

# Special Budget Hearing & Meeting of the Crystal Lake Township Board

Meeting held at 1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635  
March 12, 2019

**Meeting was called to order** by Supervisor Amy Ferris at 6:00 PM.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To adopt the Township budget for FY 2019-2020.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was made.

**Roll Call:** Ferris, Nielsen, Popp, and Sullivan were present, constituting a quorum; May was delayed.

**Agenda:** Ferris moved that the agenda be adopted; Nielsen supported; all ayes. Motion passed.

## **Public Comment:**

- Jill Marble was concerned: that salaries should be increased to reflect an increase in cost of living; that the Supervisor had been replaced by the Treasurer as Chief Administrator, limiting necessary oversight; and that Board communications were often acrimonious and hostile to input; she asked that a copy of her statement be included in the written record.
- Tom Kucera, Zoning Administrator, confirmed that only budget cost centers would be approved at this time, leaving possible flexibility between line items within those cost centers in the future.

## **Salaries:**

- Sullivan moved that the Supervisor's salary for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$19,800.00, the same as the current fiscal year; Nielsen seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan votes yes. Motion passed.
- Sullivan moved that the Treasurer's salary for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$19,800.00, the same as the current fiscal year; Nielsen seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan votes yes. Motion passed.
- Ferris moved that the Clerk's salary for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$20,850.00, the same as the current fiscal year; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.
- Ferris moved that the Trustees' salaries for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$2,820.00, the same as the current fiscal year; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.
- Ferris moved that the Deputies' salaries for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$14.00/hour, the same as the current fiscal year; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.
- Sullivan moved that the Tax Assessor's salary for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$28,784.00, an increase of approximately 2.8% based on the contract; Ferris seconded; roll was called; all voted yes. Motion passed.
- Sullivan moved that the Zoning Administrator's salary for FY 2019-2020 be approved at \$12,600.00, the same as the current fiscal year; Ferris seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.
- Ferris moved that the FY 2019-2020 salaries for the Enforcement Officer, BOR members, Planning Commission members and the ZBA members be approved to remain the same as the current fiscal

year; Nielsen seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.

- Ferris moved that the FY 2019-2020 salaries for the Election Chair and the Election Workers be approved to remain the same as the current fiscal year; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.

#### **Fund Resolutions:**

- Ferris moved that the FY 2019-2020 budget for the **GENERAL FUND** be approved as presented; Popp seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Popp moved that the FY 2019-2020 budget for the **CEMETERY FUND** be approved as presented; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; Ferris voted no; Nielsen, Popp and Sullivan voted yes. Motion passed.
- Nielsen moved that the Fire Millage Rate be increased to 0.6 mills beginning in FY2019-2020; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Popp moved that the FY 2019-2020 budget for the **FIRE FUND** budget be amended to read \$100,000.00 in Revenues and \$88,000.00 in Expenditures and so amended; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Nielsen moved that the proposed FY 2019-2020 **ROAD FUND** budget be amended to increase Expenditures to \$260,000.00 and approved; Popp seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.

#### **General Appropriations Act:**

- Nielsen moved that the General Appropriations Act be approved as presented with the following amendments:
  - Section 5 amended to read "...a special assessment of 0.6000 for the fire fund and various miscellaneous revenues shall total \$545,000.00 (estimate)";
  - Section 6 amended to read "...an amount equal to approximately 2.1832 mills..."; and
  - Section 7 amended to read "336-700-000 Fire Expenditures \$88,000.000" and "446-700-000 Road Expenditures \$260,000.00";

Popp seconded; roll was called; Ferris and Sullivan voted no; May, Nielsen and Popp voted yes. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Alan Marble said he believed more official oversight was needed and too much control resided in one person.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

Sue Sullivan, Clerk.