

**Three Oaks Township Board of Trustees
Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022**

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2022/2023 Township budget was opened at 7:00 pm. The Property Tax Millage Rate proposed to be levied (subject to the Headlee Reduction Act) to support the 2022/2023 Budget will be:

.7297 – General Operating
1.4363 – Library
.3750 - Roads & Bridges
1.7146 – Police (Township residents only)
1.4697 – Fire
.9798 – Ambulance

The proposed 2022/2023 Township Budget was presented. There was not any public comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.

Roll Call; Present, Gordon, Osburn, Mitchell and Mangold. Absent, Zabel

Public Comment; None

Agendas;

Motion by Gordon, supported by Mitchell, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, supported by Gordon, to approve the Consent Agenda with correction of Bills to be Paid estimated total of \$39,990.72. Roll Call; Ayes: Gordon, Osburn, Mangold and Mitchell, Nays: None, Absent: Zabel. Motion approved 4-0-1.

Old Business: Mitchell presented a written report concerning plans for Grants and Donations for Phase II of the Spring Creek School Restoration Project.

Mangold reported on receiving the results of the MSP Three Oaks Road speed study and his disappointment with the results. Mangold will compose a letter of the disappointment and the apparent lack of consideration of safety in finalizing the results.

New Business;

1. A motion by Mitchell, supported by Gordon, to set a Special meeting date of Thursday, March 31, 2022 @ 7:00 pm for amending the 2021/2022 Fiscal Budget and adopting the 2022/2023 Fiscal Budget. The motion was approved.
2. Ryan Brown and Kevin Decker, of Decker Agency of Portage MI, presented their proposed Public Entity Insurance program for the Township. The annual premium proposed was \$18,877.00 or \$16,180.00 based on a favorable Loss history, as being expected. The premium will carry a Three Year Rate Guarantee. This policy is part of the Michigan Township Participating Plan Property and Casualty Dividend Program.

The Township's present insurance carrier, EMC Insurance, renewal notice premium was for \$20,207.00. The present policy from EMC expires on April 1, 2022.

A motion by Mangold, supported by Mitchell, to proceed with contracting with the Decker Agency in providing insurance coverage once final annual premium is determined. Roll Call; Ayes: Mitchell, Osburn, Mangold and Gordon, Nays: None, Absent: Zabel. Motion approved 4-0-1.

3. Mangold informed the Trustees of a complaint of the condition of Ray Road. Correspondence from Pete Stathakis, 5068 Olive Branch Road, along with letters sent to the Berrien County Road Dept. and the Berrien County Drain Commissioner. Copies were also sent to US Congressman Fred Upton, Michigan State Rep. Brad Parquette and County Commissioner Ezra Scott.
4. At the request of Kathleen Avery Alton, Regent, Rebecca Dewey Chapter, DAR, a proclamation naming Tuesday, March 29, 2022 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day in the Township of Three Oaks. A motion by Mitchell, supported by Osburn, to sign the proclamation. The motion was approved.
5. A motion by Mangold, supported by Gordon, to renew the \$40.00 annual membership to the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries. Roll Call; Ayes: Mangold, Gordon, Osburn and Mitchell, Nays: None, Absent: Zabel. Motion approved 4-0-1.
6. A motion by Mangold, supported by Mitchell, that the Park & Recreation Committees of both the Village and Township of Three Oaks be formally combined into the; Three Oaks District Parks and Recreation Committee subject to legal review. The motion was approved.

A motion by Mangold, supported by Mitchell, that the 2023-2028 Master Plan be a joint plan known as the Three Oaks District Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2028 (subtitled) A Joint Project of the Village of Three Oaks and Three Oaks Township subject to legal review. The motion was approved.

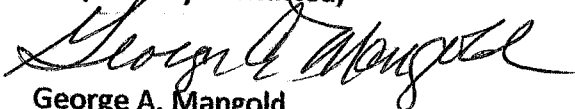
7. For information the Board of Review will be conducting hearings, as required by State Statute, in hearing protests on assessments on Friday, March 18, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and again on Monday, March 21, 2022 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm at the Township Hall

Final Public Comment;

None

The meeting adjourned@ 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



George A. Mangold
Township Supervisor