

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

November 15, 2022

IN-PERSON BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING

Supervisors Present: Jim Hopkins, Tony Matzura, James Nilsen, Raymond Kade and Bill Ryker.

Also present: Jason Wager (Township Manager), Lisa Gerhart (Secretary), Michael McDonald (Chief of Police), Mercedes Veni (Treasurer) and Rich Pursell (Public Works Director).

Mr. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session - Executive Session was held on Friday, November 4th to discuss personnel and prior to this meeting to discuss personnel.

Business

Acceptance of Resignation of Township Manager/Zoning Officer - Mr. Jason Wager read his resignation letter which advised his last day would be December 2, 2022. The Board members thanked him for everything he did for the Township and residents. Motion by Mr. Kade, Seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried, accepting Mr. Wager's resignation as Township Manager.

Appointment of Township Manager – Mr. Hopkins stated there will be some reorganization happening within the Township, as the Public Works director, Mr. Pursell, will be appointed as the new Township manager. Mr. Hopkins advised this would be a smooth and easy transition for the Township. Mr. Hopkins advised Mr. Wager will stay on in a consultation role to help with budget and financial issues as needed. Those details will be worked out and agreed on at a further meeting.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried appointing Mr. Rich Pursell as Township Manager/Public Works Director with a December 5, 2022 start date and agreeing to all the details put forth in the his employment agreement.

Authorization to advertise for new Public Works Equipment Operator/Laborer/Driver – As Mr. Pursell was a working public works director, there is a need to fill a position in the Public Works department as Equipment Operator/Laborer/Driver. Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried authorizing the advertisement for Public Workers laborer with the salary wage of \$22-25 an hour.

Budget Fiscal Year 2023 – Mr. Wager presented the draft 2023 Fiscal Year Budget with the 2022 Projection and 2024 to 2028 forecasted figures. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft General Fund, Liquid Fuels and Capital Reserve. The Board will finish discussing the 2023 Budget at the BOS meeting on November 22, 2022 and look to advertise the budget after that meeting.

Chief McDonald stated he had spoken to Mr. Wager about the Cradlepoints that need to be installed in the police vehicles. Chief McDonald said he received an additional quote that needs to be approved by the BOS. Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and carried unanimously allowing an additional cost of \$900 for the Cradlepoint.

Public Comment

Mr. Dave Long, 3260 Drifting Drive, had a question about the dedicated tax and how it applies to the General Fund.

Supervisors Comments

Mr. Nilsen advised that while the building was used for election, a car was stuck in the ditch in the back of the parking lot. He suggested using cones next time there is a public event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gerhart
Secretary