IRVING TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING AND BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2020

The budget hearing was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.

In attendance were board members Dean Bass, Mike Buehler, Jamie Knight, Sharon Olson and Lynnette Wingeier. Also, in attendance were Alesse Cross and Jon Smelker.

Hourly pay rates for Board of review, election inspectors, and deputies were discussed. It was voiced by Commissioner Smelker that pay rates should be commensurate with skill level and responsibilities.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:30pm

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Knight made motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Buehler. All “yes” votes. Motion passed.

Reports:

Assessor’s and fire reports were read by Knight.

Commissioner Smelker spoke in detail about the problems with the jail and the need for appropriate accommodations for the population of the jail; the commission on aging Applebees fund raiser; Community public hearings; and the Supreme court consideration of misdemeanors would be let out on own recognizance.

Olson spoke about the need to do preservation work on some historic grave markers in the Irving Cemetery. Rhonda Van Polen mentioned Richmond Monument as a possible service.

Public Comment: Jessica Phillips presented Blue Zones- A community initiative that helps people live longer with a higher quality of life. Upcoming events are

March 30th-Build Environment 101 training at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School, Rm 1616, 6:00- 7:00pm.

March 31st Build Environment Summit, Pirce Cedar Creek Institute, Auditorium, 8:00am to 12:00pm.

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Wingeier made Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2020.

 Seconded by Knight. Motion passed all “yes” votes.

Wingeier presented the treasurer’s report.

Pay Bills: Knight made motion to pay bills in the amount of $11,087.72. Seconded by Buehler. Roll call vote was all “yes” votes. Motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

Olson spoke on the volume of Absent Voter Ballot Applications already sent and received.

Unfinished Business:

Fire Millage Language. The board discussed that a 6 year millage would be preferable to a 4 year millage. Once the attorney has ballot language completed, there will need to be a special meeting toward the end of March to approve the ballot to go on the August Primary Election Ballots.

New Business:

Resolution 2020-1 Asset Test and Poverty Guidelines Passed by a roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion- Knight; Seconded-Buehler

Resolution 2020-2 Property Transfer Affidavit Resolution passed by roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion-Knight; seconded- Buehler

Resolution 2020-3 Trustee Salary of $2611.12 passed by roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion-Olson; Seconded Knight

Resolution 2020-4 Supervisor Salary of $14,400 passed by roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion- Buehler; Seconded-Wingeier

Resolution 2020-5 Clerk Salary of $20,500 passed by roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion-Knight; Seconded-Buehler

Resolution 2020-6 Treasurer Salary of $19,018 passed by roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion-Knight; Seconded-Buehler

Resolution 2020-7 General Appropriations Act passed by roll call vote of all “YES”

Motion-Olson; Seconded-Knight

Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Passed by a vote of all “YES”

Motion- Olson; Seconded-Knight

Upcoming Dates:

March 3, 2020- Board of Review Organizational Meeting 11:00 am.

March 9, 2020- Board of Review 3:00-9:00pm.

March 10, 2020- Presidential Primary Election 7:00am - 8:00pm

March 11, 2020 Board of Review 9:00am – 3:00pm

Public Comment: None

Knight made the motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Seconded by Buehler. All “yes” vote. Meeting Adjourned.