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Town Board Budget Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2024

Board Members Present: Supervisors Jonn Olson, Bob Millerbernd, Carol Searing, and Andy Luedtke; Supervisor Mike Parker (via Zoom); Treasurer Alyssa Dehn; Clerk Pam Olson

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Tom Searing, Darryl Ballman, Charles Scriptor, Brian Langlois

Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda: Vice Chairman Olson called the budget meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 22817 Typo Creek Drive NE, Stacy, on Thursday, February 22, 2024, and the clerk performed the roll call.

Budget Information: Treasurer Dehn presented a budget overview for 2023 and 2024, along with the 2025 Preliminary budget and Treasurer's recommended adjustments to the budget.

ARPA: The ARPA funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and expended by the end of 2026. The funds cannot be used to offset tax reductions directly or indirectly or delay a tax or tax increase. The balance in the ARPA account on 12/31/2023 was \$426,561.52.

Scenarios: The assumption was that the fund balance at the end of 2024 would be \$2,694,759. The first scenario was compiled from the preliminary budgets that the Board reviewed during the first two budget meetings, plus using \$175,000 of ARPA funds for Martin Lake Road. The total of the preliminary budget was \$3,313,029. The levy would need to increase approximately 31% to cover that budget.

The second scenario assumed that all the ARPA funds would be used toward the Martin Lake Road restoration, removing all the capital funds, using all the treasurer's recommended adjustments, and raising the levy by \$100,000 or 5.1%. This scenario set the total budget at \$2,670,828. Within the 2024 budget, the General Fund was not allocated enough levy money. The CDs were reflected in the General Fund and is not readily available money for operating. This scenario shows the levy high so as not to have to cash in CDs to operate.

Scenario #3 showed cuts in several departments, use all ARPA funds plus ~\$561,325 for Martin Lake Drive, cash in the CDs to operate, and raise the levy by \$200,000 (10.3%). This would be a \$3,232,153 budget.

Scenario #4 was put all ARPA funds in the General Fund in the event the Township cannot get Martin Lake Road contracts in awarded by the end of 2024. If the Township is awarded the LRIP grant for Martin Lake Road, the levy for Road and Bridge Capital could then be disbursed to the other capital funds.

Supervisor Parker moved to accept Scenario #4; Supervisor Millerbernd seconded. It was discussed that by accepting the scenario, the Board is also accepting the 2025 budget, which is not normally approved until some time after the Annual Meeting. The motion and second were rescinded.

Supervisor Parker moved to approve \$2,150,000 for the 2025 proposed levy; Supervisor Searing seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjournment: Supervisor Parker moved to adjourn; Supervisor Luedtke seconded. All voted in favor; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15m p.m.

Approved on March 12, 2024

Attested:

Michael Parker, Chairman

Pamela Olson, Clerk