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BY:  DATE: 4-11-24

Torch Lake Township  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Hubbell Community Building

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## Public Hearing on Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

Public Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

The Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. General Fund Budget and special funds budgets and millage rates were presented to the Public. General Operations 1.2629, Hubbell Fire 1.9790, Bootjack Fire 0.9715, Point Mills 0.5100 and Roads 0.9715. The budget was explained to those present.

The floor was opened to the public for questions and comments with no response. There being no further business the Public Hearing was Adjourned at 6:02pm.

## Torch Lake Township Meeting

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Hubbell Community Building

Meeting Called to order at 6:03pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Brian Cadwell, present, Clerk Lou Ambuehl, present, Treasure Kathryn Moore, present, Trustee Scott Sapino, present, Trustee Tim Reitz, present.

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented. Motion by Reitz and Seconded by Moore. All in favor motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes:** Previous Board Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion by Moore and Seconded by Sapino. All in favor motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Clerk Bills for Approval:** Ambuehl presented bills as follows. Need approval for prepaid bills from General Fund of \$35,388.78. Garbage Fund \$19,069.66 and current bills from the General fund of \$9,701.99. \$16,9240.00 for BJ Fire Dept Grant on Turn Out Gear. Motion by Moore and seconded by Reitz.

Yea 5, Nay 0. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Moore reported winter Taxes are just about rapped up. Motion by Sapino and seconded by Ambuehl. All in favor motion carried.

**Supervisors Report:** None

## **Committee Reports:**

**Sewage:** Nothing really new to report. Waiting for weather to turn. Project should be operational this year.

**Refuse:** Refuse to raise rates for outlying area pickups to \$240.00 per year and \$260.00 for partial to take effect April 1, 2024. JTR Committee approved pay raise for Dan to \$25.25 hour and Adam to \$19.00 an hour.

**Fire:** Working on Tournament Activities that will be held in the park for Fireman's Tournament. Need to get Liquor License also parade permit. Asked Board to consider being Judges for Parade.

**Parks:** None

**Roads:** None

**Old Business:** Up date on Seaplane Site. After last Township Board Meeting, Supervisor Cadwell contacted the township Attorney asking questions about proposed Seaplane Service. They are not aware of any legal basis that would authorize Torch Lake Township to prohibit this type of land use at this particular Location.

Joe Jarvis addressed the Board with concerns he has about the Seaplane project.

Sherry Kanari had questions for the Board on the proposed Seaplane service.

Jeff Hilss addressed the Board on possible noise from Seaplanes.

Rick Anderson addressed the board with his concerns of Seaplane Service.

**New Business:** Consider adoption of proposed 2024-2025 Budget and Millage rates. Motion was made by Reitz and Seconded by Sapino to accept the proposed Budget. 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Consider resolution to establish township Officers Salary: A 4% increase as follows

Supervisor \$15,600 exclusive of assessing duties

Clerk \$17,680

Deputy Clerk \$16.15 per hour – maximum of \$4,160/year

Treasurer \$17,680

Deputy Treasurer \$16.15 per hour – maximum of \$4,160/per year

Trustee \$210 per meeting and \$105 per extra meeting

Motion made by Moore and Seconded by Reitz. 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Consider approving meeting schedule for 2024 – 2025. Motion by Sapino and Seconded by Moore to hold meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month. All in favor motion carried.

Consider authorizing depositories for township funds for 2024 – 2025 SNB, Range Bank, Incredible Bank. Motion made by Reitz and Seconded by Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

Consider authorizing Roger Zappa as Township Attorney 2024 – 2025. Motion made by Sapino and Seconded by Moore. All in favor motion carried.

Consider approving pay increase for Don Lavergne DPW (\$1,925 per month) and Ron Dove DPW (\$16.25 per hour). Motion made by Ambuehl and Seconded by Moore. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Hans Impola asked about road to be paved in Big Traverse Bay area. Its still scheduled for 2024.

David Halonen informed the Board about the age of our township population being mostly over the age of 50. Do we have plans to attract younger population to the area.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Moore and Seconded by Sapino. All in favor motion carried.

**TIME:** 6:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou Ambuehl', written in a cursive style.

Lou Ambuehl  
Torch Lake township Clerk

