

BUDGET PLANNING MEETING

MINUTES

Date: February 8
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Millen Township Hall

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call-** Supervisor Smith, Clerk Ostrander, Treasurer Bartlett, Trustee Kosal, Trustee Somers
3. **Public Comments not on the Agenda –**
 - a. **Resolution 2022-09 Poverty Exemption –** Motion to vote on the resolution with standard Federal Poverty Guidelines made by Kosal with 2nd by Somers and motion carries. (Roll call vote: Aye- Ostrander, Smith, Somers, Bartlett, Kosal. Nay – None)
4. **Budget Planning - Line by Line Review**
 - a. **2022-2023 Budget to Actual**
 - i. Bartlett presented budget proposal excel worksheet with historical actual budget data.
 - ii. Board Reviewed Income, Expenses line by line.
 - iii. Board to return on February 22 for final review prior to presenting to the Public Hearing March 7
 - b. **Potential Budget Item “Parking Lot” to be discussed during Line by Line**
 - i. Road Improvements – springtime ride with the County Road Commissioner to determine road project proposals for 2022. Community members have reached out to Supervisor Smith with road considerations including:
 1. Walker Road Sanborn to Bean Hill adding recycled asphalt grindings
 2. Bean Hill south of 72 adding recycled asphalt grindings
 3. Louis Lane in town to be surface treated. Currently crushed limestone (dusty)
 - ii. Contract Renewals
 1. Park Mowing – Advertising for bids to be placed in the Alcona County Review by clerk. Update contract for better leaf removal (vacuum leaves)
 2. Cemetery Mowing – Advertising for bids to be placed in the Alcona County Review by clerk. Update contract to be clear that mowing/leaves must be removed.
 3. Cemetery – Contract to be signed with Leesberg.
 4. Park Manager wages – 3 year contract (replacement) to be signed with Karen Sutton.
 5. Dust Control – Ostrander to confirm pricing with C&S Dust Control.
 - iii. Wage Survey– Alcona County Townships Comparison was made due to the fact that no salary increases for Millen Township in the last 18 years.
 1. Salaries are very low in comparison.
 2. Board unanimously voted “no” to any wage increases.
 3. Board has concern for current operating expenses and deficit spending due to loss of PILT funding that went to the County level.
 - iv. ARPA Project Spending/Auditor Fees – Add fees to Auditor expenses for proper filing.

- v. Gustin Utility – request prorated payment for the shared utility lights based on yearly use.
 - vi. Park Contributions -Hawes Township proposal to increase the contribution to the Barton City Park and Cemetery. Supervisor Smith sent a letter to Hawes Township making the request on 2/8/2022.
5. **New Business** – Federal PILT Investigation (Ostrander)
 6. **Public Comments** - None
 7. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Kosal, 2nd Somers and motion carries.

Next Meetings: February 22, 7:00 pm
March 7, 6:45 pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk, Cathy Ostrander