

Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF PIKE TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

Secretary Steve Anderson in the absence of President David Willis called the Board meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Board Members Present: Steve Anderson, Cynthia Oda, Claudette Peterson and Burnice Head. Quorum confirmed. President David Willis was absent.

Also present were Trustee Annette Johnson, Phyllis Robinson, Jeffrey Bellamy, Township Attorney, Beth Marsh, CEO of Bookkeeping Plus and Jeffrey Beam, Fire Chief.

Secretary Steve Anderson called for the Public Hearing for the Budget

Beth Marsh, CEO of Bookkeeping Plus let everyone know the following for the budget.

Total Budget: \$42,034,409

Total General: \$1,705,928

Total Assistance: \$1,087,991

Total Fire/E.M.S: \$36,240,490

Total Cumulative Fire: \$3,000,000

The Levy for Fire is \$26,828,921 and the property tax cap is \$2,533,000. The Cumulative Fire Levy is \$2,040,971. Total maximum levy is \$28,869,892 and published in the Gateway.

Beth Marsh asked if any public comments on proposed budget.

Secretary Steve Anderson asked if any public comments regarding the proposed budget.

Burnice Head asked if the levy was \$28,869,892 and what time period this covers. CEO Beth Marsh of Bookkeeping Plus responded yes for 2024, January 1 through December 31, 2024.

Claudette Peterson asked what is the levy percentage and how it is calculated. CEO Beth Marsh responded that it is a small percentage and the Township is very small, but based on the fire. Claudette requested that Beth Marsh email her the rates. Claudette Peterson asked if it makes a difference if residential or business. Chief Beam said, fire is .45 cents on every \$100 dollar of assessed value, doesn't matter whether it is residential or business. Attorney Bellamy responded that if residential they have the cap, homestead deduction, mortgage exemption and over 65 deduction.

Ricky Hence a business owner in Pike looked up in his budget what was paid in taxes to the state. Ricky said it was .45 cents on every \$100 dollars.

Secretary Steve Anderson closed the Public Hearing for the budget.

Secretary Steve Anderson opened the Public Hearing for the additional appropriation.

Beth Marsh, CEO of Bookkeeping Plus presented the additional appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Fire Fund for Personnel Services. Beth Marsh said program changed for health benefits. In the past the claims were netted against the Stop Loss. Now the refund is sent as a check.

Claudette wanted example of receipts

Chief Beam explained that we are changing the Administrator for Stop Loss Insurance at the beginning of the year. We are self-insured. Previously claims were netted against the bills, since we switched, now paying all the medical and Rx drug claims in total and Stop Loss received as a check.

Secretary Steve Anderson closed the public hearing for the additional appropriation.

Secretary Steve Anderson called for approval of the additional appropriation for Fire, Personnel Services.

Motion by Cynthia Oda to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Claudette Peterson, all approved

Claudette Peterson requested to receive a copy of the Salary Ordinance in advance of next meeting.

With no further comments, Secretary Steve Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Next Board meeting:

October 17, 2023 – Budget Adoption and Salary Resolution