

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
2020-2021 FINAL BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 25, 2020**

A special meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Township Hall. Members present: Supervisor Dave Herlein, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, and Trustees Jim Buck, Troy Ganton and Caleb Runyon. Absent: Treasurer Colleen Gibbs and Trustee Bob Drain. Supervisor Herlein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold the public hearing for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Rates for 2020-2021: It was recommended to raise water rates by 10% to prepare for the increase of fees from the provider and to continue accumulating monies for the purpose of building our own water system.

It was also recommended to raise sewer rates by 2% to accumulate monies for future growth and repairs. Motion was made by Runyon and seconded by Buck to approve the 10% increase in rates for water and 2% increase in sewer rates. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved

Budget Hearing: The final 2020-2021 budget was distributed to the board. The board had approved a pay raise of 2% for the three full time elected positions. The resolution to change the pay rate by 2% for the Supervisor was moved and seconded by Ganton and Runyon. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. The resolution to change the pay rate of the clerk by 2% was moved and seconded by Buck and Ganton. Roll Call 5 yes. Approved. The resolution to approve the change of pay rate by 2% for the Treasurer was moved and seconded by Stonestreet and Buck. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. There were no other comments or changes to the proposed budget.

Resolution – General Appropriations Act: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Runyon to approve the resolution adopting the General Appropriations Act as presented for the fiscal year budget of 2020-2021. Roll Call: 5 Yes. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: The Clerk presented the budget amendments for the 2019-2020 year to bring various General Fund department into a positive balance at year end. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Runyon to approve the Budget Transfers. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved.

Board and Public Comment: none

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Julia K. Stonestreet, Clerk

Approved at the April 13, 2020 Regular Board meeting

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The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve DWRF Proposal, Covid-19 response and Trash Day Hauler.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

DWRF Proposal: The sealed bids for the DWRF Water Main Improvement projects were opened, confirmed and given to us for comparison. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Runyon to approve the bid from Rothenberger to perform the water main improvements, to allow Dave Herlein be Signer (Owner) on the Award letter. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved

Covid-19: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Governor Whitmer's "stay at home" order asking that non-essential personnel remain home to help control the spread of the disease, the Supervisor asked that the hourly people remain on the payroll at their minimum hours. The motion to continue paying hourly personnel was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. The comments was made that hourly people agreed to be available if the work load warrants them coming in to help.

Trash Day: Even though the Covid-19 pandemic has caused the immediate cancellation of many activities, June activities are not yet affected and we would like to carry on with plans as if Trash Day will happen. Supervisor Herlein reported on two Trash Haulers that would be interested in that project. The bidders were Modern Waste and Emmons. The bid from Emmons seemed to be the most agreeable. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to approve the hiring of Emmons for our June 6 Trash Day. Roll Call: 5 Yes. Motion carried.

Board and Public Comment: Fire Chief Tim McEldowney reported on the Covid-19 situation and its impact on the township.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Julia K. Stonestreet, Clerk
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