Shomin, D. Morford, S. Festerling.

Nay: None.

Absent: K. Derrohn

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Sondra Festerling, Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2015, the salary of the township treasurer shall be as follows: \$19,000.00 to include winter tax collection and summer tax collection.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member S. Festerling

Supported by board member D. Henning.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Henning, K. Shomin, D. Morford, S. Festerling.

Nay: None.

Absent: K. Derrohn

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Sondra Festerling, Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2015, the salary of the township trustee shall be as follows: \$2,800.00

The foregoing resolution offered by board member S. Festerling.

Supported by board member K. Shomin.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Henning, K. Shomin, D. Morford, S. Festerling.

Nay: None.

Absent: K. Derrohn

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Sondra Festerling, Clerk

S. Festerling **Moved** that the Sewer Billing Clerk be paid \$3,700.00 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, Second by K. Shomin carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

S. Festerling **Moved** for the following:

Planning & Zoning Committee member shall receive \$30.00 per Diem.

The representative to the HSASDA shall receive \$30.00 per diem.

The Deputies for Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer will be paid \$16.00 per Hour.

Second by D. Henning, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

D. Henning **Moved** that the maintenance personal salary shall be maintained at \$15.00 per hour, Second by S. Festerling, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

D. Henning **Moved** that the Assessors salary be \$36,000.00 Annually, Second by S. Festerling, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

S. Festerling **Moved** that:

- Election worker will be paid \$15.00 per hour, and
- Board of Review members will be paid \$15.00 per hour.

Second by K. Shomin, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

D. Henning **Moved** that the

Cemetery Sexton shall be paid \$1,700.00 per year, second by K. Shomin, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

S. Festerling **Moved** to have the following **General Fund Deficit Expense** Account for the April 2014 through March 2015 budget to be increased from the General Fund, Fund Balance: #101-101-956, Oden Parks +100.00, #101-215-702, Clerks Salary +1,300.00, #101-276-921, Cemetery Expense -Electric +50.00, #101-851-910 Insurance & Bonds +200.00, #6560, Payroll Expense +300.00 . **The Sewer Fund Deficit Expense** Accounts for 2014/2015 budget to be increased by Sewer Fund Balance: #805 Sewer Charge Operation +\$1,200.00 and #806 Debt Retirement +\$300.00
Second D. Morford, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

S. Festerling **Moved** to pay Township Supervisor D. Henning up to an additional \$8,000.00 for any extra meetings for any Litigation and any other Special Project Meetings during the 2015 – 2016 Budget Year. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

BUDGETS WERE PREPARED FOR THE 2015-2016 YEAR: General Fund Income of \$458,988.00 and Expenses of \$516,878.00 and the deficit will be taken from the Fund Balance of \$663,177.00. Sewer Fund Income of \$253,077.00 and Expenses of \$234,867.00. Cemetery Fund Income of \$320.00 and Expenses of \$0.00. Oden Light Income of \$9,828.00, and Expenses of \$10,458.00 and the deficit will be taken from the Fund Balance of \$11,861.00. Fire Fund Income of \$154,593.00, and Expenses of \$166,510.00 and the deficit will be taken from the Fund Balance of \$124,537.00. The Public Hearing was closed and the above Budgets were presented and moved for approval by D. Morford, Second by S. Festerling, Carried 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Special Meeting of Election Committee: Meeting was opened at 7:00PM: D. Henning, K. Shomin, and S. Festerling: All Present. S. Festerling made the **Motion** recommending Avis Granger, Melissa Swan, Barb Granger, & Sondra Festerling to serve as Election Inspectors for the May 5, 2015 Special Election and to have Barb Granger and Avis Granger serve as the Receiving Board. Katie Derrohn will be a back up that can be used if one of the others are unable to serve as we get closer to the election. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 3 Yes, 0 No. Special Meeting was then closed at 7:02PM.

D. Henning Moved to Adjourn Special Meeting Budget & Public Hearing on Tax Levy at **7:03 PM**

Sondra Festerling, Clerk