

MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
November 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order, via Zoom, by Supervisor John Gast at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were two (2) guests attending via Zoom.

Supervisor Gast read the agenda and meeting procedure. (A copy of this is attached).

ROLL CALL

Clerk Payne called the roll. Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Robert Clark, Treasurer; Nancy Mensinger, Trustee; James Stine, Jr., Trustee; Pat Heyn, Trustee and John Wilk, Trustee.

The two guests attending via zoom was Carolyn Miller and Jeff Burkhard, Lake Charter Township Water Plant Superintendent.

The public hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m. It was moved by Mensinger seconded by Clark to Open the Public Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Gast yes; Payne yes; Clark yes; Mensinger yes; Stine yes; Heyn yes; Wilk yes. Motion carried.

2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING/BOARD DISCUSSION

Supervisor Gast went over the projected 2021 Lake Charter Township budget. The 2021 general millage amount to be levied remains at 3.0. The budget, as in the past, is an estimate of income and operational cost by a historical look at past budget, and future estimated project costs. The budget is presented as a line item cost-centered estimate of the operational costs for 2021. Developed via workshops, along with each department head, who was consulted about expenditures for operations and projects.

The estimated income for the general fund for calendar year 2021 is \$4,640,833.00.

John Gast turned the floor over to Robert Clark, Lake Charter Township Treasurer. He explained the estimated revenues for all funds are \$8,524,333.00 and the appropriations are \$8,640,453.00 a deficit which is carried over from the year 2020. The fund balance is close a \$10,000,000.00

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed 7:11 p.m. It was moved by Heyn seconded by Wilk to move out of the public hearing and enter into the regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Gast yes; Payne yes; Clark yes; Mensinger yes; Stine yes; Heyn yes; Wilk yes. Motion carried.

Board members discussed a 3% across the board cost of living increase which includes the firefighters. The Public Safety Building has included in the budget \$27,000.00 for exercise equipment. An expense to be discussed in the future. Trustee Heyn reported she has checked with surrounding municipalities, Lincoln Township has nothing for their police and firefighters. Chikaming Township has some equipment and purchases memberships to local gyms and New Buffalo is discussing this item for sometime in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Payne seconded by Mensinger to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Gast yes; Payne yes; Clark yes; Mensinger yes; Stine yes; Heyn yes; Wilk yes. Motion carried. Six ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor