

Charter township of Emmett

Budget Workshop

December 6, 2016

Budget workshop was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 12:07 p.m. pizza was provided ☺

Board Member Attendance

Present:

Buller, Brown, Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Talbot, and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

Absent:

Gunning

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This meeting commenced with a conference call with Larry Fleis, engineer for Fleis and Vanderbrink, about the water/ sewer contract. Battle Creek City wants surrounding townships to be responsible for their own maintenance on the sewer lines and stations as of January 1st, 2017, to assist in this transition, they offered lower rate, but added a “basic service” fee. Fleis stated that by the City giving us their projected service charges that we would potentially to build up enough capital to be able to properly maintain the lines and stations. Jeff Wingard was also there to help show numbers on the overhead projector. Pennfield Townships Supervisor Dave Morgan asked questions about receipts from repairs done in the last two years, by the city sub-categorized by municipalities; Fleis stated it was too late to get those figures before signing the contract. Hill and Buller stated we had asked for those same receipts years ago, and have never been shown any valid information. Morgan also asked about possibly negotiating terms about the City still being liable for 25% of the maintenance bill if something drastic was to happen; Fleis said it was too late for negotiations. Discussion about what the Townships will do if something happens to the lines/stations before enough capital is built up.

Moving on we talked about Dougherty placing the \$10,000 sewer committee salaries to the general fund and make permanent, but we will need to have a resolution.

Pay raises will be looked at by the wage committee.

Buller asked about charging a fee for marijuana users. Chief Olson stated he would have to look at the new statutes of the law to see what we can/can't do.

DeShon asked about a possible drop box fee, we will re-visit in January so we can compare to other municipalities.

Handed a copy of the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget out to everyone to be reviewed and discussed at our next Budget Meeting. Buller wanted Stone to e-mail him copies of the last few years' budgets to compare.

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Motion 16-12-01 by Hill to adjourn
Voice vote: ALL YES, MOTION CARRIED

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Tracy Myers-Malone
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