

MILLEN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 18, 2022

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: *Millen Township Hall*

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

a. **Board Members:** Denny Smith, Barb Bartlett, Cathy Ostrander, Jeff Somers, Scott Kosal

3. Public Comments -none

Resolution Vote: Resolution 2022-13 General Operating Fund Increase – Millage to replace Resolution 2022-11 due to ballot timing update to August Election (was November Election)

Discussion – Supervisor Smith to communicate financial need for Operating Fund Increase and impact to the community. Supervisor Smith believes that the voters will support the 0.5 mil increase which will be an average household increase of \$30/year on the property taxes. Trustee Kosal asked about potential to mailing information to registered voters in the community.

Motion by Kosal to approve resolution 2022-13 with a 2nd Somers.

Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” – Smith, Kosal, Somers, Bartlett, Ostrander; “No” – None. Motion carries.

General Operating Fund Increase – Millage

Resolution 2022-13

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful

Public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of _____ Millen _____ Township wishes to levy 0.5 mills

to General Operating Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of _____ Millen _____

Township, Alcona County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 2022,

Election ballot:

Shall Millen Township impose an increase of up to 0.5 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 8 years, 2022 through 2029 inclusive, for general township operating purposes, which 0.5 mills increase will raise an estimated \$14,000 in the first year the millage is levied.*

[] Yes

[] No

4. New Business –

- a. PILT - Request to Alcona County Board of Commissioners on April 20 to return funding to Millen Township. Supervisor Smith to present a second time with all Commissioners having returned from vacation and to hold an in-person vote. Approximately \$15,000 annual funds held by Alcona County that were previously sent to the Township for Payment in Lieu of Taxes on the Federal Property in Millen Township (65% is Federal Land).
- b. Smith asked FOE to partner with the Township to repair the damaged Pavilion. FOE is open to join and support project. Township ARPA funding may also be allocated for project spending.
- c. Park Cleanup – April 25 -28 at 8:30.
- d. Cemetery Cleanup – in process. Winter flowers and other weathered ornamentation at gravesites have been removed. Wood chips and stumps to be removed along Burns Road.

5. Public Comments - none

6. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Smith, 2nd by Somers and motion to adjourn carries.

***Next Meetings:** May 2, 7:00 pm Millen Township Board Meeting
May 16, 6:30 pm - Planning and Zoning Meeting
June 6, 7:00 pm Millen Township Board Meeting

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk, Cathy Ostrander