



Grant Township Board

Pre-Annual Budget Review Meeting #2 Minutes

March 4, 2024 10:00am-1:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

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Call To Order

Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 10:22pm.

Roll Call

Present - Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Clerk Stacia Lynn, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis

Absent - None

Zoom - None

Guests - Sam Raymond, Truman Jones, Kaelyn Wright, Rob Tarvis

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. Approval of Pre-Annual Budget Review Meeting #2 Agenda – no changes made

Budget vs Actual FY2023-24 & FY2024-25 Review & Discussion

1. Brief recap of meeting #1
2. Copper Harbor DDA budget for FY 2024-25 was approved on February 20th, changes anticipated on March 19th, no discussion needed
3. Fire budgets
 - a. To be provided by fire chiefs
 - b. Fire millage to appear on the ballot for renewal, no change recommended to fire millage
4. Meeting between Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky and maintenance staff set for Wednesday March 6th from 1pm-3pm
5. Tentative Annual Budget Meeting set for Thursday March 21st at 6pm

Proposals Review & Discussion

1. Solid Waste Management costs analysis, orange bags sales covers only half the costs; lengthy discussion on this topic
 - a. The public should anticipate a 40%-45% increase on orange bags at Annual Meeting, first increase in at least 4 years.

- b. A preliminary discussion of a Solid Waste Millage as a substitute for orange bags, a written proposal for consideration to follow
2. Sewer budget changes:
 - a. Grinder pump replacement plan, 6 of 10 years remaining, DDA to subsidize, reduction in sewer budget
 - b. Proposal to increase wages for Truman, Forrest and Trent, preliminary discussion of higher wages and how to pay for them
3. TNC land acquisition proposal; extension deadline is March 31st, Grant Township would cover most/all local match
4. Interest rates review; try for 5% interest rate via a money market account
5. Discussion of status of our auditor, seeking at least 2 contracts for review

Public Comment Period – None

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 11:22am