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Torch Lake Township March 19th, 2025 Hubbell Community Building

Public Hearing on Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Public Meeting called to order at 5:59PM

The Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. General Fund Budget and special funds budgets and millage rates were presented to the Public. 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 6:00pm.

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Meeting Called to order at 6:01pm

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: Charter Information on new channel addition. Motion by Ambuehl Seconded by Moore to put correspondence accept. All in favor, Motion carried.

Clerk Bills for Approval: Ambuehl presented bills as follows. Need approval for prepaid bills from General Fund of \$15,240.75. Garbage Fund \$19,158.13 and current bills from the General fund of \$83,656.23. \$46,505.00 was for Par Plan Insurance and \$18,131.48 was Fire School Instructors, which is grant money from State of Mich. Motion made by Moore and Seconded by Sapino. Cadwell yes, Ambuehl yes, Moore Yes, Sapino Yes, Reitz yes. Yea 5, Nay 0. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Moore reported winter Taxes are just about rapped up. Final of Tax Collection for 2024 is closed. Motion by Reitz and seconded by Sapino. All in favor motion carried.

Supervisors Report: None

Committee Reports:

Sewage: New M-26 building-interior metal mostly completed, insulation completed, electrical work ongoing-some ceiling lights installed.

Refuse: Should be seeing the new truck real soon!

Fire: Hubbell Fire Dept cleared culverts in Hubbell. Motion by Ambuehl and seconded by Reitz to pay Hubbell Fireman there annual 100.00 dept check. Cadwell yes, Ambuehl yes, Moore Yes, Sapino yes, Reitz yes. All in favor motion carried.

Parks: Snow melting. Sapino to go out and see what is needed at the parks. White city needs is in need of some new picnic tables.

Roads: None

Old Business:

New Business:

- 1) Consider adoption of proposed 2025-2026 budgets and millage rates.

 Motion by Moore to approve and seconded by Lou. Cadwell yes, Ambuehl yes, Moore yes, Sapino yes and Reitz yes. All in favor motion carried.
- 2) Consider resolution to establish township officers' salary.

 SUPERVISOR \$ 16,500 exclusive of assessing duties. CLERK \$18,500 Deputy clerk \$17.00 per hour maximum of \$5,000/year. TREASURER \$18,500 Deputy Treasurer \$17.00 per hour maximum of \$5,000/year. TRUSTEE \$240.00 per meeting and \$120 per extra meeting. Motion made by Reitz and seconded by Sapino. Cadwell yes, Ambuehl yes, Moore yes, Sapino yes, Reitz yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - 3) Consider approving meeting schedule for 2025-2026.

Motion was made by Ambuehl for next year meeting dates. Seconded by Moore. All in favor. Motion carried.

4) Consider authorizing depositories for Township Funds for 2025-2026 SNB, Range Bank and Incredible Bank.

Motion by Moore seconded by Cadwell. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 5) Consider authorizing Roger Zappa as township attorney for 2025-2026. Motion made by Cadwell and seconded by Moore. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6) Consider adjusting pay for BOR members. \$200.00/full day \$100.00/half day. Motion made by Moore to approve and seconded by Reitz. Cadwell yes, Ambuehl yes, Moore yes, Sapino yes and Reitz yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - 7) Consider renewing Assessor contract. \$43,560.00 Per year.

Motion by Cadwell and seconded by Moore. Cadwell yes. Ambuehl yes, Moore yes, Sapino yes and Reitz yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

8) Consider approving contract with PLM for Milfoil control.

Discussion: PLM predicts \$12,000 for the year. Motion by Cadwell and seconded by Ambuehl. Cadwell yes, Ambuehl yes, Moore yes, Sapino yes and Reitz yes. All in favor. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Valorie Troesch thanked the Township Board for there service. Concerned about all the cut in Federal Government and how it will affect our Township. Concerns on what's happening at Isle Royale with the budget cuts. Rye of the Noggin Shop wanted to know if we were aware of funds the Township were going to receive from State of Michigan and if we could use some of that money for Recreational Parks. Jared Hyrkas of OMH Engineering let the Board know he is available if the Township needed any help writing grants for anything. Spoke a little about Walking Trial he was working on in Bootjack.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Sapino and Seconded by Moore. All in favor. Motion carried. **TIME:** 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ambuehl

Torch Lake township Clerk