



**Grant Township Board**

Annual Truth in Taxation Hearing Minutes

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Call To Order**

Supervisor Meg Vivian North led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**Roll Call**

**Present** - Supervisor Meg Vivian North, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Clerk Scott Ochodnick, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis

**Absent** - None

**Agenda & Minutes Approvals**

1. **Motion** to approve March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 Annual Truth in Taxation Hearing Agenda put forward by Meg, seconded by Scott, all in favor, **motion carries 5-0-0**
2. March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Annual Truth in Taxation Hearing Minutes were approved at the Regular Township Board Meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Record of Electors Present** – Tom Boost, Kirk Filsinger, Truman Jones, Kaelyn Wright

**Purpose of Meeting**

The purpose of this hearing is to review the millages used to create the budgets that will be used to operate the Township in the Fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

The proposed budgets were developed using the following millage schedule and taxes will be collected to support these budgets.

Fixed allocated	2.35	\$153,494.77
Ex-Voted	3.9589	\$264,173.89
Fire Millage	1.9794	\$132,081.12
2022-2023 Total Capture		\$435,544.85 (with admin fee collections added)

Budgets were presented and discussed by the Township Board. The General Fund budget was discussed at length with updates made to:

- Online software services (anticipated BS&A software purchase)
- Health care insurance budget increase
- Worker's Compensation insurance premium increase
- Postage & delivery increases, primarily due to election year
- Office furniture (proposed document storage system)
- Fewer computer hardware purchases anticipated; budgets reduced
- Elections wages budget
- Storage building budget reduced to only engineering and clearing costs
- Increases anticipated for Waste Management, and attendant costs
- LLB dump site prep budget
- Cemetery arch budget
- Fireworks budget increase

**Comments from Electors** – None

**Motion to adjourn** – put forward by Art, seconded by Misty, Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

*Vote tallies recorded in Meeting Minutes as Aye/Yes - Nah/No - Abstain  
(Absent excluded from tally)*



## Grant Township Board

Annual Budget Meeting Minutes

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, promptly following Truth in Taxation

Grant Township Community Center

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Phone: (906) 289-4292

### Call To Order

Supervisor Meg Vivian North led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:24pm.

### Roll Call

**Present** - Supervisor Meg Vivian North, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Clerk Scott Ochodnicky, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis

**Absent** - None

### Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion** to approve March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 Annual Budget Meeting Agenda put forward by Misty, seconded by Art, all in favor, **motion carries 5-0-0**
2. March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Annual Budget Meeting Minutes were approved at the Regular Township Board Meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

### The purpose of this hearing is to:

- Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budgets as necessary
- Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget
- Adopt and Authorize Annual Appointments and Allowances

**Adoptions of Resolutions** - The following Resolutions are presented for adoption:

**Resolution #3-2024 offered** for Adoption for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$759,853 by Art, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg abstain, **Resolution #3-2024 is adopted by a 4-0-1 vote.**

**Resolution #4-2024 offered** for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Sewer Budget in the amount of \$241,777 by Art, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg abstain, **Resolution #4-2024 is adopted by a 4-0-1 vote.**

**Resolution #5-2024 offered** for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Water Budget in the amount of \$114,909 by Misty, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg abstain, **Resolution #5-2024 is adopted by a 4-0-1 vote.**

**Resolution #6-2024 offered** for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fire Budget in the amount of \$111,448 by Misty, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg abstain, **Resolution #6-2024 is adopted by a 4-0-1 vote.**

**Resolution #7-2024 offered** for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Copper Harbor DDA Budget in the amount of \$130,004 by Art, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned abstain, Meg abstain, **Resolution #7-2024 is adopted by a 3-0-2 vote.**

**Resolution #8-2024 offered** for adoption to set Trustee Extra Meeting Compensation at: \$150/meeting by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned abstain, Meg abstain, **Resolution #8-2024 is adopted by a 3-0-2 vote.**

**Resolution #9-2024 offered** for adoption to set Fire Chiefs' Compensation: \$8,000/year each chief by Ned, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg aye, **Resolution #9-2024 is adopted by a 5-0-0 vote.**

**Resolution #10-2024 offered** for adoption to establish rates for Orange Township Garbage Bags at:

- Small \$18.00 per package of 10 bags
- Medium \$28.00 per package of 10 bags
- Large \$50.00 per package of 10 bags

by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg aye, **Resolution #10-2024 is adopted by a 5-0-0 vote.**

**Resolution #11-2024 offered** for adoption to establish sewer usage rates at \$11.25 per 1000 gallons by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O

aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned abstain, Meg aye, **Resolution #11-2024 is adopted by a 4-0-1 vote.**

**Resolution #12-2024 offered** for adoption to establish water usage rates at \$11.85 per 1000 gallons by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned abstain, Meg aye, **Resolution #12-2024 is adopted by a 4-0-1 vote.**

**Adoptions of Appointments and Allowances** - The following Annual Appointments and Allowances are presented for approval for Fiscal Year 2024-25:

- 1) **The Monthly Board Meeting** - 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6 PM except as noted.
- 2) **Work Session** - Thursday preceding Twp Board Meeting at 6 PM except as noted.
- 3) **Auditor:** tabled
- 4) **Assessor:** Mark Erhart
- 5) **Banks of Record:** Incredible Bank, The Miners State Bank, and Range Bank.
- 6) **Newspaper of Record:** Daily Mining Gazette
- 7) **Board of Review Compensation:** \$25.00/hour with a minimum (2) hours, plus (1) meal per session, plus mileage. Training expenses to be determined by Township Board.
- 8) **Election Officials Compensation:** \$20.00/hour plus (1) meal for 6+ hour sessions. Training expenses to be determined by the Township Board as required by the State.
- 9) **Election Chairperson Compensation:** \$22.50/hour plus (1) meal for 6+ hour sessions. Training expenses to be determined by the Township Board as required by the State.
- 10) **Township Deputy Official Position:** \$20.00/hour

- 11) **All hourly positions:** Will be set at a minimum base rate of \$17.50/hour unless otherwise determined in an employment contract. Increases will be based on merit and longevity.
- 12) **Out of Township Travel Compensation:** \$50/day + reasonable and customary expenses.
- 13) **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.67/mile
- 14) **Community Room with or without Park Pavilion and Lac LaBelle Fire Hall Rental Fees:** \$600 plus \$250 refundable security deposit. The fees allow the use of the facilities for a maximum of two days. Residents of Grant Township do not have to pay for the Halls or Park Pavilions but must still pay security deposit and show proof of liability.

**Motion** to adopt appointments and allowances 1 through 14 put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote:** Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Meg aye, **Motion carries by a 5-0-0 vote.**

**Public Comment** – begins at 8:08pm - None

**Motion to adjourn** – put forward by Art, seconded by Scott, **Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm**

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