

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 15, 2015

Public Hearing to Review and Approve Tax Budget for 2016

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the scheduled 7:45 p.m. Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2016. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich announced they were now in the Tax Budget 2016 Public Hearing.

Mr. Sauer thanked all the department heads for putting together their information for the budget. With regards to the Fire Department and Road and Bridge; we are in a good position with each. With regards to the General, we had worked hard last year to keep that 'revenue neutral' and we are about \$100,000.00 over revenue right now. Mr. Eisel, Melissa and he have been working diligently to get some things moved around. We don't have any solid answers yet. This is a high priority going into next year.

In terms of reserves, we are not in a bad position with slightly over 2 million dollars estimated at the end of next year for carryover but we would like to see those numbers be a bit more 'revenue neutral.' Most of that is through no fault of the Township but mostly resulting from cuts from the state level with regards to local government funding that was cut as well as the estate tax which was eliminated which to our budget was roughly around \$700,000.00 a year. This was a significant chunk to our budget and over the last few years we have tried to absorb that with different ways to get additional revenue into the township or be efficient in other areas.

The other area with regards to the Senior Center budget he saw a bit of a dip but there were a number of capital improvements occurring with the Senior Center this year.

We saw a bit of a bump in revenue with regards to the General Fund, the Fire Fund and the Road and Bridge but it was nominal.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Sauer to explain what he meant by Mr. Eisel "moving some things around?" Mr. Sauer said at this point he did not have any specifics.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept the 2016 Fiscal Year Tax Budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0715-B carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the scheduled Public Hearing for the tax budget and return to the Regular Meeting at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0 and the Public Hearing was closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____