

Lawrence Township Regular Board Meeting & Truth in Taxation Public Hearing September 10, 2015

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present - Barnett, Thompson, Tinker, and Stroud
Absent – Reynnells

Also Present: Mark DuBay, Rick Boze, Mike Anchor, Jeff Moses, Dan Faulkner, Don Hanson and Rolla Hemingway.

Clerk Thompson explained that the operating millage will remain the same as last year. The current operating millage for Lawrence Township is:

.6736 Operating
.9779 Roads
.25 Seniors
3.05 Fire District

The drop in the Fire District millage will result in a ½ mill reduction in property taxes.

There were no objections from the citizens present.

The Lawrence Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p. m.

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Tinker, to approve the August 13, 2015 Regular Board Minutes as amended and the August 13, 2015 Closed Session Minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Tinker, to approve the September 10, 2015 expenditures as amended. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund Totaling: \$11,950.18

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
09/10/2015	AMG Appraisals	\$164.65	Supplies
09/10/2015	Associated Government Services	\$200.00	PC/Enforcement
09/10/2015	AT&T	\$57.26	Cemetery Communications
09/10/2015	Attorney Mark DuBay	\$295.53	PC Misc/Meetings
09/10/2015	Comcast	\$27.63	Internet Service Provider
09/10/2015	Consumer's Energy	\$118.81	Utilities-GF Fire Hall
09/10/2015	Consumer's Energy	\$220.05	Utilities-Bank Bldg
09/10/2015	Consumer's Energy	\$34.83	Utilities-Cemetery Memorial
09/10/2015	Field Plumbing & Heating	\$12.97	Cemetery Memorial Bench Project
09/10/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$11.95	Treasurer Computer Services
09/10/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$244.64	Memorial Project/Fuel/Equipment
09/10/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$44.99	Website/Tax Software
09/10/2015	Frontier	\$92.03	Treasurer/Clerk Communications
09/10/2015	Frontier	\$45.89	Cemetery Communications

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09/10/2015	Jacob Alburtus	\$525.00	Library Painting Project
09/10/2015	Kellogg Hardware	\$215.98	New Office Project Supplies
09/10/2015	Peter Alburtus	\$525.00	Library Painting Project
09/10/2015	Richardson Oil	\$161.41	Cemetery Fuel
09/10/2015	Ricoh	\$61.00	Copier Contract
09/10/2015	State of Michigan	\$331.15	Payroll Taxes
09/10/2015	Postmaster	\$784.00	Treasurer Postage
09/10/2015	Van Buren Conservation District	\$255.00	Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Contract
09/10/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$17.21	Garbage Service
09/10/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$52.40	Utilities-Bank Bldg
	Subtotal	\$4,499.38	

Payroll

09/10/2015	Donna Ghastin-Neyome	\$1,984.82	Assessor Salary
09/10/2015	Ken Barnett	\$870.04	Supervisor Salary
09/10/2015	Kim Thompson	\$929.52	Clerk Salary
09/10/2015	Mary Tinker	\$870.04	Treasurer Salary
	Subtotal	\$4,654.42	

Consent Items Already Paid

	Barry S. Earls	\$1,990.70	Sexton Wages (8/21/2015, 9/4/2015)
	Charles Moses	\$615.73	PT Sexton Wages (8/21/2015, 9/4/2015)
	State of Michigan	\$68.81	State Payroll Tax
	Theresa Carr	\$121.14	Dep Treasurer Wages (9/4/2015)
	Subtotal	\$2,796.38	

Grand Total

\$11,950.18

LTES Fund Totaling: \$10,421.90

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
09/10/2015	Aflac	136.37	Accident Insurance
09/10/2015	BoundTree	\$49.23	QR Equipment
09/10/2015	Comcast	\$13.82	Internet Service
09/10/2015	Consumers Energy	\$475.23	Utilities
09/10/2015	Field Plumbing & Heating	\$11.39	Fire Hall Maint.
09/10/2015	Field Plumbing & Heating	\$8.78	Supplies
09/10/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$182.63	Supplies/Postage/Equip Maint/Training
09/10/2015	Flametamer	\$90.00	Equipment Maint
09/10/2015	Freightliner	\$302.04	Truck Repair #1726
09/10/2015	Frontier	\$137.67	Communications
09/10/2015	Gall's	\$104.87	QR Equipment
09/10/2015	Mike Anchor	\$50.00	Communications Reimbursement
09/10/2015	Moses Fire Equipment	\$1,368.68	Truck Repair # 1738/ Equipment
09/10/2015	Richardson Oil Co.	\$50.35	Fuel Expense

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09/10/2015	Ricoh	\$61.00	Copier Contract
09/10/2015	Roe-Comm	\$25.00	Communications
09/10/2015	Share Corporation	\$168.75	Car Wash
09/10/2015	State of Michigan	\$208.33	Payroll Taxes
09/10/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$17.21	Garbage Service
09/10/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$108.62	Utilities
09/10/2015	Vineyard Press	\$124.90	Print/Publish - Bids
	Sub Total	\$3,558.50	

LTES Payroll

09/10/2015	Kenneth Barnett	\$9.91	Wages
09/10/2015	Charles Carpp	\$57.14	Wages
09/10/2015	Michael Carpp	\$232.38	Wages
09/10/2015	Chris Collins	\$44.61	Wages
09/10/2015	Michelle Curtis	\$128.60	Wages
09/10/2015	Barry S. Earls	\$131.27	Wages
09/10/2015	James Fein	\$62.22	Wages
09/10/2015	John Gritter	\$36.37	Wages
09/10/2015	Rolla Hemingway	\$101.08	Wages
09/10/2015	David Leach	\$12.55	Wages
09/10/2015	Steven Lowe	\$127.75	Wages
09/10/2015	Kyle Mead	\$107.47	Wages
09/10/2015	Eric Mills	\$58.14	Wages
09/10/2015	Jon Rader	\$89.75	Wages
09/10/2015	Linnea Rader	\$103.85	Wages
09/10/2015	Jason Spangler	\$13.21	Wages
	Sub Total	\$1,316.30	

Consent Items Already Paid

Karen Hardin	\$2,211.00	Secretary Wages (8/21/15, 9/4/15)
Mike Anchor	\$3,183.76	Chief Salary (8/21/15, 9/4/15)
State of Michigan	152.34	State Payroll Tax

Sub

Total \$5,547.10

Grand Total \$10,421.90

Road Fund Totaling: \$23,569.38

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
09/10/2015	VB Co Road Commission	\$23,569.38	Dust Control Project
	Total Proposed Expenditures	\$23,569.38	

Building Fund Totaling: \$2,259.00

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
09/10/2015	AGS	\$2,259.00	3 Bldg/5 Elect/2 Mech/2 Plumbing
	Total Proposed Expenditures	\$2,259.00	

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- ✓ Sheriff's Department
- ✓ Road Commission
- ✓ Village of Lawrence
- ✓ Lawrence Township Emergency Services
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Clerk
- ✓ Planning Commission
- ✓ County Commissioner

Rick Bosze representing the VB Co. Sheriff's Department reported that there were several accidents and one murder. Printed reports will not be available for one to twelve months due to new computer system.

Rick Boze representing the VB Co. Road Commission informed the Board that tree cutting has begun on CR 681. From 67th to 77th Street.

Commissioner Hanson reported that they may need to build a new booking area at the jail as the current area is no longer functional. The Courthouse Annex will be updated with better lighting. A new Human Resource person has been hired. The new plat books are now available for \$30 each.

Mr. Dan Faulkner, Lawrence Village Administrator informed the Board that the OX Roast was a success. A last minute truck parade was added, which everyone seemed to enjoy. It may become a regular part of the festivities.

Dollar General is progressing. An Exemption Application has been approved and signs will be placed at the railroad crossing on So. Paw Paw Street within the next two weeks, so that buses will no longer need to stop at the crossing (which is not operational).

The Wastewater & Lagoon Project will be tabled and re-bid next winter.

Dan is now a Village employee. David Quick will be making offers to the DPW and administrative staff next week in the switch from Wade Trim to Village of Lawrence staff.

Chief Anchor presented the Board with a bid from EJ Metals for the proposed new QR Rig. EJ Metals was the only company to comply with the departments specs. The other bidders wanted to change to dual axle. The new rig will have a water tight compartment and climate controlled storage area. It will be 4 wheel drive and gas fueled engine. The existing equipment will be used. EJ Metals offers a 20 year warranty on the truck body.

Motion to approve the purchase of a new QR Rescue/EMS Truck at \$154,415 with a 100% Performance bond of \$4988 for a total of \$159,403 was made by Thompson and 2nd by Tinker. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Tinker gave the July and August reports.

Clerk Thompson reported that the audit will take place on September 15, 16, and 17th, 2015. There will be a special election in November for a millage proposal for the District Library.

There was no report from the ZBA.

Trustee Stroud reported that the Planning Commission is now down two members due to the recent verbal resignation of the Chairman. Ken will contact him and request a written resignation. There was not a quorum at the last meeting due to lack of attendees. Mary has the official version of the Master Plan that they will use for review.

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

Under New Business, there was discussion on the June 12, 2014 Resolution regarding the policy on Inspection of the Assessor's Records. A motion made by Tinker and supported by Thompson to re-adopt the resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tinker and supported by Stroud to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing ended at 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Thompson and 2nd by Tinker to adopt the L-4029 millage rate request. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

The future plan for the bank building was discussed. The decision was made to pursue the sale of the building. County Brownfield Funds are available to non-public enterprises. A for sale by owner sign was suggested.

With no further business to attend to, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stroud and supported by Tinker. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Ken Barnett, Supervisor