

Township of Greenbush
Budget Public Hearing Minutes
March 13, 2018

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Major called to order the Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 pm on March 13, 2018 at the Greenbush Township Hall. Supervisor Major led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call

Supervisor Major conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Supervisor Major, Treasurer Dailey, Trustee Parent, and Trustee Scott. Clerk Dailey was absent.

3) Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda

Motion by Treasurer Dailey, seconded by Trustee Parent, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes of March 14, 2017 Budget Public Hearing previously approved on April 11, 2017.

5) Public Comment Period Number 1 (2 minutes limited to agenda items)

The meeting was opened to public comments at 6:34 pm. There were no public comments. Public comments were closed at 6:35 pm.

6) New Business

Supervisor major read the following statement aloud: *"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Township of Greenbush will levy the maximum authorized millage rates allowed for tax year 2018."*

- a) The General Fund Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget was presented and reviewed. Cost center title associated with line item 101-267-801.000 titled "Available" and should be changed to reflect Uniform Chart of Accounts title.
- b) The Fire Fund Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget was presented and reviewed. Line item 206-345-704.000 titled "MMR Wages – Part Time" and should be changed to "MFR Wages – Part Time".
- c) The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act was reviewed in detail.

Supervisor Major again read the following statement aloud: *"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Township of Greenbush will levy the maximum authorized millage rates allowed for tax year 2018."*

Treasurer Dailey left at 6:45 pm to pick up handouts for the regular Township Board Meeting to follow.

7) Public Comment Period Number 2 (5 minutes on any subject)

The meeting was opened to public comments at 6:49 pm. Diane Hargan had the following questions:

- a) Public comment: "Who gets pensions?"

Board response: "Township employees."

- b) Public comment: "Which includes how many?"

Board response: "Not certain. Information available from Township Clerk. Contact by phone or email, contact information provided after meeting."

- c) Public comment: "Do you know the type of pension?"

Board response: "Supervisor does not. Township Clerk or Treasurer can answer this."

- d) Public comment: "Liability insurance premium, liability for?"

Board response: "General liability of township employees and activities."

- e) Public comment: "MTA?"

Board response: "Michigan Townships Association."

- f) Public comment: "Is that something I can find information on on the internet?"

Board response: "Yes. Search Michigan Townships Association."

- g) Public comment: "Sesquicentennial project cost?"

Board response: "Greenbush Township turns 150 years old this year, and the township will plan some sort of celebration, in conjunction with the Greenbush Historical Society and members of the community to coincide with the Fire Department's 50th Annual Chicken BBQ. During budget planning workshops it wasn't clear whether or not this would be a lawful expenditure, placeholder left in budget should such expenditures be lawful. Subsequent to budget planning workshops, MTA and Township Attorney confirmed there are permitted expenditures associated with sesquicentennial celebrations."

- h) Public comment: "Regarding page 3 of General Fund Preliminary Budget, on page 3 'salary' listed as \$3,300. Account number 101-101-."

Board response: "That would be for Trustees."

- i) Public comment: "Regarding page 4 of General Fund Preliminary Budget, on page 4 'Supervisor Salary', that is?"

Board response: "That would be the Supervisor's salary."

- j) Public comment: "Food Allowance, what is that?"

Board response: "Not sure, new Uniform Chart of Accounts item. Likely meal allowance associated with conference/training travel. Treasurer would be better able to answer."

- k) Public comment: "CLIB meetings, MTA county meetings, County Commissioner meetings, Road Commission meetings, what do those cover and why are those expenditures in this budget?"

Board response: "Bi-monthly county and road commission meetings, these line items provide for Supervisor to attend some of these meetings. CLIB and OWAA meeting line items are \$0 (zero) for Supervisor as these are meetings the Township Clerk attends."

Public comments were closed at 6:56 pm.

8) Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Parent, seconded by Supervisor Major, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Draft minutes submitted by Supervisor Major on April 10, 2018.

Township Board approved minutes as presented on April 10, 2018.