

# Campbell Township

April 14, 2022

7:00 pm

**Budget Hearing for Fiscal year April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023** was called to order.

Present: Briain Thompson, Dan Jackson, Linda Willison, Dennis Pepper and Marshann Ludema. Absent: none.

20+ visitors attended.

Budget was reviewed. Motion by Dan, supported by Linda to approve. All ayes.

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis, supported by Dan. Meeting adjourned

**Regular meeting** was called to order by Supervisor Thompson.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. (Dan, Linda)

## **Public Comment:**

-Sergeant Strauble from the Ionia County Sheriff's office gave a quarterly report of calls within Campbell Township.

-Several residents of Robbins Road asked about options for taking care of the easternmost section of Robbins Road since it is not being maintained by the county road department. That section of road was de-certified in 1982 and made a private road. Campbell Township has no authority to recertify so that the county will maintain it. Residents of that section will need to speak with the County Road Department about the issue. Brian will provide the petition forms for the residents to begin the process of creating a special assessment district which will provide funds for maintaining the road.

## **Park and Cemetery -**

Township Park bathrooms are open. Local schools will be planting a couple trees at the park on Earth Day.

Cemetery water has not been turned on. There was a breakin at the cemetery maintenance building. Cemetery Sextons, Joe and Rachel Fahrni suggested having a designated weekend for cemetery clean-up before Memorial Day.

**Fire Department** - Frontline will be inspecting and testing trucks on May 21-25. Memorial Day parade plans are in the works. Lucas CPR machine has arrived.

## **Old Business -**

**Sweep Accounts-** motion to approve opening SWEEP accounts at treasurer's discretion at United Bank was approved (Dan, Denny)

## **New Business -**

**Junk Ordinance** of 1956 is outdated and should be updated or abolished. Board has had recent discussions about adopting a blight ordinance and has considered whether the existing ordinance could be made more usable instead. Brian reported that the township board does

not have the authority to place an ordinance question on a ballot for voter approval. Further discussion was tabled until next meeting. (Dennis, Linda) Motion carried.

**Assessor** - David Klein, township assessor will be resigning his position as of November 1, 2022. Brain has a list of other recommended and qualified assessors and will speak with other townships to narrow down the list to three possible candidates.

**Meeting dates** for fiscal year 2022-2023 - motion by Brian, support by Dan to keep meetings on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm. Carried.

**Long Term Goals** for the township - Dennis asked that we be thinking about long term goals for one year and five years.

**Supervisor Items** - Bell Road Bridge reconstruction will not begin until 2024 now. Gravel price is \$11.10/yard for the same grade as in last application. Brine is same price as last application. Brine contract was accepted (Dan, Linda). Contract was signed. Gradall contract was approved (Dan, Linda) Contract was signed.

**Appointed township workers wages-**

Motion to approve wages for deputy treasurer and clerk at \$15.00/hr. (Linda, Marshann) motion approved.

Motion to approve Board of Review member wages of \$150/day. (Dennis, Dan) motion approved.

Motion to approve election worker wages \$15/hr for workers, \$17/hr for chairperson. (Marshann, Brian) motion approved.

Motion to approve cemetery sexton and park manager to \$460/month for each position.. (Brian, Dennis) Motion approved.

**Other Business-** Quarterly Township Officers meeting report from Brian, Dennis, and Dan was given.

**-Bills** totaling \$31,156.98 were approved for payment. (Dennis, Dan)

**-Financial report** was approved as presented. (Dan, Dennis)

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Marshann Ludema, Clerk