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**Special Meeting – Goshen Township
Board of Trustees
Monday, March 16, 2015
9:00 AM**

Budget Discussion

Meeting Minutes

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Board of Trustees
Fiscal Officer Allgeyer

Trustee Allen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and roll was taken.

Trustee Lisa Allen – Present
Trustee Claire Corcoran – Present
Trustee Lois Pappas Swift - Present

In Attendance: Fiscal Officer Allgeyer, Administrator Lou Ethridge, Fire / EMS Chief Steve Pegram, Police Chief Rick Combs, and Service Director Bob Seyfried

Adoption of Agenda

105-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to adopt the agenda. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

New Business

2015 Operational Budget presentation

Administrator Ethridge presented the 2015 Operational Budget draft document and copy is attached for reference. Administrator Ethridge stated the 2015 revenue of \$5,498,753.06 as reported by the County with unencumbered of \$1,953,586.05 and stated each fund except for Drug Law Fund 2221 does not use unencumbered. Administrator Ethridge stated that in Safety Service Levy fund 2192 unencumbered balance had been corrected on the 03/16/15 operational budget draft. Administrator

Ethridge stated that in the Police portion of the Safety Service fund 2192 there is estimated amount of \$90,000.00 in Police department unencumbered and that the Board of Trustees are aware of the Police capital needs and recommended putting unencumbered funds towards a capital purchase budget. Administrator Ethridge stated that in the Fire department portion of the Safety Service fund 2192 there is estimated amount of \$27,000.00 in Fire department unencumbered and also recommended applying toward Fire department capital purchases in the future.

Administrator Ethridge stated that revenue has been reported conservatively and in coming weeks would like a revenue review to possibly increase revenue amounts but that revenue presented in the operational budget are accurate and reiterated that reported as conservative revenue amounts. Administrator Ethridge recommended to the Board of Trustees to move forward with approval of the operational budget as presented.

Trustee Allen inquired of Trustee Swift on the status of the road paving and that two roads are in the current 2015 operational budget; Trustee Swift referred to Service Director Seyfried what roads absolutely needed paving in 2015. Director Seyfried replied the roads which needed paved in 2015 are Pin Oak, Thompson Road, Gaynor, Snyder, and stated that Clarawill could possibly be pushed back to 2016. Trustee Corcoran requested that Administrator Ethridge find out the actual cost of road paving and what can be accomplished and stated that a unanimous vote by the Trustees must be received before proceeding with road paving. Trustee Swift inquired if the Board of Trustees would approve the use of unencumbered funds to pave roads which had not been paved in 2014 in addition to the roads which are scheduled to be paved in 2015. Trustee Allen inquired what roads are currently in the 2015 operational budget draft appropriation amount of \$51,000.00; Director Seyfried stated that Thompson and Gaynor Road are in the 2015 operational budget amount of \$51,000.00 and that this amount leaves a very small amount left for culvert replacement. Trustee Corcoran stated that Director Seyfried should work with Administrator Ethridge to receive bids on road paving. Administrator Ethridge stated the County Engineer's Office should be able to provide estimates but if we wait to receive vendor bids it would take several months to receive these bids back. Trustee Allen inquired if Trustee Swift wanted to put an estimated additional \$55,000.00 into the 2015 operational budget draft for road paving; Trustee Swift stated she would like for the 2015 operational budget to include paving for roads which were not paved in 2014. Trustee Allen inquired what fund would the additional paving come from; Director Seyfried stated additional paving should be included in PMVL fund 2231.

Trustee Allen inquired if Administrator Ethridge intention was to have the Board of Trustees approve the operational budget today with the possible addition of \$55,000.00 to PMVL fund 2231 for road paving; Administrator Ethridge replied that it is his recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the 2015 operational budget as presented. Trustee Corcoran inquired of Administrator Ethridge what his recommendation is regarding increasing the budget for road paving; Administrator Ethridge replied that he does think the road paving needs to be done and that he deems it is an emergency project.

Trustee Allen stated she did not agree with the revenue split in the Safety Service fund 2192 in that when the Township campaigned for the Fire/EMS levy that residents were told that the Fire department would not lose any revenue should the new Fire / EMS levy pass. Trustee Corcoran stated that the Safety Service fund 2192 budget follows the levy language.

Trustee Corcoran stated that she believed that a unanimous vote should be made to change the budget amount in the PMVL fund 2231. Trustee Allen stated unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees would be required when awarding the paving bid but that a unanimous vote was not necessary when approving budget appropriations. Trustee Allen inquired of Administrator Ethridge regarding his opinion on this; Administrator Ethridge replied that he agreed that a unanimous vote would be needed when awarding a paving bid but that a unanimous vote was not necessary for operational budget approval.

- 106-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to add an additional \$55,000.00 to the 2015 operational budget for PMVL fund 2231 line item Contract Services 2231-330-360-0000. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – No Trustee Swift – Yes

Trustee Corcoran recommended putting this motion on the 03/24/15 meeting agenda to allow time to obtain specific paving dollars.

- 107-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to adopt the 2015 operational budget as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

- 108-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$549,699.45 in the General Fund 1000 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

- 109-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$17,125.00 in the MVL Fund 2011 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

- 110-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$125,712.19 in the Gasoline Tax Fund 2021 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

- 111-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$198,300.00 in the Road & Bridge Fund 2031 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

- 112-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$68,250.00 in the Cemetery Fund 2041 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 113-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$614,748.07 in the Police Fund 2081 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 114-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$994,537.84 in the Fire Fund 2111 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 115-2015** Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$69,045.00 in the Zoning Fund 2181 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 116-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$883,274.37 in the Ambulance Fund 2191 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 117-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$817,137.09 in the Safety Service Fund 2192 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – No Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- Trustee Allen stated she was not in agreement with the revenue split in this fund and that she understands that it is a majority vote in order to move forward. Trustee Allen stated she has real concerns with how the Township campaigned for the new Fire / EMS levy and with what is being presented today. Trustee Corcoran stated that in 2002 the levy was put on the ballot due to the increase in criminal activity in the community and it clearly stated this in the resolution voted on by the Board at that time and that she had not personally campaigned on the new Fire / EMS levy.
- 118-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$848,956.79 in the Fire / EMS Levy Fund 2193 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes
- 119-2015** Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$40,600.00 in the Drug Law Enforcement Fund 2221 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.
- Trustee Allen – Yes Trustee Corcoran – Yes Trustee Swift – Yes

120-2015 Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$185,681.09 in the PMVL Fund 2231 as presented. Trustee Allen seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Trustee Corcoran stated she did not believe that the appropriation amount could be changed without a unanimous vote. Trustee Allen disagreed in that a unanimous vote would be required when awarding the paving contract but that a unanimous vote was not required to approve appropriations. Trustee Corcoran asked for Administrator Ethridge recommendation regarding vote on appropriations; Administrator Ethridge stated the way the ORC reads is that when you actually allocate funds to have the roadway done and enter into a paving contract that this should be an unanimous vote but since paving contract is not being approved today an unanimous vote is not necessary for appropriation approval.

121-2015 Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$4,850.00 in the DUI Enforcement Fund 2271 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

122-2015 Trustee Swift motioned to appropriate \$47,200.00 in the Lighting District Fund 2401 as presented. Trustee Corcoran seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

123-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$0.00 in the Building Fund 4901 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

124-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to appropriate \$12,500.00 in the Capital Project – AFG Region Radio Grant Fund 4903 as presented. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

125-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to transfer from the General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$57,045.00 to the Zoning Fund 2181. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

126-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to increase Revenue for the Zoning Fund 2181 in the amount of \$57,045.00. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Community Forum

Jim Constable – Blanchester, OH

Mr. Constable stated that he was in agreement with Trustee Allen regarding the revenue split of the Safety Service Fund 2192 and that the revenue split in this fund has never been as low as 25% for the Fire department. Mr. Constable stated that in his opinion it is a mistake for the Township to finance for an ambulance purchase.

Adjournment

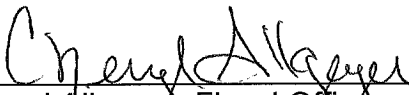
127-2015 Trustee Corcoran motioned to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:57 AM. Trustee Swift seconds the motion; motion carries.

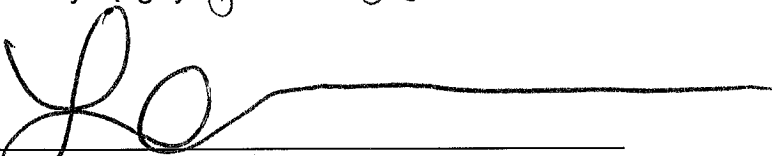
Trustee Allen – Yes

Trustee Corcoran – Yes

Trustee Swift – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:


Cheryl Allgeyer, Fiscal Officer


Goshen Township Trustee

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