

**Township of Greenbush**  
**Township Board – Budget Public Hearing**  
**Meeting Minutes**

March 14, 2017

**1) Call to Order**

- a) Supervisor Major called to order the budget public hearing of the Township of Greenbush Township Board at 6:35 pm on March 14, 2017 at the township hall.

**2) Roll Call**

- a) Supervisor Major conducted a roll call:

OFFICIAL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Supervisor	C. Lee Major	
Clerk		David Dailey
Treasurer	Patty Dailey	
Trustee	Sally Olin	
Trustee	Mark Parent	

**3) Agenda**

- a) Motion made by Trustee Parent and seconded by Treasurer Dailey to approve the agenda as written. The ayes have it and the motion to approve the agenda as written is adopted.

**4) Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting**

- a) Apparently there was no separate budget public hearing held last year, rather a special hearing was held as part of the regular Township Board Meeting. While Treasurer Dailey reviewed previous meeting hardcopies the following statement was read aloud by Supervisor Major: “NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Township of Greenbush will levy the maximum authorized millage rates allowed for tax year 2017.”

**5) Public Comment**

- a) Public comment: “Are there any funds for road repairs?”
  - i) Board Response: Yes, \$284,994.84 in road fund with about \$240,000 obligated to the ongoing Cedar Lake Road project.
- b) Public comment: *Where does the Cedar Lake Road Project end and when?*
  - i) Board Response: The Cedar Lake Road project is divided into three phases with resurfacing from Kings Corner Road north to F-30 to be completed in 2018 or later.

- c) Public comment: *"In reality about \$45,000 left?"*
  - i) Board Response: Approximately \$45,000 left with one final disbursement to be made with limited additional funds added as a result of tax collection for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
- d) Public comment: *"How do you determine what roads get the money to be repaired, or replaced, or resurfaced, or whatever? How is that determined?"*
  - i) Board Response: A Road Board is assembled by the Supervisor to work with the County Road Commission to inspect and grade all Township roads, and then prioritize and plan repairs two to three years in advance, while maximizing opportunities to partner or coordinate with neighboring townships.
- e) Public comment: *"Greenbush Township is paying for this improvement on Cedar Lake Road, is that correct? And the County is paying a portion?"*
  - i) Board Response: Yes, the Township and County Road Commission are paying for the repairs. There is also funding from a State of Michigan grant.

#### **6) New Business**

- a) Supervisor Major presented the General Fund 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Preliminary/Proposed Budget and reviewed revenue sources and estimated amounts as well as expenditure activities and estimated amounts. Estimated General Fund 2017-2018 Fiscal Year revenues are \$198,100 and expenditures are \$198,100.
- b) Supervisor Major presented the Fire Fund 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Preliminary/Proposed Budget and reviewed revenue sources and estimated amounts as well as expenditure activities and estimated amounts. Estimated Fire Fund 2017-2018 Fiscal Year revenues are \$51,610 and expenditures are \$51,610.

#### **7) Public Comment**

- a) Public comment: *"How do they go about collecting on the delinquent taxes?"*
  - i) Board Response: At the end of February after current tax roll season ends (Summer and Winter 2016), current tax roll turned over from Township Treasurer to the County Treasurer for collection of delinquent taxes.
- b) Public comment: *"How do they go about trying to collect it? Through an attorney?"*
  - i) Board Response: No, the County Treasurer sends notices and charges interest, and makes attempts to collect for a year under delinquent status, and then moves to foreclosure, and eventually auction after a two year period.

#### **8) Adjournment**

- a) Motion made by Treasurer Dailey and seconded by Trustee Parent to adjourn the budget public hearing at 7:00 pm. The ayes have it and the motion to adjourn is adopted.

Minutes submitted by Supervisor Major on April 11, 2017. Minutes approved on April 11, 2017.