

Grafton Township
Township Budget Hearing Minutes
June 30, 2010

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Moore called the Township Budget Hearing to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Moore, Trustees LaPorta, McMahon, Murphy, Zirk, Attorney Krafthefer, Clerk Ford, Assessor Ottley, Road Commissioner Freund, Road District Attorney Coen.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

4. Public Comments on Township Budget

No comments from Public.

5. Discussion and Potential Action on the Approval of the 2010-2011 Township Budget

Discussion: Supervisor Moore presented a proposed budget (Exhibit I); Trustee Zirk presented a proposed budget (Exhibit II).

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed budgets. Trustee Zirk recommended exploring other options than a full pay out to the Road District to unwind the previous agreement. Attorneys Krafthefer and Coen will discuss an intergovernmental agreement. New budget line items were established for 1) The Township Clerk to cover office expenses and expenses related to the Annual Meeting; and 2) New Administrator programs, i.e. the computer lab. The Supervisor presented a comparative analysis of Township Assessor's Offices in McHenry County. She asked Assessor Ottley if he could reduce his staff and hire employees on an "as needed" basis when required by demand. Assessor Ottley responded "no." Trustee Zirk stated that Trudy Jurs salary and benefits should be out of the GA fund since she was a GA employee. Supervisor Moore stated that she did not agree with this. Trustee Murphy stated that Supervisor Moore had stated this at a previous meeting. Attorney Krafthefer stated that the Board can decide at this meeting if Trudy Jurs' salary would be allocated from the Town Fund or GA.

Supervisor Moore stated there would be a deficit if adjustments were not made. The budget was modified. Attorney Krafthefer stated that it was likely that the approved budget would have to be amended after the special audit. There were several line items that the Supervisor was not in agreement with the four Trustees. She said she may not sign the approved budget. Attorney Krafthefer said it was not required since the

majority of the Board had passed the budget. Supervisor Moore stated that Attorney Krafthefer should be ready to defend that issue in court.

The final document reflects what was passed by the Board of Trustees (Exhibit III).

Motion by Trustee Zirk, seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the 2010-2011 Township Budget as discussed and agreed upon at this hearing; Township Administrator Pam Fender is directed to correct the document to reflect what was agreed upon and distribute the document to the Board at the July 8, 2010 Regular Township Meeting .

AYES: Trustees Zirk, Murphy, McMahan, LaPorta

NAYS: Supervisor Moore

Motion passed.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Zirk, seconded by Trustee Murphy to adjourn the Hearing.

AYES: Trustees Murphy, Zirk, McMahan, LaPorta, Supervisor Moore

NAYS: None

Motion passed/meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.