

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE'S NOTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

ATTENDEES: Gregory Rainbolt, Margaret Young, David Pollard, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht

Greg Rainbolt: It is Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6 PM. I would like to open the WRT Board Meeting. First order of business is the Pledge of Allegiance. I would like to announce the attendees today; we have Mary Lou Habicht, Mary Sue Kane, Dave Pollard, Peggy Young and Greg Rainbolt. The trustee, Mark Messick, is absent. He had a previous commitment that he could not get out of so I would just like to announce that. On the agenda there is going to be a change on the agenda. The WRT Board Meeting Minutes will not be approved tonight. We will go straight to the WRT 2017 Budget Estimates and Tax Levies. This is a public hearing and I am going to open up the public hearing. Mary Sue Kane is going to represent the trustee Mark Messick on this public hearing. There are no other members of the public in attendance other than the board members and the township employees. So Mary Sue if you want to present the budget.

Mary Sue Kane: The very first paper is just the Current Year Financial Worksheet. It is pretty self-explanatory. It shows what the current year approved budget is. The January through June current year disbursements, appropriation balance and estimated current year expenditures July through December is the rest of the budget. Line 3 proposed/approved additional appropriations of \$26,000. That was for July through December of current year. Down on Line 6 June 30th cash balance including investments \$217,103. Line 7 taxes to be collected present year December is \$53,004. The very next paper I'm just going to go through these, if anybody has any questions.

Greg: The Notice To Taxpayers members of the public are not here other than the township officials and employees so we are going to waive the formal reading of the budget estimates.

Mary Sue: Basically on that on #5 down at the bottom that is the current tax levy, that is what we have now and on #3 that is the estimated tax for next year and it has been lowered. It is lowered by that much. On the next page that is the Budget Form – Estimate of Miscellaneous Revenue. You can look over that. It shows the July 1 through December 31, 2016 and on the next column is January 1 through December 31, 2017. Does anybody have any questions on that?

David Pollard: No.

Mary Sue: Then on the next paper is the Budget Form/Budget Estimate. This is anything that is going to be changed. Actually you can look on – for 2016 he put both of the papers out. One of them is dated for 2016 and the other one is 2017 and anything that has been highlighted you can see that is where there will be an increase. On printing and advertising there has been \$500 in 2017 that was not there for 2016. We have to publish the annual report, so that is why there is an additional \$500. Then on the next line that was highlighted, 2016 repairs and maintenance \$7,500 that is what was in the budget but then you had an appropriation for the

additional amount to pay for the roof. Then 2017 he has down \$35,000 and that is to help cover for the furnace/air conditioning that will need to be replaced.

Greg: We will speak on that during the Budget Adoption that is something that I feel is going to be lowered.

Peggy Young: I would concur.

Mary Sue: Bond Furnace/Plumbing they came in on Monday and went through everything and he said the one furnace upstairs he was not sure if we turned it on if it would start. So Mark said he would try to do the most economical way and he is going to look and see what he can get for the difference in amount.

Peggy: Do you know if they left an estimate?

Mary Sue: He did not. He just came in and looked at them.

Peggy: Ok.

Mary Sue: I think he will get an estimate for Mark.

Greg: That was part of the appropriation, that money was appropriated for that air conditioner. We will speak on that during the Budget Adoption.

Mary Sue: I think there is like \$10,000 but we will go through that in a minute.

Anyhow down under General 0101 that is the total from 2016 and then the one for 2017. The columns below the only thing that was an additional is burials. Last year we had \$5000 and this year he is asking for \$10,000. Do you see that Peggy?

Peggy: Yes.

Mary Sue: That mainly is for burials because this year we did have to move something out of the line item up to cover for burials. We have been kind of on notice that there could be more deaths next year with the drug issues. So that was the reason for that increase. Then on the next page, the final page Township Assistance \$55,100 and last year it was at \$50,100. The difference is for the burial.

Greg: The total last year's was \$169,130.

Mary Sue: Yes \$169,130. Then 2017 is \$202,130.

Greg: Right.

Mary Sue: That is an increase of \$33,000.

Greg: Because you are representing Mr. Messick, we will speak at the Budget Adoption on that one. We will not ask you any more questions.

Mary Sue: Alright. The next one is the Budget Report by Specific Date Range. You can see what was budgeted and then what is budgeted for 2017. Highlighted are the changed amounts.

Clothing and Shoes, that is where we took \$500 and moved it up to the Burial Services, so he added the \$500 back in for next year. The next page is Budget Report by Specific Date Range.

Budgeted is \$19,900 and for 2017 it is \$19,900 so that is the same amount. Then the final report is the Budget Report By Specific Date Range. You can see what is highlighted here.

Under Repairs and Maintenance the original amount of \$7,500 and then the appropriation was for \$27,500 and that was for the roof. You can see in that line item the remaining, everything on the very right of the page it tells you what percent we have left in each one of those funds.

Does anybody have any questions on the remaining amounts or anything?

Peggy: I can't remember, is that what we approved the \$27,500?

Greg: Yes.

Dave: Yes.

Peggy: Ok.

Greg: So there is still \$10,455.14 remaining in that and a copier has not been purchased and for an air conditioner and furnace.

Mary Sue: No a copier has not. He has been in contact with somebody about the copier, trying to get a lower amount for a government, because we are a government agency. Then the rest of that I think will be going towards the furnace because the one furnace Bond was concerned about even turning it on.

Greg: Any questions from the public? I don't hear any questions so I'm going to close the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is closed. I will ask the Board Members if they want to open up for discussion on the Budget now or do you want to wait for the Budget Adoption?

Peggy: We can discuss it amongst ourselves, correct?

Greg: Yes.

Mary Sue: Are there any questions you want me to give to Mark?

Greg: I mean Mary Sue can take the questions to Mark or we can communicate that through a telephone call or email or just wait until the Budget Adoption and go over it then. My concern is in the Repairs.

Peggy: So am I understanding he is wanting to increase it to \$35,000 even though we have \$10,000 remaining?

Greg: Yes he is wanting \$35,000 budgeted for next year. This year we had \$7,500.

Peggy: This year we have already newly appropriated \$27,500 for a roof, a copier and the furnace and he is wanting to increase it to \$35,000?

Greg: Yes that is the amount. I'm going to go ahead and make a motion to open up for discussion of the budget. Do I have a second?

Dave: I second.

Greg: I have a first and a second, I will open this up for discussion. So that is my concern among that area. There is not a whole lot of change. That is the area that I have great concern about for right now and I will look over it at another time the whole budget. I'm not comfortable allotting that type of an increase.

Peggy: No.

Dave: For \$35,000 I'm not either.

Peggy: Not when we have already appropriated an additional.

Greg: We can have an appropriation process to do that. I'm just not comfortable releasing that type of money.

Peggy: I'm not either.

Greg: It is our duty to...

Peggy: I'm not even comfortable with the burials.

Greg: Well I can understand the burials. We have been zero on that and that is on assistance but that is your opinion.

Peggy: We can always get together to re-appropriate funds for that as well.

Greg: Yes.

Peggy: That is an additional \$5000.

Greg: I know in previous years we have been zero on that quite a bit and we never know what is going to happen. I know on the township repairs and maintenance I go over this time and time again and I know the process and the qualifications and I know we have to keep up the building

but how can you justify to the public these costs? There is a maintenance cost and I want to be prudent with that maintenance cost and have some say in that instead of just allotting X amount of dollars.

Peggy: I agree, I agree.

Dave: We all agree on that.

Greg: So that is where our concerns are and you can share that with Mark. I like the appropriation process we did here and I want to be open about it and talk about wasted resources and things and I want to make sure that I agree with the resources that are being spent on repairs and maintenance and that is part of our duty as a board.

Mary Sue: To clarify a little more on that burial. Everything has to be kept in that fund. We can't take anything out of that fund and move it up to the 101. If somebody comes in they need that money pretty quick. The funeral home normally wants their money. We write the PO up and then we mail it to them, they will come in and sign it and then we issue them a check. We give them the option of whether they want to be cremated or have a burial. We cannot sway them one way or the other but cremation is much cheaper. But if they have any qualms about it then we don't say anything. That is their right on burial.

Peggy: So they don't pay for anything?

Mary Sue: If they pay for anything then we deduct the amount that they pay and we try to make sure that they don't have like a veteran's fund that they can get it from or SS.

Peggy: So there is an investigation with that as well?

Mary Sue: Yes. We send out, usually the investigator will look and if there is a POA we make sure that they don't have the funds or if they are not willing or the family is not willing to go together because sometimes families will go together because they want cards or they want different things and the funeral home will work with them too.

Greg: So we really don't have to vote on anything tonight. So are there any other questions on this matter?

Dave: Not from me.

Greg: Not hearing any other discussion we will close that item of business of the Budget Estimates. Is there any other business? The next meeting is Oct. 25, Tuesday, at 6 PM.

Dave: It is at 6 PM?

Greg: Yes. Hearing that and not hearing any other business other than the next meeting date which has already been established, I make a motion to adjourn.

Dave: I second.

Greg: Having a first and a second, all in agreement say Aye. Meeting is adjourned.